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Message from the President



Members,

As my year as President comes to a close, I want to look back on the year during which I have had the privilege to serve our members and volunteers and to work with our amazing staff. But, before I get into that, I've been teasing you for a number of months now with a new member benefit that will take effect in January.

At our February Strategic Planning Meeting, we were reviewing responses to the member survey that many of you were good enough to fill out last fall. A number of you asked for some tangible benefits for members. So, for 2019, by signing in as a member to the CCA web page, you will have access to the digital edition of the Wall Street Journal. This is a subscription with a retail price of about \$30 per month, but CCA members will get it free of charge. Thanks very much to the hard work of our staff who has worked with the Journal so that this will be set up and ready to go. Details on how you activate your subscription will be coming soon.

I have lots of thanks to give. I want to start with you, our members. It's been my privilege to serve on your Board of Directors for the last eight years and to have been able to serve as President for the last year. I thank you for the confidence placed in me and for the support from all of you. Your comments and questions to me and to the rest of our Board and our staff have helped to guide my thinking for the past 12 months. I truly appreciate all of the feedback, whether positive or constructive. This is your organization and that feedback means everything.

We have three Board members whose terms are ending at the close of this meeting.

I've worked with Don Segal during most of my volunteer time for the CCA starting with our time serving together on the Joint Program Committee for the Enrolled Actuaries Meeting and more recently on our Board. As many of you know, Don returned to our Board several years ago as the VP

of Continuing Education followed by his term as a Presidential officer. We will miss his guidance, his experience, and of course, anyone who knows Don knows we will miss his puns.

Ellen Kleinstuber leaves our Board having served as both Vice President of Education (yes, we changed the name) and for a year as our Treasurer. About ten years ago, I had the honor of sharing the stage with Ellen in her first professional speaking engagement. We instantly became close friends. I'll miss her willingness to take on any volunteer role for us and her passion for keeping our members educated. But despite her rolling off the Board, you and I can be sure that Ellen will remain a frequent contributor to our world-class educational offerings.

Rob Reiskytl is Chair of our Annual Meeting this year. Before that, he served as our Vice President of Member Services for several years. His passion for that role and for our members changed our focus from guessing how to serve our members to understanding how to serve our members. He put that passion and his consulting skills into Member Services to ensure that we listen to our members, focus on our members, and respond to our members. Put differently, our current focus on our members is due in significant part to Rob's efforts.

Our staff has grown. We are now up to eight full-time staff. Had you blinked for very long, you wouldn't know most of them. We've rebuilt that staff largely over the last three years to be consistent with delivering top value to our members while keeping our dues lower than any other US-based actuarial organization. I've had the honor of being the first CCA President to work my full term with Kelly Fanella as Executive Director. Matt Noncek has been on the CCA staff for about half his life. His title is far too long to share, but I think that is because Matt plays so many roles for the CCA and does them all so well. If you're a member of one our CCA Communities, you've been influenced by Shannon Peterson whether you realize it or not. Marie Shaw is the person behind the scenes of our webinar series. For 2019, it is again expanded, and Marie keeps it running smoothly. Jim Uhlarik runs our Finance and Human Resources function. It's a credit to Jim that under his tenure, the CCA has been in a very sound financial position. Samantha Feinglass is often the first voice you hear when you call the office or attend a CCA-run meeting. Always upbeat, always cheerful, she is so much more than Executive Assistant. And, if Samantha's voice isn't the first one you hear on the phone, it's likely Kakoli Dutta. Kakoli's role is to support both Membership and Education, but like everyone on our staff, she really supports all of her colleagues. And, Shelley Graff is our newest employee. If you're a social media maven and you follow CCA, you've probably seen us being a lot more active over the last several months. That's been Shelley's influence.

They're a team of eight. As anyone who has worked with them knows, when you're that small running this size organization, your job can't be a silo. They all know each other's jobs and they support each other seamlessly, but for me, more than that, they've made it possible for me to do mine.

The whole Board has been wonderful. In particular, though, I need to thank Don Fuerst, last year's President for showing the way. The road that Don paved for me made my job easier and allowed me to do a better job than I otherwise would or could have. His guidance has been immeasurable. CCA is in wonderful hands going forward. I have the utmost confidence that our upcoming year under Ed Pudlowski's leadership will be better than this one has been. I feel that way because having worked with Ed at my side this year, his focus is exactly where it needs to be. And, I'm thrilled to tell you that as Ed is elevated from President-Elect, his role will be taken on by Michael Clark. Michael came on our Board a few years ago and immediately established himself as a go-to person for anything forward-looking. CCA is in excellent hands.

I've also relied on a number of our Past Presidents for their guidance. In particular, Phil Merdinger and Larry Sher have often been on speed dial as we navigated some of the issues unique to 2018.

