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Chairperson's Corner

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Election Results

The ballots for the Reinsurance Section have been tabulated. There were 505 votes cast, representing 24.8% of the Section membership. Jay Biehl, Ronnie Klein and Mel Young have been elected to serve 3-year terms on the Council. Jim Dallas was elected to complete Kathy Anderson's unexpired term. Kathy has asked to step down from the Council because of the international travel demands of her new position. Congratulations to the new members who will begin serving their positions on the Council at the SOA's annual meeting.

The composition of the new Council looks like this:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Timothy J. Alford	2002
Jeffrey S. Katz	2002
Robert W. Beal	2002
Ronald L. Klein	2004
Jay D. Biehl	2004
Robert J. Reale	2003
James W. Dallas	2003
Melville J. Young	2004
D. Leigh Harrington	2003

Jeff Katz will be the new chairman. We will be announcing the other officers shortly.

Correspondent Status in the Sections

The SOA Board is encouraging the development of "correspondent" status within the sections. This status would be available for non-Society members who have special interest in or expertise in the

Reinsurance Section's area of activity. Correspondents would pay Section dues and be eligible to register for Society meetings, attend Society sessions and seminars, and get Section newsletters at membership rates.

Correspondent members would enjoy all privileges of traditional Section members except voting on Section affairs and serving on the Section Council.

Adoption of correspondent status would expand the reach of the Section and encourage contributions to Section activities from individuals who are not members of the Society. Several sections have already adopted this change.

The Reinsurance Section Council agreed unanimously to adopt correspondent status and is pursuing the necessary changes in the Section by-laws. This will be welcome news to many of our non-member associates from reinsurance carriers who regularly attend the SOA meetings.

Annual Meeting Reinsurance Sessions

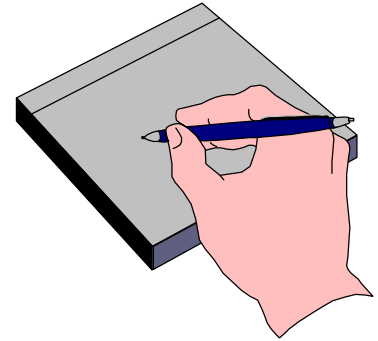
The Reinsurance Section is sponsoring 6 excellent sessions at the annual SOA meeting in New Orleans in October, including a Hot Breakfast. The following is a brief synopsis of the sessions:

Latest News in Life Mortality Studies

Moderator: Theresa A. Choka

Panel: Faye Albert
Thomas E. Rhodes
Michael S. Taht

This session provides an update of the work currently being carried out by the



SOA, contributions to SOA studies, and the development of the New Valuation Basic Mortality Table.

Problem Solving with Financial Reinsurance

Moderator: Patrick Kelleher

Panel: William M. Brummond
Lawrence S. Carson
Richard Leblanc
Jean-Francois Poulin

This session addresses the role financial reinsurance has taken in solving two very current issues: reinsuring closed blocks from demutualized companies and funding XXX reserves.

Hot Breakfast: New Developments in the Optional Federal Charter and Offshore Reinsurance

Moderator: Jeffrey Stanton Katz

Panel: Edward Betteto
Monica Hainer

This session follows the Hot Breakfast. Two experts in the reinsurance world discuss new developments in two topical

but somewhat unrelated areas: the optional federal charter and offshore reinsurance.

The Future of Mortality

Facilitators: Dieter S. Gaubatz
Allen M. Klein

Facilitators discuss:

- How the results from this work, as well as other environmental factors, impact expected mortality
- Which past mortality trends are good predictors of future mortality
- What factors may lead to future mortality improvements or deterioration

Following this general discussion, the participants break into small groups to determine the ultimate impact these factors will have on the insurance industry and then reconvene to discuss the implications these factors have, and how to project these unknowns.

Regulatory and Tax Topics in Reinsurance

Facilitators: Denis W. Loring
David A. Rains
Jeremy Starr
Vincent Y. Y. Tsang

Suggested topics include XXX X factors, mirror reserving, use of letters of credit, offshore reinsurance, rate guarantees, recapture on excess and first-dollar, reinsurance, workers compensation carve-out, risk-based capital reinsurance.

Managing the Annuity Risk with Reinsurance

Moderator: Timothy J. Ruark

Panel: Bob Holliday
Ari Joseph Lindner
Jim McArdle
Richard J. Tucker

The panel will be discussing current risks face the direct annuity writers:

- Variable annuities with guaranteed minimum and enhanced death benefits and income benefits
- Fixed annuities with multi-year rate guarantees are capital intensive
- In-force structured settlements have asset portfolios with declining investment yields
- The impact to the payout annuity market from lengthening life expectancies

Attendees learn about the specific product and risk issues facing the annuity carriers and what reinsurance is doing to assist them.

We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

Introduction To Life Reinsurance Seminar

The Society of Actuaries and the Reinsurance Section are pleased to present its first "Introduction to Life Reinsurance" seminar to be held December 6-7, 2001 at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Resort in Orlando, Florida.

The seminar will provide an interactive approach to learning the basics of life reinsurance. All the speakers are seasoned reinsurance professionals with years of experience. From basic reinsurance structures, to legal and regulatory aspects, to accounting considerations, the seminar participant will enjoy a thoughtful, interactive two days of learning the essential building blocks of life reinsurance.

The seminar is designed for individuals involved in Reinsurance, Product Development, Financial Reporting or Regulatory topics, and will be designed for those with little to no experience in the subject of reinsurance — a wonderful Professional Development Credit opportunity! However, even seasoned reinsurance experts are bound to pick up a new item or two during the session. The seminar is approved for 10 units of Professional Development Credit.

Topics to be covered are:

- Introduction of Life Reinsurance Concepts and Issues
- Forms of Reinsurance and Actuarial Considerations
- Treaty Terms
- Accounting Issues
- Regulation

Panelists include Jeff Katz of Munich American Re, Jeff Poulin of London Life Reinsurance, Tom Spurling of Lincoln Re, Craig Baldwin of Transamerica Re, and Ronnie Klein of Swiss Re.

For more information, visit the SOA Web site at <http://www.soa.org/conted/bro1b1>