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Coming to a neighborhood actuarial club near you

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The Michigan Actuarial Society had the dubious distinction of being the first actuarial club to invite a member of the SOA Committee on Management and Personal Development as a guest speaker last November. I was there to present the purposes and activities of the committee.

Leonard Tandul, a past member of the committee, sent a questionnaire in 1993 to all actuarial clubs in North America. Sixty-five percent of the clubs responded, with information on membership size, number of meetings a year, average attendance, and the titles of any management seminars or presentations at prior club meetings. Ten clubs indicated they had meetings with management topics.

My presentation included a history of the committee, which dates back to 1988; its mission, which is to plan, implement, and actively promote management and business skill development for members; and plans for 1995.

Our theme, chosen by Chair Chuck Haskins, is "Positioning Yourself for Management and Leadership in the Year 2000." Workshops planned for spring and annual meetings focus on:

- Identifying means to maximize managerial skills
- Getting results through leadership
- Managing diversity
- Resolving conflict
- Career planning

In addition, current activities include articles in *The Complete*

Actuary, a Professional Actuarial Specialty Guide (PASG) on communications, and contributions to *Actuaries Online*, the Society's bulletin board system.

In a nutshell, the committee is here to serve members' needs. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way. We'll be delighted to visit your club and serve as speakers or make arrangements for a guest speaker.

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Exam seminars

SOA course 150 preparation

An intensive seminar to prepare candidates for the Society of Actuaries Course 150 exam will be September 30-October 7 at the Radisson Hotel on Town Lake in Austin, Texas. To register, contact Dr. James W. Daniel, 4212 Cat Hollow Drive, Austin, TX 78731-2004; telephone/fax: 512/343-8788. Registrants will receive materials to help assess their readiness to take the examination.

Waterloo actuarial seminars

Seminars for most of the Society of Actuaries' courses will be offered by professors from the Department of Actuarial Science at the University of Waterloo during the month of October. Professor F. G. Reynolds will teach the following seminars: courses 151, 160, 161, 165, 220, I-342C, P-361C, P-362U, P-364C, F-385, I-440C, I-445, F-485, G-522, P-562, P-566U, F-590 and F-595 in Waterloo. He will teach courses 220, G-320, I-343U, I-441U, and I-542 in St. Louis.

Professor K. P. Sharp will teach Course 210 in Hartford and St. Louis. Professor G. E. Willmot will teach Course 150 in St. Louis. Call Reynolds at 519/886-5232 or Willmot at 519/888-4567, ext. 5550. Messages for Sharp can be left with Professor Rob Brown at 519/888-4567, ext. 5503.

A.S.M. workshop

Actuarial Study Materials (A.S.M.) will have an intensive workshop for the EA-2 examination on October 20-22. Consult your Society study note package or call Harold Cherry at 516/868-2924.

A.S.M. study materials

Actuarial study manuals and textbooks for the November 1995 SOA exams can be ordered by calling A.S.M.'s new toll-free number: 800/4545-ASM. For details, see the Society study note package or write to A.S.M., P.O. Box 522, Merrick, NY 11566.