

2012 Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

Working Together

CECIL BYKERK, the 2013 president of the American Academy of Actuaries, received the presidential gavel from outgoing President Dave Sandberg during the ceremonial transition at the Academy's Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on Oct. 15. In his remarks to the audience, Bykerk said that each of the five U.S.-based actuarial organizations has its own value proposition.

"Let's honor and respect what each can do," said Bykerk. "We can accomplish much by working together. This will also allow the Academy to better achieve its mission in serving the U.S. actuarial profession."

Bykerk was executive vice president and chief actuary at Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co. prior to starting his consulting career in 2004. During his 25-year tenure at Mutual of Omaha, Bykerk held various life and health actuarial positions, with his last 13 years as chief actuary.

Throughout his career, Bykerk has served the actuarial profession in many ways, including two stints on the Academy Board of Directors, as a regular director from 2000 to 2002 and as a special director from 2008 to 2009. He also was president of the International Actuarial Association in 2011, president of the Society of Actuaries in 2009, and chairperson of the Actuarial Standards Board in 2006 and 2007. Bykerk was elected unanimously by the Academy's Board of Directors to the office of president-elect in October 2011.

During his speech at the annual meeting, Bykerk said that he wants the Academy to be in a position to help the



Outgoing Academy President Dave Sandberg (right) passes the gavel to 2012 President Cecil Bykerk during the ceremonial transition.

nation address the huge issue of health care costs. Actuaries are well-positioned to address this issue, Bykerk said, because they understand and can determine the cost drivers in the system.

"If you haven't noticed, we are in the middle of a presidential race," Bykerk said. "Clearly, if the challenger wins, there will be changes [to the Affordable Care Act] proposed and likely passed. But just as likely, if the incumbent wins, there will be changes proposed and likely passed."

"Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican or an independent or something else makes no difference. The ever increasing level of health care costs is an enormous problem that we must address." ▲

Election Commentary

THE MEETING'S KEYNOTE SPEAKER, Stu Rothenberg, a political analyst and editor of the Rothenberg Report, focused on the upcoming election after cautioning the audience that his role was not to tell people how to vote or think, but rather to be "like a color commentator at a sporting event."

"We have a month to go—three weeks to go—and the obvious question is, who is going to win?" said Rothenberg. The outcome of the election seemed pretty clear before the first debate, Rothenberg said, but polls taken since that debate show that the race is too close to call. Polls are nothing more than "a snapshot in a context," he said. He urged the audience to focus on the forest rather than on individual polls.

"The appropriate way to look at polling is the way they used to judge ice dancing at the Winter Olympics: Drop

the high and drop the low and average the rest," Rothenberg quipped.

Regardless of who wins the election and who controls Congress, Rothenberg said, he is skeptical that the new Congress will be able to tackle the "fundamental structural problem in the U.S. economy and government spending."

"We are not Greece, yet, we are not Italy yet—or Spain—but we are heading there," he said, adding that to avoid their fate, Congress is going to have to make tough choices about how to raise additional revenue, cut spending, and address entitlements.

"Your job is to express to your elected officials your thinking," Rothenberg told meeting attendees. "We are headed for a big battle over a pie that seems to be shrinking. If you don't contact your representatives and their staffers, somebody else will contact them in your place." ▲

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- 14-17 SOA meeting, Washington
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NOVEMBER

- 1 Risk Management and Financial Reporting webinar: IFRS Update (Academy)
- 7-8 Seminar on Effective Loss Reserve Opinions, Baltimore (Academy)
- 11-14 CAS annual meeting, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
- 12-15 Life and Health Qualifications Seminar, Arlington, Va. (Academy, SOA)
- 14-18 IAA meeting, Nassau, Bahamas
- 15-18 NCOIL annual meeting, Clear Point, Ala.
- 27 Pension webinar: Social Security—Assumptions and Projections (Academy)
- 29-Dec. 2 NAIC fall meeting, Washington

DECEMBER

- 3 Executive Committee meeting, Washington

JANUARY

- 14 CUSP meeting, Washington

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- 11-13 Seminar: Ratemaking & Product Management, Huntington Beach, Calif.

