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## **Academy Deepens Focus on International Issues With Election of International Secretary Wildsmith to Board**

**WASHINGTON**—The Board of Directors of the American Academy of Actuaries has elected the Academy’s current international secretary, Thomas F. Wildsmith IV, to the Board to enhance ongoing Board discussions of international issues affecting the U.S. actuarial profession.

“Tom brings thorough, contemporaneous knowledge of international developments affecting the U.S. profession to the table,” said Academy President Shawna Ackerman, who nominated Wildsmith for the Board-Selected Director position. “We welcome Tom’s valuable perspectives and expertise as the Board continues to explore how best to represent the U.S. profession’s interests globally. It will be helpful to the Academy to have Tom’s service on the Board for the immediate future as our strategic discussions on international issues are likely to lead to significant decisions that must be comprehensively considered by our Board.”

Wildsmith is a past president (2015–16) of the Academy and has served in numerous Academy volunteer positions, including formerly serving as vice president of the Academy’s Health Practice Council.

The Academy represents the U.S. profession globally and serves as the unique voice of the U.S. actuarial profession in international forums, including representing the profession to the International Actuarial Association. Wildsmith’s election took place at the Board’s Jan. 29 meeting in Washington. His term will end at the conclusion of the Academy’s Annual Meeting of members in 2020.

For more information on the Academy’s international activities, visit the “[International](#)” webpage at [actuary.org](http://actuary.org).

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