

## FOREWORD

The Education and Research Section Council would like to thank subscribers for their continued support of the *Actuarial Research Clearing House (ARCH)*. At this time, we are announcing that this will be the last printed issue of *ARCH*. To keep pace with technological change, *ARCH* now enters its next stage of evolution. Beginning with the 2001.1 issue, *ARCH* will be available electronically on the Society of Actuaries' web site [www.soa.org](http://www.soa.org). No printed accumulation of these articles will be available in book form.

Although the format of *ARCH* is changing, it will continue to serve the same purpose of providing current actuarial research to friends and members of the actuarial community. Its primary goal is the speedy dissemination of current thinking and aids to research rather than the publishing of thoroughly edited papers. Moving to electronic format should facilitate achieving this goal.

To show your support for the activities of the Education and Research Section, Society of Actuaries members and non-members are encouraged to join the Education and Research Section. Annual dues are \$15.00. A membership form is available on the SOA web site ([www.soa.org](http://www.soa.org)). The Section is currently producing all of its publications in electronic format. Issues of the Section newsletter, *Expanding Horizons*, as well as *Conversations*, are located on the Section page of the SOA web site. Once a year, the Section will mail its members a hard copy of articles published in these newsletters.

The Education and Research Section Council appreciates the opportunity to better serve its members. Please support our efforts!

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