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With this month's message, I'd like to bring to light the influence the Conference of Consulting Actuaries has had on the growth of the actuarial profession. Despite being the fourth largest actuarial association in the US, the CCA throughout its history has been at the forefront of establishing actuarial standards and guides for professional conduct. There is a lot to be proud of as a member of the CCA, which we experience on a regular basis through our high-quality educational offerings and networking opportunities, but here are a few items to add to the list that you might not have known.

Did you know... **the CCA is almost 70 years old!**

In 1949, six consulting actuaries met for lunch in Chicago to discuss the need for an organization to set standards and exchange information among consulting actuaries. A year later, in 1950, the Conference of Actuaries in Public Practice (CAPP) was founded. In 1991, the membership voted to change its name to the now familiar Conference of Consulting Actuaries, or CCA for short.

Did you know...**the CCA was instrumental in the formation of the American Academy of Actuaries.**

In 1965, the presidents of CAPP (now the CCA), CAS, FAA (the now defunct Fraternal Actuarial Association), and SOA came together and agreed to create a new entity for the purpose of promoting actuarial interest on Capitol Hill and to establish federally recognized licensing requirements for actuaries. While the latter effort failed, the creation of the new actuarial organization was also designated by the five organizations to house the standard setting and disciplinary functions for all organizations, using many of the standards and guides to professional conduct already established by CAPP. The Actuarial Standards Board (ASB) and Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline (ABCD)

serve all five existing actuarial organizations and their members in the United States.

Did you know...**we continue to grow in membership each year.**

For the past 15 years, the CCA has grown at an average annual rate of 1.6%, and that includes growth across all practice areas (Retirement, Health, Life, and Casualty). That's pretty amazing when you consider that defined benefit pension plans continue to decline in corporations across the US. Contrary to what you might guess, we are not dominated by the larger actuarial consulting firms. Members from small- and medium-sized consulting firms make up 46% of our membership (large consulting firms represent 35% of our membership). The CCA also includes members representing government entities, insurance companies, large corporations (other than insurance companies or consulting firms), and academia.

Did you know...**the CCA is focused on four strategic goals to assure that we remain relevant to you and continue to provide value for your membership.**

These goals include:

1. Establish CCA as a Thought Leader for the Actuarial Profession
2. Demonstrate CCA as the Authoritative Resource for the Consulting Actuary
3. Position CCA as the Recognized Source of Education and Knowledge for the Consulting Actuary
4. Expand the Influence of the CCA by Responsible Sustainable Growth

Do you have questions about the CCA? If so, don't hesitate to reach out to me at Ed.Pudlowski@MorningStarActuarial.com or the CCA staff at conference@ccactuaries.org.



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Membership News



Last Call for Award Nominations

The deadline for award nominations is **June 1**, so why not take a moment to nominate a colleague today? There are three awards currently open for nominations.

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.

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.

The [Wynn Kent Public Communication Award](#) is given to an eligible actuary who has materially contributed to the communication of financial risk and work product of the actuarial profession in some form or media to the public. Recipients must be a member of a recognized US actuarial professional organization.

For more information, and to submit a nomination, click [here](#).

**All CCA Members Have
Access to the Journal.**

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.



**Meet CCA Member:
Elizabeth Ann Wiley**

Title: Consulting Actuary
Employer: Cheiron
Location: Virginia
Area of Practice: Pension



CCA Member Spotlight - Elizabeth Ann Wiley

Who are CCA Members? They represent actuaries from diverse practice areas and backgrounds and they have interesting stories to tell. That's why we take great pride in our initiative dedicated to highlighting the most important part of the CCA: you, our members!

Throughout the year, we will be presenting profiles on individual members of the CCA. Get to know who they are - in and outside of the profession.

This month, we invite you to get to know [Elizabeth Ann Wiley](#) and learn all about why she does not believe in the idea of 'good enough.'

If you are interested in participating in the Member Spotlight, please contact Shannon Peterson at speterson@ccactuaries.org.



Update your Community Email Preferences

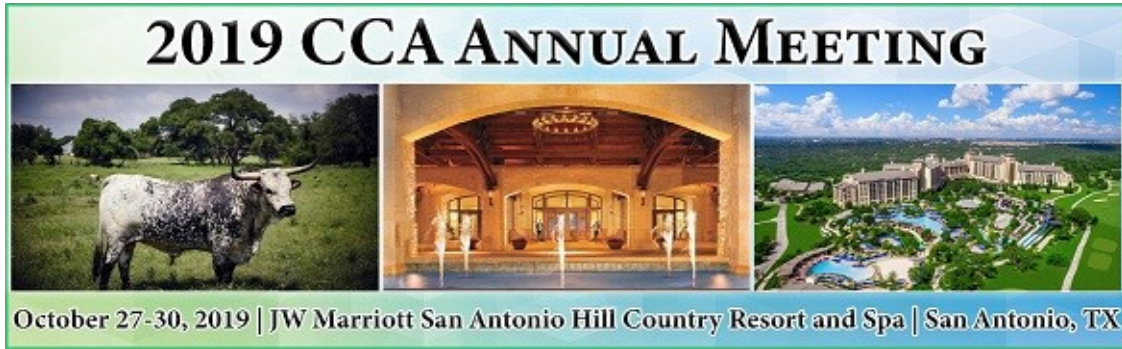
Are you a member of a CCA Community? Did you know that you can choose how often you receive notification emails?

As a member of a Community, you can choose to receive the discussion in real time or as a daily or weekly digest. To update your preferences, simply go to www.ccactuaries.org/go/communityemail.

Here are some other tips to help with your inbox overload:

- **Read and React:** Choose what to do with an email the first time you open it.
- **Advance the Conversation:** When replying make sure you are advancing the conversation.
- **Pick up the phone:** Let's face it, we have all had that long email string that could have been a short phone call.
- **Delete or Archive messages** when you're done with them (archiving makes it so you can still search for it by keyword).

Education Spotlight



Annual Meeting Hotel Reservations Now Available!

Make plans now to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting. Reservations can be made at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort by visiting www.ccactuaries.org/go/amhotel or by calling 800-228-9290 and requesting a room in the Conference of Consulting Actuaries' (CCA) room block.

The group rate is \$302 per night for single or double occupancy, excluding tax, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis until the room block is sold out.

Don't delay. Reserve today!

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Experience the Latest in On-Demand Education from CCA

Have an upcoming client meeting in the health sector and are just starting out or need a refresher course? Where do you go?

Look no further than CCA's new E-Learning module: [Demographic Contributions to Medical Expense Cost and Trends](#). Developed by CCA with the assistance of Mercer Partner Rich Bailey, this module guides you through how demographic data such as age, gender, and location contribute to the potential cost of employee medical expense.

This interactive module is available at no cost.



Upcoming Events



6/12/2019

[Pitfalls in Innovative Design Webinar](#)

6/19/2019

[Professionalism for Healthcare Actuaries: "What Not to Do" Webinar](#)

7/10/2019

[Impact of Aging and Evolving Workforce on Retirement Programs Webinar](#)

8/07/2019

[Blockchain in Healthcare: It is Not Just for Bitcoin Anymore Webinar](#)

8/21/2019

[Public Pension Plan Solvency: Crisis or Myth? Webinar](#)



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