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George Will keynote speaker for annual meeting

A renowned journalist whose newspaper column reaches 480 newspapers twice weekly across the United States and Europe is the keynote speaker for the Society of Actuaries' annual meeting. Syndicated by *The Washington Post* since 1974, George F. Will also is a contributing editor for *Newsweek*, for which he writes a bimonthly back page essay. The 1977 Pulitzer Prize winner for commentary, Will is the author of a book on political theory, *Restoration: Congress Term Limits and the Recovery of Deliberative Democracy*.

Will's address on "Public Affairs, Public Policy, and American Society" begins the three-day SOA conference on "Ethics and Professionalism," held in Boston October 15-18.

Many of the 157 sessions incorporate the concepts of ethics and professionalism for actuaries into their topics.

For a preliminary program or registration information, call the SOA office at 708/706-3545. Hotel reservation information is available by contacting the following:

Westin Hotel/Copley Place
Phone: 617/262-9600
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Unique opportunity

This year's SOA annual meeting coincides with the American Academy of Actuaries annual meeting. All meeting attendees may attend Academy practice councils and the Academy luncheon on October 15. Kevin Phillips, one of the most astute forecasters of political and economic trends in the United States today, is the luncheon speaker. Besides his newsletter, *American Political*



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Report, Phillips is a frequent contributor to the *Harvard Business Review* and the *New York Times Magazine*. Although the luncheon is open to all attendees, tickets are \$30 per person. Advance registration is required.

The SOA Board of Governor's meeting October 15 is open to interested Society members. For more information or to request a copy of the minutes, call the Society office, 708/706-3500.

New puzzle editor needed

What's an 11-letter word for "terrific?" The answer is "Ochrymowych."

If you're one of those people who turn to the back cover of *The Actuary* first, you know that for the past three years, Julian Ochrymowych has been constructing clever, original Actucrostics and gathering Actucrossword puzzles for our newsletter. Recently, he decided he needed to turn his attention to more pressing matters, like completing his Associateship exams. A pricing consultant at Metropolitan Life in New York, Ochrymowych also is a professional "puzzler". He placed sixth overall in the 1995 national tournament and first in New Jersey. His crosswords, cryptic crosswords, acrostics and European

crossword puzzles have been published in *The New York Times*, *Dell Magazine*, and *Games Magazine*. He will end his stint with *The Actuary* at the end of 1995.

But as the old saying goes, no one is irreplaceable. That's why we're opening the position to anyone who can construct puzzles or knows people who do.

We need 8 to 10 puzzles for 1996 that the editor or author produces on his or her own software and sends us on disk or on hard copy. Another responsibility is to receive the Actucrossword solutions and make a list of 100% solvers.



"I'd say the puzzle editor must have a sense of fun and fair play," said Ochrymowych. "That sense helped me be creative while editing puzzles, interested in solver's notes on their solutions, and rueful at the errors which slipped by."

The compensation is not great (your name in the masthead and a byline on your puzzles), but the work is more like play to a real puzzle fan. If you can do all or any part of the puzzle editor's responsibilities, write to Editor Mike Cowell, *The Actuary*, Society of Actuaries, 475 N. Martingale Road, Suite 800, Schaumburg, IL 60173 or call him at his *Directory* address.