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- 7-10 Enrolled Actuaries Meeting, Washington
- 30 Executive Committee meeting, Washington

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Academy NEWS Briefs

Time to Renew

CURRENT ACADEMY MEMBERS will soon receive information on renewing their Academy membership for 2013. The deadline for the 2013 dues is Jan. 1. You can pay online by logging in to the members-only page of the [Academy website](http://www.actuary.org) and following the instructions there. While logged in to the Academy website, you can update your contact information, change your password, opt in to receive Academy emails if you've previously opted out, or access any of the Academy's members-only content, including free access to the Academy's archive of recorded [professionalism webinars](#)

to assist in obtaining your professionalism continuing education. You also can subscribe to the *Academy Alerts*. These timely electronic bulletins about legislative and regulatory developments keep you informed about changes in your field and are provided free to all Academy members who give an e-mail address.

If you have questions about your account or the website, or to how to make multiple payments in a single transaction, contact Mary McCracken, the Academy's membership database administrator, at (202) 223-8196 or membership@actuary.org. ▲

Professionalism Group to Host Breakfast at NAIC Meeting

REGULATORS WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY to meet in person with representatives of the Actuarial Standards Board (ASB), the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline (ABCD), the Committee on Qualifications (COQ), and the Council on Professionalism at a breakfast and office hours hosted by the Academy's Council on Professionalism at the NAIC fall meeting. The event, which builds on the success of a similar one hosted by the Council on Professionalism at the summer NAIC meeting, will be held on Nov. 29 at the Gaylord National Resort Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, Md.

The breakfast will feature a short presentation that outlines the roles of the ASB, ABCD, COQ, and Council on Professionalism (please RSVP to moaning@actuary.org for the breakfast) and a Q&A session. Following the presentation, representatives will be available to meet one-on-one



with regulators or other meeting attendees to respond to questions or listen to comments about actuarial professionalism issues. ▲

Gain an Actuarial Perspective on SS

MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY'S SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE will present a webinar on the 2012 Social Security Trustees Report at noon on Nov. 27. During the 90-minute webinar, panelists Mark Shemtob, Eric Klieber, and Timothy Marnell will discuss:

- ➔ Social Security: demographic and economic assumptions

- ➔ 2012 Social Security Trustees Report assumptions
 - ➔ 2012 Social Security Trustees Report actuarial status: short- and long-range results
- Social Security Administration Chief Actuary Steve Goss also will be available to provide additional comments and answer questions. [Click here](#) for more information or to register. ▲

Boxscore Published

THE OCTOBER 2012 EDITION of the Actuarial Standards Board's [Boxscore](#) is now available. Read this issue to learn more about:

➔ The issuance of a new standard, Actuarial Standard of Practice (ASOP) No. 46, *Risk Evaluation in Enterprise Risk Management*, which goes into effect on

May 1, 2013.

➔ The approval of an exposure draft of a revision of ASOP No. 25, *Credibility Procedures*. Comments on the exposure draft are due Dec. 31, 2012.

➔ The adoption of final revisions of ASOP No. 22, *Statements of Opinion Based on Asset Adequacy Analysis by Actuaries*

for Life and Health Insurers, and ASOP No. 28, *Statements of Actuarial Opinion Regarding Health Insurance Liabilities and Assets*. The revised ASOPs are effective for actuarial opinions issued on or after Dec. 31, 2012.

Visit the [ASB website](#) for more information about all the board's activities. ▲

IN THE NEWS

➔ A *Forbes* Oct. 18 commentary, "[Benefits and Challenges of Medicaid Managed Care](#)," mentioned the Academy and the Actuarial Standards Board in a

description of the process that actuaries use to determine actuarial soundness in private health plans.

➔ The *Sacramento Bee* on Oct. 9 reported on the Academy's new voter

guide on Medicare premium support reform.

