

Message from the President



We're coming to you just a bit later this month because last week, the CCA sponsored the Enrolled Actuaries Meeting, the Healthcare Meeting, and the Professionalism Seminar. That's about 750 attendees in total with just 4 staff in attendance. Preliminary feedback says that all the meetings were huge successes.

I had the privilege to give the opening address at the EA Meeting where I focused on you, our members. And, in addition, through the "Meet the President" area set up by staff, I had the opportunity to meet at least 100 members and prospective members. While doing this, the most consistent message that I got was completely in line with what our Board and staff are trying to achieve - existing to serve our members to provide the finest actuarial education and networking opportunities.

So, what's coming up? Of course, there is our Annual Meeting in October at the absolutely breathtaking Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. Be sure to register early as this will be a very popular event. And, there will be no break in the CCA's renowned webcast series. Sessions coming soon include ones on lifetime income, multiemployer plan issues, and Medicare sustainability.

We have an Executive Committee meeting coming up in a few weeks. This is a time when a subset of our Board of Directors gathers to focus on strategic issues and those of immediate importance. There is a new benefit for members that will be proposed to the Executive Committee that I sincerely hope will be approved so that in next month's newsletter, I can tell you all about it.

While Executive Committee meetings are an opportunity for a smaller group of us to focus on issues that we find important, we also need to focus on what you find important. While we do have relatively full agenda, I'd be pleased to raise other issues that our members find important. But, I won't know what they are unless you tell me. If you do have things on your mind that we need to hear, you can contact me at jlowell@octoberthree.com or 770-235-8566.

Finally, as I have said for several months now, both our survey that many of you participated in last fall and more informal feedback from members shows a direct correlation between member satisfaction and being involved. So, my plea to you as a member is to get involved. Join a Community. Go the CCA website and under both Member Resources and Governance, you can find committees and task forces to which you might be interested in giving some time. I did, and because I got involved, the CCA will always be my professional home.



John H. Lowell, FCA, ASA, EA, MAAA
President

Membership News



Nominate a Colleague for a CCA Award

CCA Awards offer the opportunity to recognize those that have contributed to the CCA and the professional. Why not take a moment and nominate someone today?

The **Most Valuable Volunteer Award** is awarded to a volunteer for contributions made to the CCA or the actuarial consulting profession during the past 12 to 24 months. All CCA Members, except current members of the Board of Directors, are eligible for the award. To submit a nomination for the Most Valuable Volunteer Award, complete the [Most Valuable Volunteer Award Form](#)

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** is awarded to a volunteer for contributions made to the CCA or the actuarial consulting profession during his/her professional career. All CCA members are eligible and Past Presidents of the CCA become eligible five years after serving as President. To submit a nomination for the Lifetime Achievement Award, complete the [Lifetime Achievement Award](#).

Awards will be presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO.

The nomination deadline is **June 1, 2018**, so get your nomination in today

CCA Website Unavailable Week of April 23

Due to a scheduled upgrade, www.cactuaries.org will be unavailable beginning Monday, April 23. We anticipate the site back up by Thursday afternoon, April 26. The CCA office will be open during this time and available to assist you over the phone at 847-719-6500 or by e-mailing us at conference@cactuaries.org.

Community to Hold Conference Call on Leadership Principles

On Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 11:30 AM CT, the CCA Emerging Leaders Community will hold a conference call to discuss leadership and leadership styles. Kent H. Cannon, FSA, EA, MAAA, principal with Roy & Associates and the former CEO of Beneficial Life Insurance Company will be present to discuss his recent the article "[Guiding Leadership Principles, Lessons learned as a life insurance company CEO.](#)"

Community calls are open to all members. To participate, dial 866-862-7809 and enter the passcode 4478414.

Actuarial News



John Lowell , CCA President

Pension Actuaries Gather in Washington DC

Almost 750 actuaries and pension professionals gathered April 8-11 in Washington, DC to attend the 2018 Enrolled Actuaries Meeting. The EA Meeting is filled with sessions on topics and issues relevant to Enrolled Actuaries and other pension professionals and included a wide range of speakers, including government regulators. The meeting also features an exhibit hall with representatives and organizations relevant to pension professionals.

CCA President John Lowell opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and providing an update on recent activities of the CCA. He encouraged attendees that are not members to join the CCA and

encouraged all attendees to get involved.

