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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?

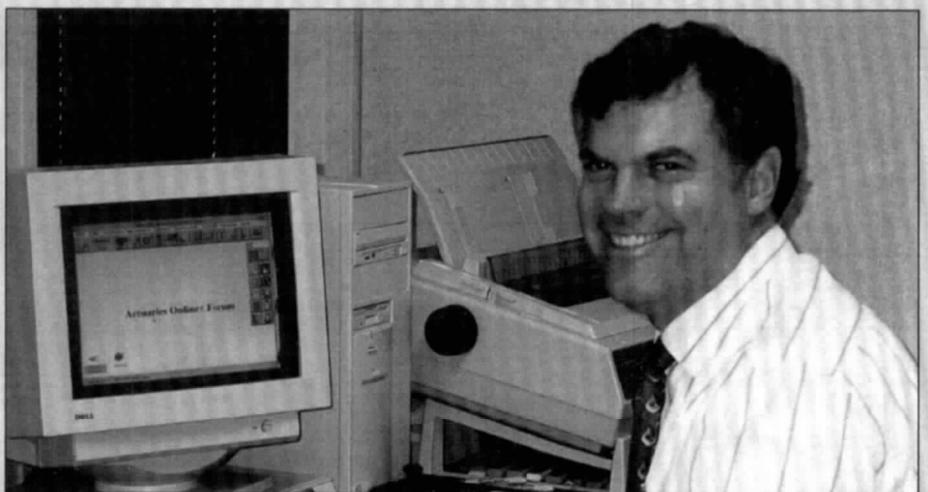
**A.** I spent my first 10 years with the home office of a company in Oklahoma City, then 10 years with a local pension firm. I've been on my own since 1990.

**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.*