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The Bulletin Board 362 Thank-yous

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uring the first quarter of 2019, 362 members of the Reinsurance Section provided guidance to the section council by responding to a brief online survey. The survey response rate of 19 percent is outstanding and reflects the active interest of the members in the section. Thank you!

The section council uses periodic member surveys to help the council focus on the topics that are of current interest to the members of the section. In this year's survey, the top six topics based on member responses were:

- 1. Mortality improvement
- 2. Treaty remediation
- 3. Impact of accelerated underwriting and predictive modeling on mortality estimates
- 4. Regulatory changes including: capital requirements, accounting rules, and tax laws
- 5. Insurance industry disruptors
- 6. Annuities and longevity

The section council is using this information to plan and provide section-sponsored research, webcasts, newsletter articles,



meeting sessions, and seminars that are in line with what the section members want.

The section newsletter, updates on emerging issues and trends, and professional education were the top-three ranked responses as the most valuable aspects of section membership.

Twenty percent of the respondents indicated an interest in volunteering. In the past, time was noted as the main reason for not volunteering. Don't let time be a barrier to getting involved and making an impact. Contact one of the section council members to find out what opportunities await a willing volunteer.

Section council member names are on page two of this newsletter and on the section webpage. Send them an e-mail! Over 80 percent of the respondents listed e-mails as their preferred form of communication.



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