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SOA Nominating Committee Releases President-Elect, Vice President and Elected Board Member Candidate Names

Check out the list of candidates and start thinking about your candidates of choice. Voting begins Monday, August 3 and closes Monday, August 24, 2009.

SOA Announces Centers Of Actuarial Excellence (CAE) Program

The Society of Actuaries (SOA) is proud to announce the launch of the Centers of Actuarial Excellence (CAE) program—a key component in the SOA's strategic plan to strengthen the position of the academic branch of the profession. The CAE program allows universities and colleges with outstanding actuarial programs the opportunity to be recognized for that achievement and to compete for substantial education and research grants.

Application materials and guidelines for schools seeking to obtain a CAE designation are now available on the SOA Web site. **Applications for the Fall 2009 review cycle will be accepted through July 31, 2009.** Questions regarding CAE and the application process should be directed to cae@soa.org.

Actuarial Profession In The News ...
U.S. News & World Report Quotes FSA

The magazine interviewed [Bruce Schobel](#) for this article on the future of Social Security.

FoxBusiness Posts Article Citing SOA Research

The [MarketWatch](#) article, on how retirees can fight inflation, featured retirement research results.

Upcoming SOA Professional Development Opportunities ...

SOA Announces Creation Of New Professional Development e-Courses

The Society of Actuaries is now offering [professional development e-courses](#). These courses will allow members additional opportunities to grow their knowledge on a variety of important and valuable subjects, while earning continuing professional development credit, from the convenience of their computers. The new e-courses cover topics including enterprise risk management, the fundamentals of actuarial practice, social insurance and other topical issues.

New Professional Development e-Newsletter In The Works

The Society of Actuaries, in an effort to better communicate its professional development offerings, is creating a professional development e-newsletter, expected to roll out in July. The e-newsletter, *Professional Development Opportunities*, will be sent semimonthly to members and will include information on everything from meetings, seminars and symposiums to audio courses, webcasts and the new professional development e-courses.

Self-Promotion For Introverts® Webinar

Take part in this webinar, June 25, where business communication coach Nancy Ancowitz will offer you concrete strategies for [defining your personal brand and building your business](#). She'll invite you to go inward to harvest your strengths and insights, which will fuel your ability to promote yourself and your business with confidence.

From Risk To Opportunity—Insurer Responses To Climate Change Webinar

On behalf of the Casual Actuarial Society, the SOA is excited to offer this webinar on June 25, featuring Evan Mills, who will share the results of a new international [review of “green” activities](#) emanating from the insurance sector. Discussion includes enhancing disaster resilience, launching new products and services, performing climate science, investing in low-carbon technologies, improving corporate governance, reducing in-house energy use and carbon footprints, and engaging in public policy at the national and international levels.

Product Development Symposium

Online registration is still open for this symposium, June 29-30 in Los Angeles, where industry experts and creative thinkers will [explore the latest issues and trends in product development](#) and pricing of life insurance and annuity products.

44th Annual Research Conference

[Sign up](#) by June 30 to get special pricing for this conference, July 30-Aug. 1 in Madison, Wis., where academics and practitioners will meet and [discuss actuarial problems and their solutions](#). Sessions will begin the morning of Thursday, July 30, and will conclude at noon, Saturday, Aug. 1. There is also an optional theatre outing Saturday evening. If you have a paper on an actuarial topic, please send your title and abstract to Yunjie (Winnie) Sun, ysun@bus.wisc.edu by **June 30, 2009**. Papers presented at the conference will be published electronically in the 2010.1 issue of the *Actuarial Research Clearing House (ARCH)*.

Section Newsletters—Hot Off The Press!

The June 2009 issues of [Small Talk](#), [Pension Section News](#) and [The Financial Reporter](#) are now online. Be sure to check out the May issues of [Health Watch](#) and [News Direct](#).

On The Research Front ...

Reflecting Risk In Pricing Survey Proposal Requests

The CIA, CAS and SOA's Joint Risk Management Research Team is seeking researchers to update the Risk Management Task Force's Reflecting Risk in Pricing Survey. **Intents are due no later than July 15.** See the [Request for Proposals](#). If you have any questions, please contact Steve Siegel, SOA research actuary, at ssiegel@soa.org.

Retirement Replacement Ratios & Drawdown Of Retirement Savings RFP

The SOA has released a Request for Proposals related to Retirement Replacement Ratios and Drawdown of Retirement Savings. **Proposals are due by July 15.** See the [Proposal Requests](#). If you have any questions, please contact Steve Siegel, SOA research actuary, at ssiegel@soa.org.

Data Request—2008 CLICE Life And Annuity Expense Study

The SOA's Committee on Life Insurance Companies Expense is seeking data for its 2008 Life and Annuity Expense Study. **Intents are due no later than July 15.** See the [Data Request](#). If you have any questions, please contact Steve Siegel, SOA research actuary, at ssiegel@soa.org.

Getzen Long Term Healthcare Cost Trends Model Updated

The Getzen Long Term Healthcare Cost Trends Model has been updated. The model projects per-person expenditures and growth rates through 2099. See the [model](#) and related materials. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Siegel, SOA research actuary, at ssiegel@soa.org.

Become An ERM Expert

The [CERA credential](#) is the most rigorous and comprehensive training available in enterprise risk management. Learn more about obtaining the CERA credential.

Listing Of Deceased Members

Visit the SOA Web site for a [listing](#) of the names of deceased members and information on how to [submit](#) an obituary. The SOA extends its condolences to the families and friends of **Mary Hardiman Adams, ASA**; **Howard T. Cohn, ASA**; **David Kass, FSA**; **James Douglas Lamb, FSA**; and **David G. Scott, FSA**.

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