

ACTUARY OF THE FUTURE

(Vote for up to three candidates)

Ryan Wodarski

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Ryan Wodarski, ASA, MAAA
Actuarial Consultant
UnitedHealthcare
New York, NY

Professional Background

Ryan is an actuarial consultant at Unitedhealthcare with 6 years of experience spanning across various commercial healthcare economics and pricing roles. Ryan's current role is focused on understanding emerging medical cost trends in the West region commercial business and strategizing around those trends to help keep healthcare affordable. Since graduating from the University of Connecticut in 2016, Ryan has helped with Unitedhealthcare's actuarial recruiting efforts at the University by coordinating with the university's actuarial program, engaging with future actuaries on campus, conducting interviews and coordinating with senior leaders to make final decisions. Ryan attained his ASA in April of 2021 and is now exploring involvement with an SOA section council to expand his involvement in the profession.



Society of Actuaries Experience (Section and committee memberships and participation)

Member of the following sections: Actuary of the Future, Health, Leadership Development

Other Relevant Volunteer Experience:

None

Why are you interested in leading this section?

I am interested in a seat in the Actuary of the Future section council to help ensure the actuarial profession stays relevant and competitive among an ever changing job market. Ensuring that bright minded individuals are interested and passionate about the actuarial profession and the career opportunities it offers is vital to the success and reputation of the actuarial field. As new fields of work emerge, such as data science, it will be a critical for the SOA to have a sound strategy for outreach, uniqueness and credentialing for our actuaries of the future.

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Nick Kocisak, ASA
Senior Assistant Actuary – US and Latin America Risk & Inforce Management
RGA
St. Louis, MO

Professional Background

My professional experience is in the life reinsurance industry. I have worked at RGA for 5 years, having roles in two different departments:

- Global Research and Data Analytics
- US and Latin America Risk and Inforce Management

During my time in the Global Research and Data Analytics department, I worked on the New Data Initiatives team. This team's goal was to see how we could leverage new data sources or old data in new ways to provide innovative solutions to our clients.

I currently work in the US and Latin America Risk and Inforce Management department. In this role, I analyze inforce blocks of business and develop strategies to optimize their future performance.

Both roles reinforced in my mind the importance of actuaries being innovative in order to produce the best work possible for your company and the individuals we serve.

Society of Actuaries Experience (Section and committee memberships and participation)

I have not had any SOA experience yet.

Other Relevant Volunteer Experience:

3 years of experience helping run the annual RGA United Way Campaign

Why are you interested in leading this section?

I am interested in leading my section because I recognize the importance of innovation in the actuarial field. Innovation in the actuarial field is important in my opinion because it will allow us to:

- Improve the value actuaries can bring to the world
- Increase the efficiency of actuarial work
- Maintain the relevancy of actuaries in an ever-evolving, competitive landscape
- Produce more accurate results leading to better equity in pricing, more certainty in reserving, and offer a wider variety of products to meet different consumers needs
- Recruit talented new individuals to the profession

I want to do my part to help advance the actuarial profession by identifying opportunities for innovation, developing best practices for new actuarial tools, and communicating innovations to the actuarial community. The actuarial profession has granted me many opportunities, and I would like to return the favor by leveraging my knowledge and experience and the knowledge and experience of others to bring new and innovative ideas to the actuarial world.



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Christopher Smith, ASA
Senior Associate
Mercer Health and Benefits
Richmond, VA

Professional Background

I have served clients at Mercer as an actuarial consultant for almost three years now. Along the way, I've contributed to and led innovation both formally (by way of working with Mercer's Center for Health Innovation) and informally (by supporting the "Pythonization" of several house models, for example). I think that I would be an asset to the leadership team of the "Actuary of the Future" Section as a result of both this experience and my background leading business development at StoneTrash.com, an online marketplace for remnant/overstock tile and solid surface material.

Society of Actuaries Experience (Section and committee memberships and participation)

Member

- Actuary of the Future Section
- Entrepreneurial & Innovation Section
- Health Section
- Leadership & Development Section

Other Relevant Volunteer Experience:

- Meals on Wheels – Richmond, VA – Volunteer Delivery Driver (Ongoing)
- Long Island Junior Chamber of Commerce – Hauppauge, NY – Treasurer (2017-18)
- Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity – Stony Brook, NY – Recorder (2015)

Why are you interested in leading this section?

I am interested in getting more involved with the Society of Actuaries and think that this is a great way to get started!

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