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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 Woodydy Prize for the best reinsurance paper

Canadian Institute of Actuaries

- Best paper by a member

Conference of Consulting Actuaries

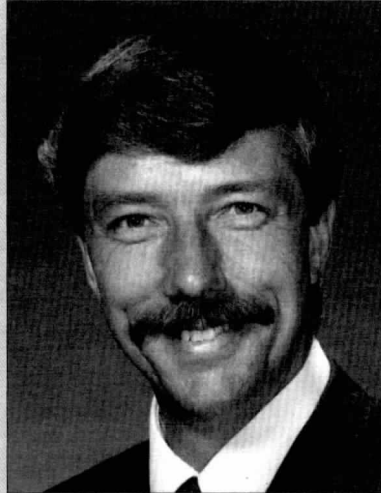
- John Hanson Memorial Prize for the best paper on employee benefits in the *Proceedings of the CCA*

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.