➔ Megan McArdle, a special correspondent for *Newsweek* and *The Daily Beast*, referenced the Academy's 2009 monograph [Emerg-](#)

[ing Data on Consumer-Driven Health Plans](#) in her Oct. 22 blog, "[Ask the Blogger: Can Transparent Health Care Prices Make Me Better Off?](#)" ▲

DISCIPLINARY NOTICE

(Effective Oct. 15, 2012)

The Disciplinary Committee of the American Academy of Actuaries (Academy), acting in accordance with the Academy's bylaws and with findings from the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline (ABCD), hereby suspends Donald E. Gould from membership for a period of five years for materially failing to comply with Precepts 1, 3, 4, and 14 of the *Code of Professional Conduct*.

Mr. Gould materially violated Precept 1 in connection with his preparation of IBNR Reserve reports by failing to use appropriate actuarial methodology, apply appropriate tests for reasonableness, document his work, state relevant actuarial assumptions, disclose the limitations of his analysis, and otherwise exercise appropriate skill and care.

Mr. Gould materially violated Precepts 3 and 4, with regard to the same reports, by not complying with ASOP 41 by failing to identify data, assumptions, and methods used in his reports in a manner sufficient for another actuary qualified in the same practice

area to objectively appraise the reasonableness of the reports; and by not complying with ASOP 43 by failing to identify the measure of his selected estimates, failing to use and document methodology for estimating unpaid claims that were appropriate to the circumstances, and failing to assess the reasonableness of the unpaid claim estimates.

Mr. Gould materially violated Precept 14 by failing to respond promptly, truthfully, and fully to several communications from the ABCD regarding this matter.

Based on the foregoing, Mr. Gould's membership with the Academy has been suspended for the next five years. At the end of those five years, if Mr. Gould wishes to resume membership in the Academy, he must first complete a professionalism course offered by the Academy or the Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS), undergo professionalism counseling with the ABCD resulting in a recommendation from the ABCD for reinstatement, and at that time be a member in good standing with the CAS.

CASUALTY BRIEFS

➔ Joining the Academy's Committee on Property and Liability Financial Reporting are **John Gleba**, a consulting actuary for Madison Consulting Group in Madison, Ga.; **Mary Frances Miller**, an actuary for Select Actuarial Services in Nashville, Tenn.; **Rodney Morris**, a specialist leader for Deloitte Consulting in Los Angeles; and **John Pierce**, president of John Pierce Consulting Actuary in Park Ridge, Ill.

➔ **Jo Ellen Cockley**, associate director and actuary for Aon Risk Consultants in Radnor, Pa.; **Susan Forray**, principal and consulting actuary for Milliman in Wis.; **Derek Jones**, principal and consulting actuary for Milliman in New York; and **Arthur Randolph II**, senior consulting actuary for Pinnacle Actuarial Resources in Roswell, Ga., have joined the Academy's Medical Professional Liability Committee.

Leaning Into the Wind

BY DAVE SANDBERG

THIS PAST SUMMER, the Academy conducted a member survey to assess the current level of our members' engagement. One major focus of the survey was the Academy's image and brand:

- ➔ Is the Academy respected for its work?
- ➔ Does the Academy play an important role in the formulation of public policy?
- ➔ Does the Academy differentiate itself based on its work in public policy and on professionalism?

The responses to these questions were overwhelmingly positive and communicated a clear mandate from our members to continue our stated mission to be:

- ➔ An effective voice on actuarial matters in the public interest;
- ➔ A major source of unbiased advice to decision-makers;
- ➔ Proactive in developing initiatives on national issues.

Survey respondents also commended the Academy's decision earlier in the year to lean into the wind, as it were, even if there were political risks. One successful example of leaning into the wind was the amicus brief the Academy filed with the Supreme Court as it deliberated about health care reform.

The Academy's nonpartisan legal brief provided actuarial input to the court on the consequences of severing the individual mandate—should it be invalidated by the court—but allowing the market reforms to remain in effect. The Academy did not take a position on the law itself, on the constitutionality of the mandate, or on whether the mandate was severable from any provisions other than those related to guaranteed issue and community rating.

The Academy's comments on a bill that contained new measures for pension funding stabilization were another example of leaning into the wind. We acknowledged the complexity of the matter while advocating transparency in determining and disclosing current funding situations. Our contribution did not sit well with some, but it was insightful and carefully worded and enhanced, among policymakers, our reputation as nonpartisan.

