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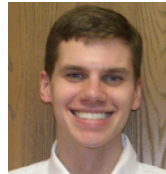
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What interesting and trying times! I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. Clearly, the importance of education and research is highlighted in this current period. The mission of the Education and Research Section is to promote timely actuarial scholarship and education endeavors. We are grateful to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for virtually hosting the 55th Actuarial Research Conference (ARC) in early August. If you have not attended an ARC in the past, I encourage you to consider attending the 2021 ARC at Université Laval in Quebec City. It is a tremendous opportunity to share cutting-edge actuarial research, network with colleagues, and celebrate and recognize actuarial research, especially in the academic setting.

I encourage you to frequently visit our [website](#).

to find tips and advice for teaching remotely, links to our past and upcoming webcasts, and other relevant content and resources. We are striving to provide content that is relevant to our members and important to the education and professional development of current and future actuaries. Thank you to Diana Skrzydlo and Runhuan Feng for recent webcasts. Please also look for us on LinkedIn.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as chair of the E&R Section Council this year. I also express my thanks to Colin Ramsay and Hal Tepfer for their service on the E&R Council for the past three years. I look forward to the direction and ideas of the incoming council under the leadership of Runhuan Feng. During this past year, the council has sought to increase the value to our members by sponsoring three webcasts and a session at the annual meeting. We hope to continue to develop and provide beneficial and impactful content. Please reach out to the council to provide feedback and ideas for council initiatives. ■



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