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Message from the Chairperson

by **Gregory R. Childs**

As chairperson of your first
Management and Personal
Development Section Council,
I am pleased to welcome you to our
Section and this, our first newsletter.

The predecessor to the Section
was the Management and Personal
Development Committee, which was
one of the Society's continuing
education committees. The MPD
Committee has sponsored sessions at
Society of Actuaries meetings for many
years. One of our last accomplishments
as a committee was the creation, produc-
tion, and marketing of *The Actuary's
Career Planner*. This unique guide,
available from the Society office, can
be previewed on the SOA website
(www.soa.org).

During 1999 you can look forward
to MPD sponsored sessions at both
spring meetings and at the SOA's 50th
anniversary annual meeting in San
Francisco. We will host a breakfast at
both spring meetings in Atlanta and in
Seattle. In San Francisco, we will co-
host a luncheon with the Actuary of the
Future Section. See page 5 for informa-
tion on the speaker, Jim Lichtman. We
invite you to attend any of these events
with your fellow Section members.

One of the benefits of Section mem-
bership is having a voice directly to the
Section Council. Our prior existence as
a committee resulted in a small number
of people being involved in Management
and Personal Development matters.
Now, we encourage all Section members



to call or write to Council members. Let
us know what you are thinking, give us
suggestions for topics you'd like to see
presented, or tell us anything else that's
on your mind.

Finally, we need members who are
willing to serve as Council Members.
If you are willing to be a candidate in
the next election, please contact me or
any other council member. This is your
chance to get in on the ground floor
of what I expect to be an active and
interesting Section.

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