And then there are the people who are neither CCA volunteers nor staff. My employer, October Three's, commitment to me during this year has been incredible. It's not easy having a full-time day job and, at times, a full-time volunteer role on top of it. October Three has supported me throughout.

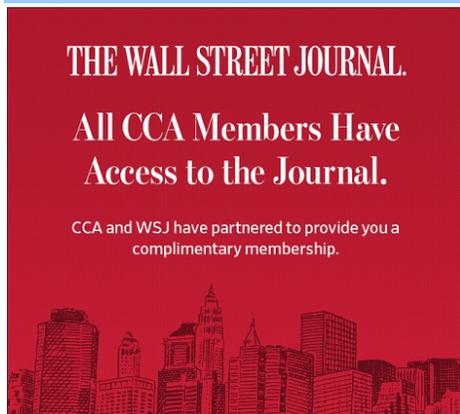
Finally, my family. When my wife Lisa and I first met, I was just beginning to serve as a CCA volunteer. In addition to being my rock, she's been a fixture with the CCA ever since.

If I've failed you, it is with regret. If I've succeeded, it's because of the names I've mentioned and many more that I've left unsaid. As always, if there is any way that I can be of assistance, you can reach me at jlowell@octoberthree.com or 770-235-8566.



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President

Membership News



New in 2019 - All CCA Members Receive Complimentary Digital Access to Wall Street Journal

We are pleased to announce that beginning January 2019, all CCA members will enjoy a complimentary digital membership to The Wall Street Journal. From breaking news to politics, business and more - get a global perspective with unlimited digital access to the Journal.

Information on how to claim your online subscription will be provided in the new year. Please feel free to contact

conference@ccactuaries.org with any questions.

2018 Annual Meeting Begins in Colorado Springs

The 2018 Annual Meeting kicked off today at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with what looks to be record-breaking attendance. Over 600 attendees are expected at this year's meeting, which features leading-edge continuing education programs and networking opportunities.

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Annual Meeting, October 27-30, in San Antonio, Texas. See you there!

Actuarial News



SOA and CAS to Host Town Hall at CCA Annual Meeting

October 23 - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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The Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) and Society of Actuaries (SOA) are exploring a combination into one new professional organization that has the scale and resources to shape and grow the areas in which actuaries practice. Join incoming CAS President-Elect, Steve Armstrong, and SOA Past President, Craig Reynolds, for a Town Hall discussion on Tuesday, October 23 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. to learn details of the proposed combination and have your questions answered. Please visit www.StrongerAsOne.net for information on the proposed combination.

IACA to host Jubilee Celebration at CCA Annual Meeting

The International Association of Consulting Actuaries (IACA) will hold a cocktail reception celebrating their Jubilee on Tuesday, October 23rd in the Main Ballroom from 4:30 - 6:30 PM.

Education Spotlight



Coming Soon! 2019 Webinar Series

In 2019, the CCA's webinar series is expanding to provide a greater wealth of diversified content to practicing actuaries. With 19 webinars in retirement, health & welfare, and cross discipline topics, we are dedicated to providing high-quality continuing education opportunities to keep you on the leading edge of the profession.

Programs currently planned include:

- Multiemployer Solvency - Joint Select Committee Report
- New Mortality Developments - Private & Public
- The "DB-ification" of DC Plans
- Pitfalls in Innovative Design

- Public Pension Plan Solvency: Crisis or Myth?
- ASOP 4, 27 and 35 Revisions and ASOP 51 Lessons Learned
- Fun with Funding: Strategies for Big and Small Plans (Single Employer)
- Risky Business: The Transition from Volume to Value
- Are Medicare Part D Rebates a Thing of the Past?...and Other Topics
- Professionalism for Healthcare Actuaries
- Blockchain in Healthcare: It's Not Just for Bitcoin Anymore
- Advanced Analytics: Applications of New Modeling Techniques
- Health Insurance Financial Reporting Hot Topics
- MA and PDP Landscape Analysis: A First Look at 2020
- OPEB Plans - Claims Cost by Age
- Wellness Everything - Health, Wealth, Life and Everything In-Between
- Impact of Aging and Evolving Workforce on Retirement Programs
- Data Visualization - Now You See It, Now You Understand It
- Code of Professional Conduct - A Deeper Dive into Precepts 1, 2 and 13 (100 minutes)

Watch your email and www.cactuaries.org for pricing and subscription information.

Upcoming Events

November 14, 2018

[Lawsuits and Legal Challenges Facing 401\(k\) and Pension Plans Webinar](#)

December 05, 2018

[De-risking Trends in Private and Public-Sector Retirement Programs Webinar](#)

December 12, 2018

[Precept 10 of the Code of Conduct Webinar](#)

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