ENTREPRENEURIAL & INNOVATION

(Vote for up to four candidates)

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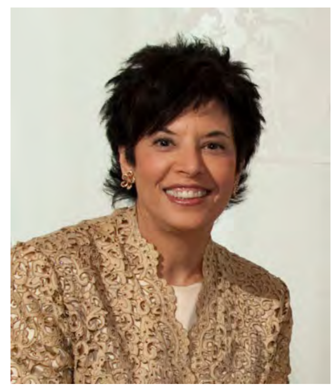

Professional Background
My actuarial career began at Segal Consulting in NYC as a pension actuary and transitioned to Life Insurance by joining TIAA, followed by Equitable. After the birth of my son, I joined Pryor Associates Executive Search where I have served as Managing Director and head of Actuarial, Risk, and Modeling, placing actuaries in all disciplines – Life, Health, Pension, and Property & Casualty -- in insurance, reinsurance, brokerage, consulting, and investment firms.

Society of Actuaries Experience (Section and committee memberships and participation)
I have had the honor and pleasure of serving on the E&I Section either as an elected Council Member or as a Friend of the Council for the past 10 years.

Other Relevant Volunteer Experience
I have served on the Board of the Actuarial Society of Greater New York (ASNY), one of the largest regional organizations in the US, for the past two decades. I am also active in the Casualty Actuarial Society as an Affiliate Member and elite Executive partner as well as a Founding Sponsor of NAWA (Network of Actuarial Women and Allies).

Why are you interested in leading this section?
By attending approximately 20 actuarial conferences in-person annually, I further enhance my familiarity with the current market. During many of these meetings, I have chaired Speed Networking, Trivia Networking, Ice Cream Socials, Professional Sporting, Walking Tours, Cruises, and other opportunities for actuaries to network with new and old acquaintances. I look forward to continuing to host these social events if I were fortunate enough to be (re)elected to the E&I Section Council.

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Jing Lang, FSA, MAAA, FCIA
President
Deepwork Academy
Toronto, Ontario

Professional Background

I am trained as a Life actuary, but I have also worked in Health, Insurtech, and P&C spaces. Most recently, I walked away from the most lucrative job I ever had to dive full time into artificial intelligence. In 2024, I founded Deepwork Academy, where we provide AI-driven training and solutions to actuarial organizations and insurance companies.

I began my insurance career with a global reinsurer in 2011. Over the next ten years, I had the opportunity to be entrenched in many aspect of the insurance ecosystem such as product, pricing, reserving, underwriting and sales. I am a naturally curious person, so I am always looking to learn more and do more, to prove to myself that I can BE more. So when the opportunity to lead a P&C pricing team came along, I jumped at it because it means formal leadership responsibilities and being accountable for results beyond my own. When I agreed to join an insurtech to build up its product, pricing and underwriting team, it was also an exciting challenge.

Working for myself now is a brand new chapter, and require a whole new mindset, and I can't wait to share what I learned with my fellow actuaries and aspiring entrepreneurs.

Society of Actuaries Experience (Section and committee memberships and participation)
- Outstanding Volunteer Award (2020)
- Professional Development Curriculum and Content Creation Council (2023 to present)
- The Actuary Magazine Contributing Editor (2020 to present)
- Reinsurance Section, newsletter co-editor (2018 to present)
- Podcast coordinator, multiple sections (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
- Marketing and Distribution Section, Secretary and Vice Chair (2018, 2019)
- Conference and webcast presenter (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2024)
- Newsletter author, various publications (2018 to present)

Other Relevant Volunteer Experience
- Metropolitan Underwriting Discussion (M.U.D.) Group, Board Member, 2020 to present
- Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA), various committees and advisory groups, 2015 to present

Why are you interested in leading this section?

As an entrepreneur-in-action, I want to put my money where my mouth is. Having founded Deepwork Academy earlier this year, leading this section would give me more authority in helping other actuaries and aspiring entrepreneurs in going after their dreams. Being on this section council would also assist in reaching out to those ahead of the curve on their journey to share their insight and experience with our section members.

Lastly, not necessarily actuarial but very much entrepreneurial, I have also launched the Be Brilliant with Jing Lang podcast to build a community of like-minded learners who want to become the best version of themselves.

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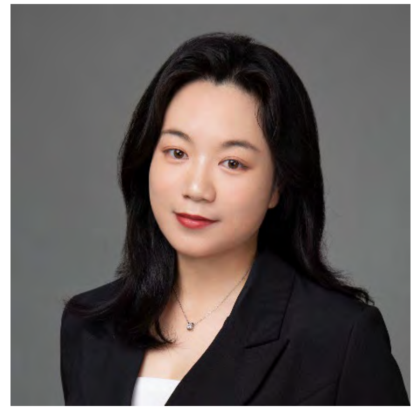
Yisi Wang, FSA, CFA

Director and Actuary
Corebridge Financial
Houston, TX

Professional Background
Yisi Wang is a Director & Actuary at Corebridge Financial (formerly AIG) in Houston, TX. She has over a decade of diverse experience in the actuarial field, including financial reporting, actuarial modeling, financial planning and analysis, and experience study in the annuity space. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Actuarial Science from the University of Iowa and a Master's degree in Statistics from the University of Texas at Austin. She is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA) and Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).



