

FORECASTING & FUTURISM SECTION

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INSTRUCTIONS

Please vote for up to three candidates.
The top three candidates will receive three-year terms.
The fourth candidate will receive a one-year term.
Only names of persons who have indicated they would serve, if elected,
are listed on the ballot.

INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEES

The following applies to each section. The name of the candidate who submitted his or her biographical information first appears first on the ballot. All others follow in alphabetical order. Biographical information and answers to the question are as provided by the candidates. Biographies are limited to identification of employment, major fields of professional activity, service in the Society of Actuaries, and other relevant experience.

CANDIDATE QUESTION:

Why are you interested in leading the Forecasting & Futurism Section as a council member?

Raza Zaidi, ASA, AVP & Senior Actuary, Lincoln Financial Group, Hartford, CT

Professional Background: Product development actuary specializing in COLI/BOLI and Group Non-Medical product. Currently, head of pricing and product development and pricing for COLI/BOLI products.

Society of Actuaries Activities: Recently, working group member of the Blue Ocean Strategies research project. Previously, presenter at various SOA conferences.

Relevant Experience: I have worked for various large insurance companies as a product developer, product manager and project manager.

Why are you interested in leading your section? I have been an employee and a consultant in the insurance industry which has provided me with a good insight into the evolving nature of the insurance industry. I can leverage my experience to bring to light the future evolution of the insurance business.

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Min Deng, ASA, Ph.D., Professor and Director of Program of Actuarial Science and Mathematics, Maryville University at St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

Professional Background: In 1990, Dr. Deng received her Ph.D. degree in Statistics from the Pennsylvania State University. She passed all 11 courses of the Society of Actuaries, and became an Associate of the Society of Actuaries in 1992. From 1990 to 1991, she was the Post Doctor Fellow at the Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Toronto. From 1991-1993, she was an assistant professor at the Department of Statistics of the University of Toronto. She taught both statistics and actuarial science. From 1993-2001, Dr. Deng taught both statistics and actuarial science at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. She joined the department of mathematics and actuarial science as director in 2001. Her research interests include differential geometry in statistical inference, especially in second order asymptotical problems, series problems, which we can use differential geometric methods to solve like Engineered Stochastic Structure, and also in actuarial science, especially in the areas of risk theory, maximum loss and claim amounts.

Society of Actuaries Activities: Supervisor of the St. Louis examination center for eight years.

Relevant Experience: American Academy of Actuaries Life Insurance Rate Filing Task Force member and Peer Review Subgroup chair, 2002-present; Village of Schaumburg Zoning Commission 1998-2001 (practiced at reaching group consensus).

Why are you interested in leading your section? Through my experience as the professor of actuarial science, I would like to assist the council in their initiatives. I would like to work with other members to reach the goal of the

council. I believe my educational background and teaching experience will help in the role of a member of the council.

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Jon T. Deuchler, ASA, Associate Actuary, Structured Finance, RGA Reinsurance Company, Chesterfield, MO

Professional Background: My current responsibilities include modeling life insurance cash flows for inclusion in structured finance transactions. My past experience includes life and annuity (both fixed and variable) product development, financial reporting, cash flow testing and asset adequacy testing.

Society of Actuaries Activities: This would be my first effort at contributing to the SOA.

Relevant Experience: Relevant might be a bit of a stretch but I've been active in the management of a couple of sports clubs that I've been a member in, including a table tennis club in Nashville and an aikido dojo in Cincinnati.

Why are you interested in leading your section? I've been fortunate to be in situations where my company was prepared to be creative and innovative in product development. Thus, I've been able to be a part of new product and new market introductions at several companies. I believe the Forecasting and Futurism Section has the opportunity to guide the SOA and its members through consideration of possible changes in the financial services markets, opportunities and risks in the broader economy and societal changes that impact both. And, on a lighter note, it just sounds like fun to consider and discuss these ideas with my learned colleagues.

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Mike Lindstrom, ASA, MAAA, Assistant Actuary, Federal Life Insurance Company (Mutual), Riverwoods, IL

Professional Background: Versatile actuary for a small mutual life insurer, involved in both reserving and product development. Currently working towards FSA designation.

Society of Actuaries Activities: Forecasting and Futurism, Small Insurance Company Section member.

Relevant Experience: Member of Federal Life's Innovation Team since 2006.

Why are you interested in leading your section? I would like to participate in the growth of this section and to promote the awareness and use of futurism techniques in actuarial science. I am interested in becoming a more active and involved member of the SOA.