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Editor's Column

by Bartley L. Munson

elcome to the first issue of the newsletter for the Long-Term Care Insurance (LTCI) Section of the Society of Actuaries.

The Section is the creation of LTCI leaders who recognized the growing need of actuaries toiling with LTCI to exchange ideas, share breaking news, and provide assistance in this growing and challenging field of practice. In March, the SOA Board of Governors approved the petition and bylaws to form the Long-Term Care Insurance Section and the Section was born.

While focused primarily on the actuarial aspect of LTCI, the line between that and "outsiders" is sometimes blurred, as it should be. Therefore, the Section intends to reach out to others and help actuaries engage, for mutual benefit, with others working with important, relevant aspects of LTCI. See Chairperson Glickman's column on page 1.

This first issue of the newsletter is driven post-Seattle meeting (see Secretary Amy Pahl's minutes) to provide you with our first issue before the SOA's meeting this fall, where LTCI has a couple of specific sessions and the Section has its own breakfast meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 8 - 9:30 A.M.

Some "housekeeping" notes are provided in this issue to give us all a base of understanding of the Section to work from. Take particular note of our Mission Statement and the list of your Section Council. If you have suggestions for what the Section can do to best serve your needs and interests, let a member of the Council know.



This issue provides some articles that may be continued within subsequent issues or may become ongoing features—such as monitoring of NAIC and federal developments, some currently hot topics surrounding design, pricing, reinsurance, and some research news.

While some of these authors and Council members are committed to providing follow-up articles in future issues, this newsletter will only be as helpful as you help make it. Please give me your suggestions for what you'd like to see in future issues—with or without your offer to write it.

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I look forward to hearing from you and receiving your help to make this newsletter what you want it to be.

Happy reading!