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## Message from the President



Fellow Members of the CCA, as I write this, I have just completed my first CCA Board of Directors meeting as your President. Our first meeting of each year is especially important as roughly half the meeting is dedicated to Strategic Planning. Our full Board broke out into small groups as we did our best to determine how to better serve you, our members, today and in the future. In next month's message, I hope to be able to share with you some of our decisions from that Strategic Planning session.

As I've told you in recent months, the CCA and its volunteers do exist to serve you. And, we want to be as transparent as possible in doing so. That's why I want to share with you our meeting attendance policy. All of our Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings are open to our members in good standing subject to the following:

- You must inform the President and/or the Executive Director in writing of your desire to attend at least 15 days in advance of the meeting (this is to make sure we have logistics and seating nailed down).
- You will be there as an observer only and will only speak if and when granted permission by the Chair.
- You will attend at your own expense.
- If you wished to be placed on the agenda, please inform the President of the reason and a summary of what you wish to say as well as the amount of time you would like on the agenda. This should be provided in advance of the meeting. Your request may or may not be granted.
- When the Board (or Executive Committee) goes into Executive Session, usually for 30 minutes each meeting, you will be requested to leave.

Don't forget to attend our upcoming events including our monthly, or sometimes more frequent, webinars as well as the Enrolled Actuaries Meeting and Healthcare Meeting in Washington DC from April 8-12. I'll be there and if you are too, please stop by and say hello. I'd love to put a face with a name and see how we can serve you better. I will have times set aside to meet with you during the event, but you can also just catch me during passing or at one of the social events.

On that note, as I do every month, I repeat that if you do have suggestions for improvement, please email me at [jlwell@octoberthree.com](mailto:jlwell@octoberthree.com) or call me at 770-235-8566.

Until next month!



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

## Education Spotlight



### Healthcare Meeting Features Personal and Insurance Aspects of the Opioid Epidemic

April 11-12, 2018  
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel  
Washington, DC

The CCA Healthcare Meeting provides health actuaries and other healthcare professionals the chance to hear the latest developments in this ever changing practice. This year's meeting features two sessions on the opioid epidemic, the public health crisis affecting social and economic welfare.

On Thursday, April 12th, Admiral James "Sandy" Winnefeld speaks about his personal experiences on the subject and why he created the advocacy group [Stop the Addiction Fatality Epidemic \(SAFE\)](#) to eradicate opioid addiction through research, awareness campaigns, and expanded treatment resources. Following Adm. Winnefeld's presentation will be a panel discussion on how the insurance industry is lending their expertise to curbing this nationwide crisis which impacts several aspects of insurance - healthcare, disability and life insurance.

Speakers at other sessions address late-breaking subjects such as the current legal landscape in healthcare, research by the Health Care Cost Institute (HCCI), and healthcare applications for big data.

Up to 13.3 CPD credits are available for attendance at the Healthcare Meeting, including 1.8 credits toward the Qualification Standards' professionalism requirement with a session on professional and ethical issues faced by healthcare actuaries.

Be sure to join us for this event specifically designed for actuaries in healthcare practice. [Register today!](#)

### Upcoming Audiocast on the New Risk ASOP

#### [ASOP 51: Assessing and Disclosing Pension Risk](#)

Credits: EA Core 1.50, CPD 1.50

Join us on February 28 for a webcast on ASOP 51, "[Assessment and Disclosure of Risk Associated with Measuring Pension Obligations and Determining Pension Plan Contributions](#)". Panelists include those who were involved in the development of the new standard and corporate, public, and multiemployer pension actuaries who will discuss how the ASOP applies to their work.

Speakers:

1. [Grace Katherine Lattyak](#) - Aon Hewitt
2. [Christopher F. Noble](#) - Willis Towers Watson
3. [Frank Todisco](#) - U.S. Government Accountability Office

4. [Thomas B. Lowman](#) - Bolton Partners, Inc.
5. [Jason L. Russell](#) - Segal Consulting
6. [Susan L. Breen-Held](#) - Principal Financial Group

## Membership News



### CCA Annual Meeting Proceedings Now Available

Each year, the CCA publishes summaries of sessions held at the Annual Meeting. These summaries are produced by volunteers who serve as Session Assistants. The proceedings from the [2017 CCA Annual Meeting](#) are now available. Thank you again to our Session Assistants for their contributions.

### Member Engagement Opportunities Available

Are you looking for an opportunity to network with your colleagues, share your knowledge, or influence and innovate the actuarial profession? If so, consider volunteering for the CCA. Opportunities include service on a CCA committee, speaking at an Annual Meeting, or serving as a Session Assistant. Member Engagement opportunities are an excellent way to network and gain exposure within the profession. [Apply online](#) today. We look forward to having you as a volunteer.

### Complete your Member Profile

Want to be sure you are receiving communications from the CCA that are relevant for your area of practice? Be sure to log into [www.caactuaries.org](http://www.caactuaries.org) and complete your member profile. This will ensure that you receive the most up-to-date information from CCA and information specific to your area of practice. While on the site, be sure to join a [CCA Community](#). The specialized knowledge that CCA Communities' members share continually helps to guide the design of CCA presentations, seminars, audiocasts and other continuing education offerings, advancing the practice

### CCA Healthcare Community to Hold Call

On Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 1:00 PM CT, the CCA Healthcare Community will hold an open discussion, led by Michael L. Frank who authored the paper "[Did I Produce a Catastrophic Claim or Am I a Victim of Fraud?](#)".

According to a report from the Department of Health and Human Services, the federal government recaptured over \$3.3 billion in healthcare fraud judgments and settlements, along with administrative actions, in 2016. Healthcare fraud, healthcare provider excess billing, waste, and abuse continues to be an area of concern among actuaries as we try to identify and find solutions to the problem. During the call, the Community will discuss the potential approach, content, and distribution channels of a possible paper or letter to spur further action.

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

### Nominations for CCA Awards Now Open!

Are you looking for a way to acknowledge a colleague in a big way? Consider nominating them for a CCA Award.

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!

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## Upcoming Events

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Feb 28, 2018

[ASOP 51: Assessing and Disclosing Pension Risk Webcast](#)

March 14, 2018

[Different Measures of Pension Liabilities Webcast](#)

April 8, 2018 - Washington, DC

[2018 Professionalism Seminar - Managing Professional Liability and Reputational Risk](#)

April 8-11, 2018 - Washington, DC

[2018 Enrolled Actuaries Meeting](#)

April 11, 2018 - Washington, DC

[2018 CCA Healthcare Meeting](#)

May 9, 2018

[Lifetime Retirement Income Webcast](#)

**See you in Washington DC!**

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