Dan Arnold Retires as Editor

by Lois Chinnock

B ack in 1989, Dan Arnold took over the publishing of the Pension Section News, as well as the Pension Forum and the rest is, as they say, history. For 14 years, he marshaled authors and contributors to produce consistently excellent section newsletters and Pension Forum issues. During that time his goals remained constant: to publish four newsletter issues per year on a regular schedule, to publish key information annually on new government limits (IRS, PBGC, LABOR), actuarial assumptions contained in PBGC annual valuation and SSI Trustee Reports and EA three-year-cycle educational information. He included additional articles to provide the readership with an even greater wealth of information on a wide variety of topics. Longer articles and papers were produced on a regular basis in the Pension Forum. He credits actuaries with sending him a constant stream of material for publication over the course of his tenure.

Looking back, Dan points out that probably the most unusual articles he published in the newsletter were articles written in both English/French and English/Spanish that reflected the SOA’s desire to reach out to the international actuarial community.

Today Dan continues to be active in various volunteer efforts, now centered in his local community. He is an AARP Tax-Aide volunteer, acting as the local coordinator for volunteer counselors who provide free assistance to low-income tax payers; he is the membership director and member of the Board of the Hartford Track Club, a 400+ member running club; he is the manager of a new West Hartford Learning Center for the international SeniorNet nonprofit organization and is also secretary of the Bloomfield Amateur (Ham) Radio Club and Bloomfield Amateur Radio Emergency Net Service.

Since his retirement, Dan has also been doing some traveling. Dan, his wife Jane, daughter Kathryn and her husband Zeke hiked through the Canadian Rockies for a week last year and just recently he returned from a trip to France with his son Andy.

In addition to their volunteer activities and traveling, Dan and Jane keep very busy with their family of four grown children, six grandchildren and a seventh due in August.

The Pension Section wishes Dan many happy years of retirement and many thanks for a job well done!

Articles Needed for the News

Your participation is needed and welcomed. All articles will include a byline to give you full credit for your effort. News is pleased to publish articles in a second language if a translation is provided by the author. For those of you interested in working on the News, several associate editors are needed to handle various specialty areas such as meetings, seminars, symposia, continuing education meetings, teleconferences and cassettes (audio and video) for enrolled actuaries, new pension study notes, new research and studies by Society committees, etc. If you would like to submit an article or be an associate editor, please call Arthur Assantes, editor, at (860) 521-8400.

As in the past, full papers will be published in The Pension Forum format, but now only on an ad hoc basis.

Preferred Format

In order to efficiently handle articles, please use the following format when submitting articles:

Please e-mail your articles as attachments in either MS Word (.doc) or Simple Text (.txt) files. We are able to convert most PC-compatible software packages. Headlines are typed upper and lower case. Please use a 10-point Times New Roman font for the body text. Page returns are put in only at the end of paragraphs. The right-hand margin is not justified.

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