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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

*By Josh Bank*

We hope you enjoy the current issue of *Pension Section News*. Per your input from both the 2009 Pension Section Survey and the poll question in May's *PSN*, we are putting more emphasis on "risk" topics, and we plan on adding a recurring/revolving column on risk issues throughout 2011. If you are a CERA (whether officially or secretly) and would like to get on our list of "Risky Business" guest columnists, please drop [me](#) or [Faisal Siddiqi](#) a line and we'll try to get you published in one of our upcoming newsletters or forums.

The Pension Section's Communications Team is entering a new era of expanded, two-way communications with its members under our new Team Chairperson, Faisal Siddiqi's leadership. Again in accordance with your expressed wishes in last year's survey, we have added two new vehicles to help our members get better connected with the council, with one another, and with current events in the pension world.

Firstly, we've established an SOA Pension Section group on LinkedIn, to complement the Society of Actuaries group that was set up over a year ago. You should have received an e-mail this fall notifying you of the new LinkedIn group and inviting you to participate in this informal yet professional networking site. Please [log in](#) some time, spend a couple of minutes reading what your colleagues are thinking, add your thoughts, or start a new topic. Who knows how many will be interested in your thoughts!

Secondly, Faisal and his crew have completed the design of a "mini *PSN*" (to be called *Pension Section Update* or *PSU* and similar to *SOA News Today* but more specifically focused on pensions), that will plug the 3-4 month gaps between successive issues of our flagship *Pension Section News* newsletter. We expect the first issue of *PSU* to be in your e-mail inboxes early next year. We are very excited about this new

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communications vehicle and we're sure that many of our 4,000 Pension Section members will quickly adopt the *PSU* as one of their principal means of staying on top of both SOA and other pension happenings in North America and elsewhere.

Again, thanks for your valuable participation and ongoing engagement! Please feel free to contact any of the members of our Pension Section Communications Team if you have any questions regarding our upgraded communications vehicles. Our members (and our SOA staff partners) are as follows:

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