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# RESEARCHCORNER

The Society of Actuaries and other organizations representing actuaries in North America award several prizes for research papers. Below is a list. Those interested in submitting papers should contact the sponsor for full details.

## Research Prizes

### The Society of Actuaries

- The Annual Prize for the best *Transactions* paper
- The L. Ronald Hill Memorial Prize for the best employee benefits paper
- The Triennial Prize for the best paper by an Associate of a recognized actuarial organization
- Investment Section Prize for best paper by Section member on investments

### Actuarial Education and Research Fund

- David Garrick Halmstad Memorial Prize for the best research paper in an English language actuarial journal
- Everett Curtis Huntington Prize for the best paper given Fellowship credit for research in FEM option
- Practitioners Award for the best practical research paper
- John Culver Wooddy Prize for the best reinsurance paper

### Canadian Institute of Actuaries

- Best paper by a member

### Conference of Consulting Actuaries

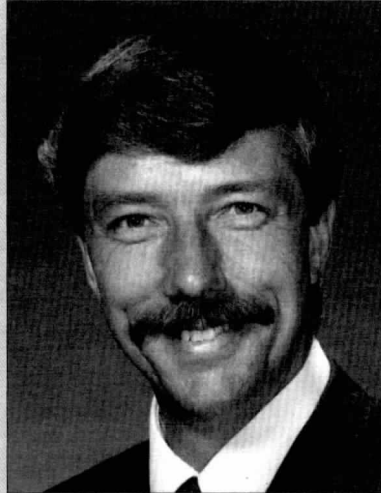
- John Hanson Memorial Prize for the best paper on employee benefits in the *Proceedings of the CCA*

### Casualty Actuarial Society

- Dorweiler Prize for the best paper on advanced insurance topics
- Michelbacher Prize for the best paper in response to call for discussion papers program
- Woodward-Fondiller for the best paper on original research of an advanced insurance problem

# FACTUARIES

*This is another in a series of profiles of members of the Society's Board of Governors.*



**Name:** Robert (Rob) L. Brown

**Current hometown:** Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

**Current employer and function:** University of Waterloo, Associate Professor

**Marital status:** Married

**Children's names and ages:** James R., 17, and Allison J., 15

**Birthday:** February 25, 1949

**Birthplace:** Lindsay, Ontario

**My first job was:** Delivered morning paper from age 8 to 17; made green garbage bag (summer 1968); delivered

milk (summers 1966 and 1967); actuarial student at Head Office Insurance Company

**People in high school thought I was:** An egghead and nerd, which upset me

**I'd give anything to meet/have met:** Most inspirational person I have met is Nathan Keyfitz. I would like to have met Winston Churchill.

**The number of exams I flunked:** SOA three times, CAS one time. I wrote Part 6 six times and failed it three times.

**The book I recommend most often:** *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, all four books in the trilogy

**The movie I own the tape of:** *Casablanca* and *Kelly's Heroes*

**Nobody would believe it if they saw me:** Smoking. Doing absolutely nothing.

**The TV show(s) I stay home to watch:** *Cheers* (I watched the Blue Jays World Series win at the SOA Board of Governors Dinner, October 1992, Washington, D.C.)

**If I could change one thing about myself, I'd:** Just plain relax a lot more

**When I'm feeling sorry for myself, I:** Go for a hard run. The post-run chemicals set me right.

**My fantasy is:** To have been a politician of note

**The silliest thing I've ever done:** Skinny dip in ice-filled water and run a 50-kilometer race

**If I could do it over, I'd:** Redo high school

**My proudest actuarial moment:** Starting my year as the President of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries at its 25th anniversary gala in Quebec City. Party, party – eat your heart out, Bill Clinton.

**I'm passionate about:** Protecting those in the population who can't protect themselves

**My favorite way to spend a Sunday:** A morning run in a wooded area. The rest of the day with my family, preferably outdoors.