What are some other areas in which the profession, with the Academy's support, will be leaning into the wind in the coming year? I see the following:

- ➔ **Enterprise Risk Management (ERM).** Actuaries who work in the growing field of ERM—which often is viewed as a trendy but confusing arena of practice—will see two new actuarial standards of practice (ASOPs) take effect next year.
- ➔ **Lifetime Income.** Academy committees soon will be sharing concepts and clarifying messages to energize improved access to lifetime income for future retirees.
- ➔ **Climate Change.** While the Academy currently is involved with climate change in a minor way, a coordinated research project among all the North American actuarial organizations has begun to build more objective measures of climate changes. We view this as part of our professional responsibility to understand the latest in climate change science and develop actuarially sound approaches to manage the potential implications of climate change risk factors.
- ➔ **Health Care Containment.** We need to continue to look for sustainable methods for containing the costs of health care for young and old.
- ➔ **Regulation of Complex Financial Risk.** Insurers and govern-

Dave Sandberg addresses annual meeting attendees.



ment regulators are actively developing and discussing rules and guidance for systemically risky institutions, internationally active insurance groups, and risk reporting beyond what is in a balance sheet. We have important skills and perspectives to bring to this discussion.

While the survey showed our member satisfaction to be high, the Academy needs to improve on communicating its usefulness to members and the public. To address this issue, last year the Academy Board initiated a broad-based Communications Review Committee and a Risk Management Committee. Both have made progress, but we still have a ways to go for them to become visible and routine enhancements to how we manage and build our profession, and are thus better able to serve a public interest.

The Academy is the profession's interface with the rest of the world, an imperfect, political world that needs our objective and pragmatic contributions. We can make a difference. Sustainable solutions are achievable if we, as a country, can exert the political will to accept them. This means enhancing our ability to communicate, not just with other professionals or policy advisers, but with the larger public.

We need to become more relevant to the public at a time when the public is increasingly polarized. It is not easy work. But I have appreciated the opportunity to engage in it as both a leader and a member of the profession. I am grateful that we continue to recruit and maintain seasoned and capable leaders who can pursue the Academy's work on behalf of the entire U.S. actuarial profession. ▲

Want to Wow the Middle School Class?

Have you ever been asked to give a presentation during a career day or other event at a local middle school but weren't sure how to talk about the actuarial profession or engage the students? The Actuarial Foundation's [classroom guides for actuaries](#) can help. The foundation has developed a guide for each of the six installments in its Expect the Unexpected With Math series that explains how to use these fun classroom materials to help students see the real-world relevance of math and how it is used in the professional world. View all the materials and guides—then volunteer to present these lessons at a school near you.



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NEW ACADEMY OFFICERS

The Academy's Board of Directors approved the slate of 2012 Academy officers put forward by the Nominating Committee, and the new officers assumed their duties on Oct. 15 at the close of the Academy's Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon. The new officers are:



TOM TERRY
PRESIDENT-ELECT

Terry served on the Academy Board of Directors as vice president of the Pension Practice Council from 2007 to 2009 and as a special director from 2006 to 2007 during his terms as president-elect and president of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries. He currently is chairperson of the Academy's Public Interest Committee and continues to serve as a member of the Pension Practice Council.

On the international front, Terry is a co-vice chairperson of the International Actuarial Association's Pension and Employee Benefits Committee. During his more than 35 years as an actuary, Terry worked at Towers Perrin, CCA Strategies, and JPMorgan Compensation and Benefits Strategies before establishing TTerry Consulting in Chicago, in 2010. He will succeed Cecil Bykerk as president of the Academy for the 2013-2014 term.

STEPHEN ROSEN
SECRETARY

Rosen was re-elected to a third one-year term as secretary. He will continue to oversee volunteer activities related to Academy membership, technology, and communications efforts. Before becoming secretary in 2011, Rosen was a regular director on the Academy's Board for two years. He also served as a special director from 2003 to 2005 while president-elect and president of the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries (ASPPA). Rosen is an enrolled actuary, a certified pension consultant, a member of ASPPA, and a fellow of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries (CCA). He was a founding member and first president of the American Society of Pension Actuaries Benefits Council of the Delaware Valley.



