



It's an exciting time for the section, as we have recently doubled our membership after changing our name to reflect the emerging critical importance of predictive analytics within the actuarial profession. By joining the section, you will become part of that new focus.

Within the PAF Section, you'll find a number of outlets for involvement and personal development. The section sponsors periodic webinars on exciting topics, sessions at all Society of Actuaries meetings, semi-annual newsletters that are filled with excellent articles, regular podcasts, and even a member only [LinkedIn discussion group](#). I would invite you to start by visiting the [section website](#) and reviewing one of our recent [section newsletters](#). In particular, an article by Doug Norris in the [December 2015 issue](#) lays out different avenues in which section members can get involved with our activities.

PAF is a great way to get involved with predictive analytics. PAF is more than just a section; it is a community. We're committed to offering each section member the level of community engagement that they desire. May we suggest that, after joining the section, you head over to [SOA Engage](#) and sign up for the Member Community. We are always eager to hear ideas on new topics for articles, webinars and podcasts, and of course we are always happy to receive help if you would like to volunteer. There are many great ways to do that, including applying through the new [SOA Volunteer Opportunities Database](#); you only need to reach out.

If you have any questions about the section or thoughts you would like to share, please do not hesitate to contact any [PAF Section council member](#).

Thank you,

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