Society of Actuaries Experience (Section and committee memberships and participation)
Member of young professional advisory council

Other Relevant Volunteer Experience
Volunteered as local program coordinator for Actuarial Development Program at Corbridge Financial. Actively volunteered at local school.

Why are you interested in leading this section?
I am passionate about fostering innovation and creativity within the actuarial profession. My goal is to enhances professional development and foster a collaborative environment that members can share ideas and tackle industry challenges.

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Yiqing (Jack) Zhang, FSA, MAAA

Principal and New York Office Leader
Oliver Wyman
New York, NY

Professional Background
I'm a Principal at Oliver Wyman and the New York office leader for our US Life actuarial team. I have over a dozen of actuarial consulting service experiences focusing on insurance operation and legacy system modernization, actuarial modeling implementation and validation, as well as life and annuity products valuation across multiple financial reporting regimes. Representative experiences include:

- Assist companies with developing enterprise level transformation multi-year roadmap, including priority list, operatable execution plan and granular resource forecasts
- Provide program management and oversight, product and data technical support for client's TPA implementation across finance, actuarial, operation and integration workstreams for both life and annuity products
- Provide modeling services for multiple consulting clients, with experience mainly focused on actuarial system conversion, ALM, model peer review and model control procedures
- Perform quantitative offshore reinsurance entity case making pro forma analysis to illustrate capital efficiency benefits
- Lead a team of AXIS modelers in developing prototype models to assist clients in understanding financial impact introduced by emerging regulatory requirements or new product design

Society of Actuaries Experience (Section and committee memberships and participation)

- I'm a frequent speaker at industry meetings, with the following, most recent presentations:

- The ImpAct SOA Annual Conference, Forecasting LDTI - 2021
  - Emerging Leader Summit SOA conference, ASOP 56: The Future of Modeling - 2022
- I had co-authored an article for the Financial Reporting Section newsletter
  - "Mind the GAAP and Non-GAAP", The Financial Reporter – September 2021
- I had been a friend to the Emerging topics community – Modeling section

Other Relevant Volunteer Experience
Regular volunteer contributions to New York Road Runners in weekly open runs at local parks

Why are you interested in leading this section?
- The objectives of this section fit my personal interests and the mindset I have been trained up well from consulting industry. Consistently look for breakthrough and create innovative and new products, services, operating models and ultimately business values, has been my personal development goals for many years.

- Entrepreneurial spirit determines the potentials for the future, as well as enhance the resilience of mindset no matter what market environment you are in at the moment. A few years back this is one of the spirit that people won't connect with actuaries. Fast forward to today, it's common to see the benefits brought by open-minded actuaries from combining technical and emerging technologies to create long lasting impacts within the insurance industry. I'm determined to become one of them and would be beyond excited if I can contribute to this section.

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Lori Weyuker, ASA
Independent Consultant
Los Angeles, CA

Professional Background

- I started with an actuarial internship at Pacific Life in California.
- I have worked in the health insurance and healthcare industries at organizations such at Anthem, Kaiser Permanente, Blue Shield of California and others.
- I have worked in the tech industry at various startups including Castlight Health among others.
- I have worked as an employee benefit consultant.
- I have worked in the pet insurance industry at Nationwide insurance as the chief pet insurance actuary.
- I have also done international healthcare actuarial consulting in Chile, Germany, Argentina, Costa Rica and Guatemala.
- I have served as strategy advisor to various startup companies including Pumpkin Pet Insurance.
- I have worked as an independent consultant to a variety of small employers.

Society of Actuaries Experience (Section and committee memberships and participation)
- SOA Health Section Chair and Health Section Council Member,
- SOA Tax Section Council Member,
- SOA E & I Section Chair and E&I Section Council Member,
- SOA Leadership & Development ("L&D") Section Chair and (L&D) Section Council Member
- Committee member: SOA InsurTech Advisory Committee
- POG research project member: (1) Risk Adjustment Modeling in health care, (2) Alternative Health Care – impact on the cost of health insurance
- SOA speaker: at several SOA ImpACT conferences, at several SOA Health Meetings, at a Life Meeting on a variety of topics including Innovation, Healthcare Price Transparency, Pet Insurance, Risk Adjustment, Leadership and others.
- Author of various articles for SOA Section newsletters.

Other Relevant Volunteer Experience
- American Academy of Actuaries: author, article on "Pet Insurance" for Contingencies Magazine.

- Disease Management Association of America: speaker at annual conference; topic: Risk Adjustment.

Why are you interested in leading this section?
Firstly, I am passionate about volunteering for the SOA. I like to “give back” to the profession and to other actuarial professionals. In addition, interacting with other actuaries is stimulating to jointly advance the profession. Specifically regarding this Entrepreneurial & Innovation Section Council, I am very involved in both “entrepreneurial” and “innovation” endeavors, so these topics are a great fit for my volunteer energy expenditure.

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