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Exam center visits

Examination supervisors are critical to the success of the examination process. To emphasize the regard the Society has for supervisors and proctors and their efforts on behalf of the Society, Bern Bartels, registrar emeritus, will be visiting various exam sites. These visits afford an opportunity for supervisors and proctors to present any concerns or suggestions they may have about the implementation of the exams. A supervisor will be notified that the test site will be visited during an upcoming session.

Seeking exam volunteers The SOA Examination Committee relies on the generous support of its members in volunteer roles. The committee consists of several individual examination committees, each responsible for specified examinations. The Series 100 Exam Committee is seeking volunteers, especially for Course 160, "Survival Models and Construction of Tables." If you are interested in serving on the Course 160 Committee, or any other committee, please contact Sandra Rosen, SOA education administrator, at the Society office (phone: 847/706-3558; fax: 847-706-3599; e-mail: srosen@soa.org). Business instructor needed The SOA Education and Examination Committee is seeking an actuary to serve as business instructor for the 121 Intensive Seminar on Applied Statistical Methods to be held at the University of Iowa in August.

This is an opportunity for an actuary to serve the profession by using his or her business skills and case studies to help teach an enthusiastic group of fledgling actuaries.

The business instructor should be an FSA or FCAS who is employed full-time by a non-academic employer and who uses applied statistical methods on the job. This person will be responsible for one day of the seminar session during which one or two case studies, developed from the instructor's actual experience, will be presented.

Interested actuaries should contact Sandra Rosen, SOA education administrator, for an application. Candidate information moves to the Internet The following information will no longer be available in printed form and will be offered only on the SOA's Web site:

- List of passing candidates' names and exams passed
- Prize winners for Course 100 and passing percentages for each exam (also number of candidates writing, number effective, number passing, and percent of effective passing)
- List of candidates who met the educational requirements for ASA
- List of potential FSAs
- List of candidates receiving Course 100 credit through the GRE

This information will be available about 10 days after the May and November exam grade mailings are completed. It can be found on the Web at http://www.soa.org under education and examinations.

The list of passing candidate numbers will continue to be posted on the Web and the exam hotline soon after grades are mailed.

Math awareness week has Internet theme

he Internet" is the theme of the 1997 Mathematics Awareness Week, April 20-26. Seven days of lectures, math games and competitions, and other special events focusing on mathematics across the United States mark the yearly event.

The nationwide program is sponsored by the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics. The board represents three organizations — the American Mathematical Society (AMS), the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) whose membership totals 60,000. The Society of Actuaries maintains contact with the MAA through its appointed liaison representative.

This year's focus on the Internet is intended to raise the visibility of mathematics' role in the Internet. Developments in fields such as number theory and queuing theory have opened the way for key Internet technologies including data encryption for secure financial transactions, data compression for messages with audio and/or video components, and routing and network configuration. Moreover, the Internet has enabled worldwide collaborations among mathematics teachers and researchers.

A colorful poster and information about this year's events are available through the Web site (http://forum. swarthmore.edu/maw/) and from the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (phone: 202/234-9570; e- mail: jpbm@math.umd.edu).