Rosen has lectured at numerous professional and actuarial conferences and coauthored several books and articles on tax issues. He founded Stephen H. Rosen and Associates in Haddonfield, N.J., in 1982.



ART PANIGHETTI
TREASURER

Panighetti was elected to serve a one-year term as treasurer and will oversee committees responsible for the Academy's budgetary and fiscal matters. He first served on the Academy's Board of Directors as a regular director from 2007 to 2009 and then as vice president of the Academy's Life Practice Council from 2009 to 2011. Panighetti, an actuary with Northwestern Mutual

Life Insurance Co. in Milwaukee, has been a member or chairperson of more than 17 Academy committees, work groups, and task forces over the past decade. He succeeds John Schubert.

MIKE ANGELINA
VICE PRESIDENT, CASUALTY PRACTICE COUNCIL

Angelina has been a member of the Committee on Property and Liability Financial Reporting since 2006 and chairperson of the Emerging Issues Task Force since 2009. He was named executive director of the Academy of Risk Management and Insurance at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia in April 2012 after retiring from his position as chief risk officer and chief actuary at Endurance Specialty Holdings. He succeeds Tim Wisecarver.



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DAVID SHEA
VICE PRESIDENT, HEALTH
PRACTICE COUNCIL

Shea previously served on the Academy's Board of Directors as a regular director from 2008 to 2010, and has been a member or chairperson of more than 15 Academy committees, work groups, and task forces. He retired in 2010 as vice president of Wellpoint after 26 years with the company. Since 2011, Shea has been the health actuary for the Virginia Bureau of Insurance, in Richmond. He succeeds Tom Wildsmith.



KAREN TERRY
VICE PRESIDENT, COUNCIL
ON PROFESSIONALISM

Terry, an assistant vice president and actuary at State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Co. in Bloomington, Ill., has been chairperson of the Academy's Committee on Professional Responsibility since 2010. She was a member of the Actuarial Standards Board (ASB) from 2001 to 2007, and served as chairperson of the ASB Complex Models from 1997 to 2000. She succeeds John Gleba.

PROFESSIONALISM BRIEFS

- ➔ **Michael Ward**, vice president, actuarial for Life Insurance Co. of the Southwest in Dallas, has joined the Academy's Council on Professionalism.
- ➔ **D. Joeff Williams**, a consultant for Actuarial Management Resources in Winston-Salem, N.C., has joined the

- Academy's Committee on Qualifications.
- ➔ **Scott G. Young**, an actuary at the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. in Washington, has joined the Academy's Committee on Actuarial Public Service.

HEALTH BRIEFS

- ➔ **Karen Bender**, principal of Oliver Wyman Actuarial Consulting in Little Suamico, Wis., has joined the Academy's Health Care Costs Work Group.
- ➔ **Todor Penev**, assistant vice president and consulting actuary for Aon Hewitt in Atlanta, has joined the Academy's Cadillac Plan Tax Work Group.

PENSION BRIEFS

- ➔ **Eric Keener**, a partner and chief actuary at Aon Hewitt in Norwalk, Conn., and **Andrea Sellars**, an actuary in Atlanta, have joined the Academy's Pension Practice Council Forward Thinking Task Force.
- ➔ **Brian Septon**, a partner at October Three in Chicago, has joined the Academy's Public Plans Subcommittee.

