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Frank Stone is one in a thousand

Frank Stone, ASA, an independent consultant, became the 1,000th member to join Actuaries Online this summer. An actuary since 1970, Stone is a University of Oklahoma graduate. Born in Oklahoma City, he still lives there with his wife and two children. He can be reached by e-mail at 73231.121@compuserve.com

Q. When did you join Actuaries Online?

A. I joined Actuaries Online the first half of June.

Q. Why did you decide to join Actuaries Online?

A. I'm a small practitioner, and it's important to have information for a small business. It's one way to have access to information.

Q. What was your reaction when you found out you were the 1,000th member?

A. I was absolutely surprised and really appreciated the Society picking up the tab for Actuaries Online for one year and my CompuServe fees for one year. On a tight budget like mine, it's great.

Q. What have you used from Actuaries Online so far?

A. I've looked at some of the new mortality tables for pension plans because I do some work in pension plans. I'm a pension and life and health actuary and also an Enrolled Actuary.

Q. What else?

A. I just enjoyed seeing some of the notes from Donna Claire about the regulation activities she is involved in.

Q. How does Actuaries Online help you with your work?

A. It offers access to some very good reference material. I need to keep up with the regulatory environment, what the NAIC is working on. It's very important for me, because I have several small insurance companies as clients. It's difficult for me to go to all these seminars out of town. This way, I can keep up to date on some things.

Q. What experience have you had with the Internet or with on-line services?

A. We had Prodigy at home for two years. I signed up for CompuServe at the same time as Actuaries Online.

Q. How did you find out about Actuaries Online?

A. I had been reading about Actuaries Online in Section newsletters and received information in the mail.

Q. What experience did you have before you became a consultant?

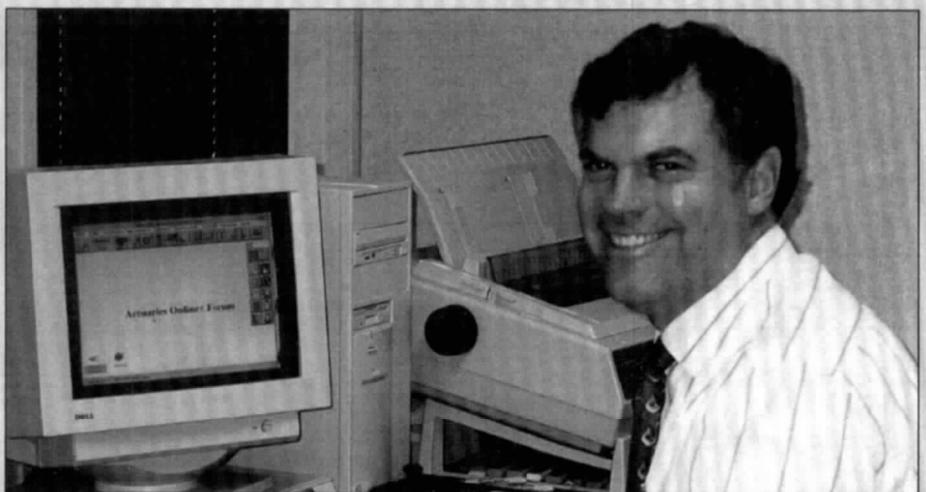
A. I spent my first 10 years with the home office of a company in Oklahoma City, then 10 years with a local pension firm. I've been on my own since 1990.

Q. Why did you begin working on your own?

A. The way my family situation is, it's great. Our daughter has cerebral palsy, and it gives me the flexibility to work around her needs. I don't have to worry about the 8-to-5 job.

Q. What else do you like about Actuaries Online?

A. Working with the Society is very helpful, and I encourage people to look at Actuaries Online and see what's there.



Independent consultant Frank Stone, the 1,000th member of Actuaries Online, enjoys the access to information and people all over the world right from his home office in Oklahoma City.