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

Name: Douglas (Doug) Doll

Current hometown: Atlanta, Georgia

Current employer and function: Life insurance consultant at Tillinghast/Towers Perrin

Marital status: Married to Marsha

Children's names and ages: Laura, 9; Rebecca, 8; and Mary, 4

Birthday: May 9, 1952

My first job was: Revising the life dividend scale as an actuarial student at General American Life Insurance Company

With experience, I've learned: 1) Actuarial projects are always more difficult to complete than expected. 2) Mistakes will occur—try to eliminate the significant ones.

I completed my FSA in: 6 1/2 years

The TV show(s) I stay home to watch: None. When the TV is on, the kids have it tuned to Nickelodeon.

If I could change one thing about myself, I'd: Have a sense of rhythm (and better spelling, too)

When I'm feeling sorry for myself, I: Mow the yard or fix something in the house to get at least a small feeling of accomplishment

If I could do anything, I'd: Reorganize the actuarial profession in the United States (This is a fantasy question, isn't it?)

My favorite way to spend a Sunday: Hiking in the mountains or canoeing down a river

Actuaries who most influenced my career: 1) Andy Rochman, who convinced me to try consulting, because it was more fun than company work. 2) Randy Mire, who taught me how to get projects done and who demonstrated a work ethic to emulate (a little bit). 3) Jack Turnquist, who led me, occasionally against my will, to appreciate the details precise writing, professionalism, and Krystal hamburgers.

San Antonio meeting rounds up pension and health topics

If you've been looking for a chance to put on your western hat and boots, you won't look out of place at the Society of Actuaries meeting in San Antonio June 15-17. The dress is strictly casual at all meetings, including the reception Thursday evening at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter.

Meeting sessions can't be taken casually, however. Pension and health topics dominate this meeting, with some of the top people in the field leading the discussions. Health sessions include "Health Care Providers Speak Out" and "Resolved: Managed Care Does Not Control Health Care Costs." Pension sessions include "Group Annuities: A Golden Oldie is Alive and Kickin'" and "More with Les" (a discussion with Leslie Shapiro, executive director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries). Management sessions focus on reengineering and managing technical professionals. Computer science, investment, and nontraditional marketing subjects round out a varied schedule.

The keynote speaker at Wednesday's opening session is Bill Gradison, president of the Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA). His remarks on the outlook for health reform legislation come from 18 years' experience in the House of Representatives, serving as ranking minority member of the House Budget Committee and the Health Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Michael Gordon, a Washington, D.C., attorney who specializes in ERISA and employee benefits law, speaks at lunch on Thursday. He helped draft ERISA during his 1970-75 service as Minority Counsel for Pensions, U.S. Labor and Public Welfare Committee. Gordon will speak on "National Health Reform and Pension Reform: Can It Happen and Can Congress Get It Right?"

For more information or for registration materials, call the continuing education department, 708/706-3540.