LIFE BRIEFS

- ➔ **Patricia Matson**, vice president of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield, Mass., has been appointed chairperson of the Academy's newly formed Aggregate Margin Task Force. Other members joining the task force are **Arnold Dicke**, president of New World Actuaries in Denton, Texas; **James Lamson**, president of Actuarial Resources Corp. in Overland Park, Kan.; **Rod Bubke**, vice president of Ameriprise Financial Inc. in Minneapolis; **David Neve**, vice president of Aviva USA in West Des Moines, Iowa; **Michael Ward**, vice president of the Life Insurance Co. of the Southwest in Addison, Texas; **William Wilton**, a consulting actuary for Actuarial Resources Corp. in Overland Park, Kan.; **Karen Rudolph**, principal and consulting actuary of Milliman Inc. in Omaha, Neb.; **William Hines**, consulting actuary of Milliman Inc. in Wakefield, Mass.; **Mark Birdsall**, an actuary with Kansas Insurance Department in Topeka; **Stephen Strommen**, owner of Blufftop LLC in Glendale, Wis.; **David (Donghai) Yu**, a consultant for Towers Watson in Weatogue, Conn.; and **Stephen Tewksbury**, assistant vice president and actuary

- at MassMutual Financial Group in Enfield, Conn.
- ➔ Joining the Academy's Annuity Reserves Work Group Analysis Subgroup are **Stephen Strommen** and **Karthik Yadatore**, an associate actuary of Milliman in Seattle.
- ➔ **Franklin Clapper**, a consulting actuary for Hilltop Actuarial Consulting, in Holmdel, N.J.; **Judith Hanna**, an actuary in Assonet, Mass.; and **David Ramsey**, a consulting actuary for Actuarial Resources Corp. in Texas, have joined the Academy's Life Valuation Subcommittee.
- ➔ **Corinne Jacobson**, assistant vice president, annuity valuation for Midland National Life Insurance Co. in Fargo, N.D., has been appointed chairperson for the Academy's ARWG VM-22 Subgroup.
- ➔ **Randy Tillis**, an actuary for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Chicago, has joined the Academy's Life Financial Reporting Committee.
- ➔ Joining the Academy's Separate Account Products Work Group are **Clifford Angstman**, assistant vice president and senior financial actuary for MetLife Insurance Co. in Wilmington, Del.; and **Frank Reynolds**, professor emeritus at the University of Waterloo in Ontario.

Ensuring High Actuarial Standards

CURTIS HUNTINGTON RECEIVED the 2012 Jarvis Farley Service Award in recognition of his many years of service to the profession. Huntington has been “an inspiration to actuaries young and old for decades,” 2012 Academy President Dave Sandberg told the audience at the Academy’s Oct. 15 annual meeting.

“Curtis’ work on behalf of the Academy and the profession has influenced generations of actuaries and the standards that govern our profession,” Sandberg said. “He is known and respected by actuaries within the United States and throughout the world for his commitment to ensuring that actuaries perform to the highest professional and ethical standards.”

A former member of the Academy Board of Directors, Huntington currently serves on the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline and was its chairperson in 2009 and 2011. He is a long-standing member of the Academy’s Council on Professionalism and has served on the Joint Committee on the Code of Professional Conduct since 2008. Huntington also has represented the U.S. actuarial profession as a member of many committees of the International Actuarial Association, including accreditation, nominations, and professionalism.

Huntington has led two distinguished careers as an actuary. He worked for New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Boston from 1967 until his retirement in 1993. At his retirement, he was vice president and corporate actuary. For the past 19 years he has commuted from his home in Boston to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he is a professor and director of the actuarial program and associate chair of the Department of Mathematics at the University of Michigan.

“For the past 40-plus years it has been my privilege to serve our profession. The rewards have been countless, but amongst the highest



Jarvis Award recipient Curtis Huntington

have been the extraordinary number of personal (and enduring) friendships that I have been able to develop and maintain over the years” said Huntington in a recorded [message](#) that was played at the Academy’s annual meeting. Huntington was unable to attend the annual meeting luncheon due to a long-scheduled trip to New Zealand.

“In recent years, as I moved from working in industry to a position in academe, I have directed more of my interests to the areas of ethics and professionalism and found this to be particularly rewarding,” Huntington added. “I urge my students to strive for the highest standards of ethics and professionalism as they pursue their academic studies and join the ranks of qualified actuaries.”

