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FROM OUTGOING CHAIRPERSON, ROBERT EATON:

The Long Term Care Insurance (LTC) Section of the SOA is full of energy some might not expect from a struggling industry. In the past three years the members of the section council have maintained its core mission, facilitating professional development through thought leadership and education. From the outside, this activity may seem almost routine: putting on webinars, producing conference sessions, serving as a regulatory resource, maintaining the webpage, and of course printing this newsletter. On the inside you see that this work takes the effort, thoughtfulness, and sacrifice of the many members and friends of the section council. Our monthly calls are full of vibrant discussion and some laughter as well. Our in-person meetings at the ILTCI (over the last three years, I've met with the council in San Antonio, Jacksonville, and Las Vegas) are well-attended by Friends of the Council.

If you are passionate about long-term care I encourage you to reach out to any of the members of the section council or the SOA staff to find out how to get more involved. There are enough projects and subgroups helping turn the gears of the section that an hour or two a month of your time can make a real difference. You will find the camaraderie of like-minded actuaries and other LTC professionals such as producers, marketers, claims and operations managers. You will develop working relationships and friendships that will connect you for years to your peers. And you'll help the lot of us as we advance the education and thought leadership of LTC actuarial practice.

Thank you for letting me serve on the council for these past three years! I leave you in the capable hands of Chris and Jamala.

FROM INCOMING CHAIRPERSON, CHRIS GIESE:

I am grateful and humbled to serve as the next chair of the LTC Section. I will do my best to build upon the foundation and successes led by Robert Eaton and his predecessors. It is truly an honor to be part of a section comprised of so many devoted, hard-working volunteers.

For those that have lived and breathed in the LTC industry during their careers, we know the challenges that come along with financing LTC needs. Discussions on how to finance LTC will continue to emerge and evolve next year, and over



the coming years. Many of these conversations are already well underway, ranging from addressing challenges within existing products to designing new private or public “solutions” for the future. Possibly now more than ever, the thought leadership and education of the LTC section is needed to help inform and shape how we move forward with LTC. I am looking forward to an exciting year, and hope you will consider volunteering in these efforts along the way!

As we embark on this next year, I would like to welcome in newly elected council members Vince Bodnar, Steve Schoonveld and Matt Winegar. I look forward to their eagerness and dedication to support the LTC Section's mission. We are fortunate to have three individuals with their level of experience and résumés joining the council.

Finally, a special thank you to outgoing council members Robert Eaton, Marc Glickman, and Shawna Meyer. Their contributions will be missed. I am confident they will continue to be great leaders in our industry outside the LTC Section (and hopefully still as Friends of the Council!). ■



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