

MINUTES
CAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELECONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 3, 2009

PRESENT

Directors: Albert Beer, Brian Brown, David Chernick, Eugene Connell, Wayne Fisher, Morton Lane, Mary Miller, Joanne Spalla, John Tierney, Mark Vonnahme, Michael Wacek.

Board Chair: Christopher Carlson
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Vice President – International: Ralph Blanchard
CAS Executive Director: Cynthia Ziegler

AAA Liaison to the CAS Board: Gary Josephson
CIA Liaison to the CAS Board: James Christie

CAS Director of Communications and Marketing: J. Michael Boa

Chris Carlson called the teleconference to order at 2:00 p.m. EST on February 3, 2009.

VOTE ON THE IAA'S STATEMENT ON THE FINANCIAL CRISIS

Chris Carlson opened the discussion by explaining that the International Actuarial Association has requested a vote on the draft public statement entitled *Dealing with Predictable Irrationality – Actuarial Ideas to Strengthen Global Financial Risk Management*. Votes from member organizations are due by February 4. The CAS may vote in favor of the IAA releasing the public statement, against the IAA releasing the public statement, or abstain from voting. The Board is responsible for instructing the CAS delegate to the IAA Council (Ralph Blanchard) on how to cast the CAS vote.

The purpose of the IAA paper is to raise the visibility of the actuarial profession worldwide in responding to the global financial crisis and the measurement of risk in general, and to allow the member associations of the IAA to leverage the IAA statement to gain greater visibility and influence in their local areas.

Ralph Blanchard stated that the overall document is reasonably well written, and may possibly have the desirable impact. However, he raised a concern regarding the list of contacts included at the end of the paper. This list includes the task force chair, who is a volunteer and not on the staff of the IAA. Ralph explained that it would be preferable to list an IAA staff member as the contact.

The Board proceeded to discuss the document. There was support expressed for many of the points raised in the document, and for the idea of the global actuarial profession proactively issuing a statement about the financial crisis. Some members of the Board raised minor issues with various aspects of the document. It was understood that this document was created by an international committee and therefore it includes certain wordings and interpretations that may not be perfectly agreeable to everyone. There was general agreement that the concerns were not significant enough to warrant a vote against releasing the document.

A motion was made to instruct the CAS delegate to the IAA Council, Ralph Blanchard, to vote in favor of releasing the IAA public statement (Dealing with Predictable Irrationality – Actuarial Ideas to Strengthen Global Financial Risk Management).

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Board further discussed the concerns about the document that had been raised, particularly the concern with the contacts listed in the document.

A motion was made to ask Ralph Blanchard and Chris Carlson to pursue having the IAA involve local associations as the contact people as much as possible, with Academy staff listed as the contact for the U.S. and CIA staff listed as the contact for Canada.

The motion was withdrawn, as the sentiment of the Board was that a formal motion was not needed.

There was general agreement among the Board to delegate to Ralph and Chris the task of informing the IAA of the concerns raised by the Board.

The teleconference was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michael Boa
Director of Communications and Marketing

Approved: March 19, 2009