It is perhaps little surprise that Huntington—the son of two mathematicians who were working toward a Ph.D. until World War II interfered—followed in his father’s footsteps and became an actuary. The Worcester, Mass., native graduated (with distinction) from the University of Michigan in 1964 with a B.A. in mathematics and obtained a master’s degree in actuarial science there (also with distinction) in 1965. He earned a law degree (*cum laude*) from Suffolk University in Boston, in 1976. ▲

Contributing to the Public Good

THE ACADEMY HONORED JULIA PHILIPS with the 2012 Robert J. Myers Public Service Award in recognition of her contributions to the public good in an actuarial career spanning more than 30 years.

“Through her work as a public actuary and her volunteer service to the profession, Julia has set a standard to which all who know her and work with her aspire,” said 2012 Academy President Dave Sandberg when presenting the award to Philips at the Academy’s Oct. 15 annual meeting.

Philips, a life and health actuary with the Minnesota Department of Commerce in St. Paul, has served on nearly 20 Academy councils, committees, and work groups dating back to 1993, including work on Medicare, long-term care, risk-based capital, state health issues, and Academy communications. She also

has held a number of leadership positions with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the Actuarial Standards Board, and the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline.

Philips was nominated by several Academy members, who described her as a thought leader for the profession and an actuary who always generously contributes her time, talents, and knowledge to ensuring actuaries meet the highest possible standards in their work.

“I feel very honored to have been recognized in this way by my fellow actuaries,” said Philips, who counts winning the Myers Award among the highlights of her career. She also cites being quoted on the front page of the *New York Times* twice: in 1998 about a proposal to extend Medicare to early retirees, and in 2010 about implemen-



Myers Award recipient Julia Philips with 2012 Academy President Dave Sandberg

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Volunteers Honored

AMONG HIS FINAL FORMAL DUTIES AS PRESIDENT, outgoing Academy President Dave Sandberg honored several Academy volunteers at the Oct. 15 annual meeting. Shawna Ackerman, Mita Lodh, and Mike Ward were presented with the Award for Outstanding Volunteerism for their contributions to the Academy and their efforts to advance its mission.

Ackerman is a consulting actuary for the California Earthquake Authority in Sacramento, Calif. She was recognized for spearheading a multiyear initiative that spanned all actuarial disciplines and resulted in the publication of a special report on actuarial soundness. The report provided a platform for engaging and educating policymakers and regulators about the meaning, variations, and importance of the phrase “actuarial soundness.”

Lodh is a principal at Optumas in Scottsdale, Ariz. She was recognized for leading the Academy’s work over the past several years on the risk-sharing mechanisms established by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Her hard work and expertise on these market-stabilizing mechanisms and on other ACA



issues have made an invaluable contribution to the Academy’s efforts to guide federal and state regulators as they implement ACA provisions.

Ward is a vice president and actuary for the Life Insurance Co. of the Southwest in Fort Worth, Texas. As vice chairperson of the Academy’s Actuarial Reserves Work Group, Ward worked to fulfill the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Life Actuarial Task Force’s charge to address reserving of fixed annuities with guaranteed life income benefits. He was recognized for his work creating a spreadsheet testing alternate reserve calculations now being used by companies and regulators, and for providing training in its use. ▲

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tation of the medical loss ratio requirement in the Affordable Care Act.

Philips was inspired to become an actuary during her sophomore year at the University of Los Angeles (UCLA) when a young man from Occidental Life Insurance Co. came to talk to math students about being an actuary. He made actuarial work sound so interesting Philips started taking the actuarial exams while she was still in college. She went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from UCLA and a master’s degree in mathematics, with a minor in statistics, from the University of Minneapolis.

After working as an actuary in the private sector for more than 15 years, Philips jumped at the chance to become a health actuary for the state of Minnesota in 1995. One of the things she likes best about her job, Philips said, is that she can decide which project to pursue based on its value to the public. She also noted that her volunteer work for the Academy has added tremendous value to her career and to the state of Minnesota.

“I have been privileged to discuss issues with many brilliant and dedicated actuaries who are thought leaders in the actuarial world,” said Philips. “I have been able to bring those insights back to Minnesota and apply them to some real-world problems like health care reform, long-term care insurance rate regulation, credit insurance regulation, and educating consumers effectively about their insurance choices.” ▲

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