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# Chairperson's Corner

## Looking Ahead...

by Michael L. Fix

**E**lections have been completed for your section council! We are very fortunate to have had six qualified candidates express an interest in serving your interests on the council. I would like to congratulate Chris Hause, Nancy Manning and Brian Louth who have been elected to three year terms; and Robert Stone, who will fill the unexpired one-year term of Tom Bakos. Thank you to the remaining candidates, who have been invited to make contributions to the NTM section in the role of friends of the council.

Friends of the council have been very helpful in the work of the section council. According to the By-Laws of the Nontraditional Marketing Section, a council member cannot serve two consecutive full three-year terms. Friends of the council is a great way for council members whose terms are expiring to continue to offer their knowledge and experience on council matters; and to help the transitioning of new members and officers. My term as a council member and my year as chairperson will be completed in October of this year. I am looking forward to continuing to be involved in council activities as "friend of the council!"

I have appreciated the service of your council members for the past year: Howell Pugh, Theresa Resnick, Tom Bakos, Steve Cooperstein, Steve Konnath, Paul Laporte, Diane McGovern and Mike Presley in particular, Howell as your Vice-chairperson

and Theresa as your secretary/treasurer. Howell Pugh and Mike Presley will be completing their three-year terms as Council members in October; and Tom Bakos, who has been elected to the SOA Board of Governors (Congratulations, Tom!) will be leaving our Council as well. All of these individuals have served you well!

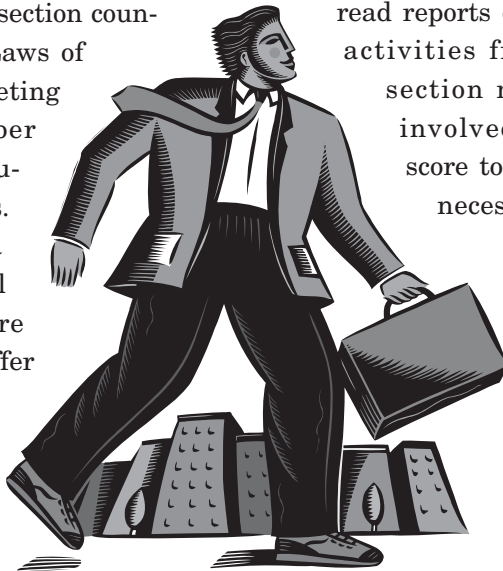
This past year has included a number of activities by your section. I have attempted to keep you informed of these activities throughout the year, as they were being planned and after they were completed. In this issue, you will

read reports of some of the recent activities from council and/or section members that were involved. I want to underscore to our membership the necessity of continuing to

be involved. None of our activities of the past year would have happened or been as successful without your efforts as volunteers. I invite and encourage you to continue (or begin)

to participate in SOA and section activities. Ours continues to be an exciting and evolving profession; and there will always be new issues, as well as evolution of existing ones, that need the training and abilities of us as actuaries.

Thank you for your help and support that you gave me during my term as chairperson. I am looking forward to a smooth transition to the new Council, and my new role as a "friend." ☺



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