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## **American Academy of Actuaries to Honor Bob Meilander With Jarvis Farley Service Award**

WASHINGTON – The American Academy of Actuaries will present **Robert G. Meilander, MAAA, FSA**, of Sarasota, Fla., with the prestigious 2016 Jarvis Farley Service Award at the Academy’s Annual Meeting and Public Policy Forum, Nov. 3-4, 2016, in Washington, D.C.

“I am delighted to announce that the Jarvis Farley Service Award will be presented to Bob Meilander, a longtime Academy volunteer who has made significant contributions to the advancement of the actuarial profession over a period of more than 20 years,” said Academy President Tom Wildsmith. “Bob’s long and distinguished record of Academy volunteerism spans service on nearly 20 different Academy committees and work groups in the life and risk management and financial reporting practices. On the international level, he participated at the International Actuarial Association (IAA), where he engaged with the Standard Setters Roundtable and the Actuarial Standards Committee on the IAA’s model International Standards of Actuarial Practice. With his characteristic enthusiasm and dedication, Bob also applied himself to cross-practice issues as an integral part of the Actuarial Standards Board (ASB), where, after his term on the ASB concluded with his two years as chairperson, he continued to serve the profession by providing incisive and constructive leadership on ASB standards related to public pension plan issues. His energy and expertise have benefited the work not just of the Academy committees and work groups he has served on, but also the U.S. profession as a whole at home and abroad.”

“It’s a tremendous honor to be recognized with the Jarvis Farley award,” said Meilander. “Volunteering gave me the opportunity to do some good in the world, in this case through the ASB and the Academy, but it also allowed me to learn new things about other aspects of actuarial work that were helpful in my job and to meet new and interesting people that I wouldn’t have met otherwise. So while I am happy to have helped out the profession in a small way, I feel that I got more out of my volunteer efforts than the profession did.”

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The Jarvis Farley Service Award honors actuaries whose volunteer efforts on behalf of the Academy have made significant contributions to the advancement of the profession. The Academy established the award in 1991 to honor one of its most dedicated volunteers, Jarvis Farley, a charter member of the Academy and an invaluable resource for the profession. Learn more about the award and its past recipients at <http://www.actuary.org/content/jarvis-farley-service-award>.

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The American Academy of Actuaries is an 18,500+ member professional association whose mission is to serve the public and the U.S. actuarial profession. For more than 50 years, the Academy has assisted public policymakers on all levels by providing leadership, objective expertise, and actuarial advice on risk and financial security issues. The Academy also sets qualification, practice, and professionalism standards for actuaries in the United States.