The CCA would like to extend its thanks to the EA Program Committee and its chair and vice chair, CCA members Tonya Manning and Ellen Kleinstuber, for making the meeting a success.

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Enrolled Actuaries Meeting, **April 7-10, 2019** in Washington, DC.



2018 Blue Book and Blue Book Index Now Available

Released at the Enrolled Actuaries Meeting starting in 1998, the "Blue Book" is a compendium of questions from actuaries and answers from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. (PBGC). The [2018 Blue Book is now available](#), with [access to the complete set of Blue Books available through the PBGC website](#).

Professionalism Seminar Focuses on Liability and Risk

Over 40 attendees participated in the 2018 Professionalism Seminar held on April 8 in Washington, DC. This year's seminar,

Managing Professional Liability and Reputational Risk, included information on the Code of Conduct and ABCD process, methods for managing risks and avoiding errors, and ways to balance ASOPs in the real-world environment. Speakers also reviewed case studies with the audience to identify lessons learned. The CCA would like to thank Tammy F. Dixon, David L. Driscoll, David R. Godofsky, John H. Moore, and Karen Nowiejski Smith for developing and speaking at this very successful event.

CCA Healthcare Meeting Focuses on Opioid Crisis

On April 11 and 12, health actuaries and other healthcare professional from around the country gathered for the 2018 CCA Healthcare Meeting. This year's meeting provided professionals the chance to hear the latest developments on the Affordable Care Act, the opioid crisis, and healthcare reform. The featured session for 2018 was a presentation by Admiral James "Sandy" Winnefeld. Adm. Winnefeld spoke about his personal experiences on the topic of opioid and his creation of the advocacy group [Stop the Addiction Fatality Epidemic \(SAFE\)](#) to eradicate opioid addiction through research, awareness campaigns and expand treatment resources. Thank you to the Healthcare Meeting Program Committee, and its chair Stuart Alden, for their work on the program.

Education Spotlight



Don't Miss the Next CCA Audio/Webcast

[Lifetime Retirement Income](#)

May 9, 2018 - 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM CT

Credits: EA Noncore 1.50, CPD 1.50

In a world of declining pension promises and a focus on financial wellness, how can employers help their employees retire at their target age with financial security? The presenters will focus on alternative tools for accumulating retirement income and how they coordinate. You should come away from this session with a better understanding of these tools and coordination strategies, including what they provide for employees of different income levels, benefits for beneficiaries, and tax considerations.

Speakers:

1. [Suzanne C. Wyatt](#) - Willis Towers Watson
2. [Lawrence J. Sher](#) - October Three LLC
3. [Wei-Yin Hu](#) - Financial Engines
4. [Peter Andersen](#) - Willis Towers Watson

CCA Annual Meeting

Save the Date!

October 21 - 24, 2018

The Broadmoor - Colorado Springs, Colorado

The 2018 CCA Annual Meeting offers a blend of world-class education and networking with an atmosphere that caters to all. Join us this year as we make a long-overdue return to one of the most unique and breathtaking locations in the American West. Here you will experience unique educational events to meet your interests and activities to expand your professional network.

This year's Annual Meeting features a diverse schedule of sessions to match your specific needs and interests. Choose from a wide spectrum of sessions on Retirement, Health & Welfare, Public Plans, International, Multiemployer, Investment, and Cross Discipline topics; or select a full track in any of these specialty areas. Sessions include:

- Strategies to Alleviate Plan Overfunding
- Health Plan Applications of Predictive Analytics
- Hybrid/Cash Balance Plans in Europe

- Public Sector Mortality: New Tables, Administrative Issues and Credibility
- Measures
- ASOP 51: How Does Risk Look Now?
- Retiree Medical: My Client's Auditor is Asking for What?
- New PBGC Withdrawal-Liability Simplification Rules
- Capital Market Update

Registration information and a full program will be available in June at www.ccactuaries.org.

Upcoming Events

May 9, 2018

[Lifetime Retirement Income](#)

June 13, 2018

[Multiemployer Issues Affecting Us All](#)

July 11, 2018

[Sustainability of Medicare](#)

September 12, 2018

[ACA Primer - What's Working and What Isn't?](#)

September 26, 2018

[What's Happening with My Drugs?](#)

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