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Chairperson's Corner

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2020, indeed, presents some extraordinary times. The coronavirus, has pushed us into a completely different life style with new terms such as flattening the curve and social distancing. This year, so far, has been difficult in many aspects. But I kept reminding myself that when I look back in a few decades, this probably is just a tiny piece of my life. If I reflect upon it, the quarantined life has brought some positive aspects to my personal life. Since my husband and I both have been working from home, we learned more about what each other actually does and have more appreciation of each other's work. Being together more with my 2-year-old daughter, not only has brought frustration (as one can imagine), but surprisingly has let us find more activities we enjoy doing together as a family. We are closer to our family now than before with more frequent phone calls to check on each other. I hope you and your family are doing well during this trying time.

During this time, the Actuary of the Future Section has also been working hard to propel several initiatives that we have planned for this year:

- We partnered with the Technology Section, and the Actuarial Innovation & Technology Strategic Research Group to put forth the second annual **Disruptions to the Actuarial Profession Contest**. We look forward to showcasing your ideas about how technology will revolutionize the actuarial profession and how actuaries can contribute to this process. This year, we open the contest up to everyone who is interested in technology and the actuarial profession, especially students in universities who want to engage in this future-shaping discussion. The contest is currently open until Aug. 3. Submit your essays or videos to aof@soa.org.
- We opened intern positions for our section. Our goal is to form bridges between college students and the SOA with



valuable work and networking opportunities. The intern program has been around for more than two years. In the past, interns have made significant contributions to our section podcasts.

- We have established our presence on Reddit. We developed a Reddit Etiquette list and have made posts regarding relevant information on Reddit Actuary group, such as the intern application information. We aim to reach different segments of our membership via this channel.

These are some of the highlights of the section movement this year. I hope you find them valuable to your membership.

As always, please let us know your thoughts and ideas. You can post them on LinkedIn, reach out to any council members or send an **email** to the Actuary of the Future Section. We look forward to hearing from you. ■



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