

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 15, 2008
Québec, Québec

DUES WAIVER POLICY: The Board approved a change to the Dues Waiver Policy so that after the five full waivers currently granted to stay-at-home parents deriving little or no earned income, these members will be entitled to a continued 100% dues waiver (with no time limit) if participating in CAS volunteer activities, or an unlimited 50% dues waiver, if not volunteering.

NEW APPOINTED DIRECTOR: Morton Lane was appointed to serve on the Board for the period of November 2008 through November 2009, filling the third appointed Board position authorized by the Constitution (the other appointed Board members being Bob Miccolis and Mark Vonnahme). Mr. Lane is the president of Lane Financial, LLC, a broker-dealer active at the intersection of the reinsurance and capital markets.

CAS FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH: The Board approved the EC's recommendation to establish a policy that the CAS annually allocate \$35.00 per member in 2007 dollars (roughly 1.5% of 2007 budgeted annual revenues) indexed for inflation to provide funds for research projects, unless unused research funds exceed the greater of 15% of the CAS' surplus or \$500,000 in 2007 dollars indexed for inflation. For 2008-09, the allocation is estimated at approximately \$165,000.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP: Now that the basic education system has been revised, the Board has again taken up the topic of Classes of Membership. It has asked that a more complete discussion/action paper be prepared for its September meeting.

2008-09 VICE PRESIDENTS: The following Vice Presidents were approved for 2008-09: Kenneth Quintilian (Administration), David L. Menning (Admissions), Kevin G. Dickson (ERM), Ralph S. Blanchard III (International), Patricia A. Teufel (Marketing & Communication), Andrew E. Kudera (Professional Education), and Louise A. Francis (Research & Development).

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: The Board voted to create and staff a new Leadership Development Committee, to report to the Board. This committee will be charged with identifying and developing potential new CAS leaders, including establishment of a mentoring program and development of a process for providing leadership skills training.

CIA EDUCATION ISSUE: The Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA) has proposed an education initiative that will include a waiver for the preliminary actuarial exams for students who satisfactorily complete certain accredited university courses. Mike Hale, President-Elect of the CIA, presented the perspective of the CIA, explaining that a key goal is providing better education in risk management. A joint CAS/SOA Task Force has identified a number of concerns about the CIA's plan, and is requesting that the CIA delay implementation of its initiative in order to allow the CAS and SOA more time to research the issue.

SOA ACADEMIC INITIATIVES: Bruce Schobel, SOA President, and Emily Kessler, SOA Managing Director, described three initiatives the SOA is actively exploring: academic Centers of Actuarial Excellence, encouraging PhDs in actuarial science, and fostering business/academic partnerships. At this point, the SOA is not proposing to offer exam credit for university coursework, and these initiatives are all distinct from any alternate path to the FSA credential that might or might not be created in future. Rather, the SOA hopes to facilitate academic research that advances the profession and to foster tighter relationships with academia.

REPORT FROM THE INSTITUTE OF ACTUARIES (UK): Nick Dumbreck, President of the Institute of Actuaries, noted three key issues for the Institute: increased emphasis on university-based education, planned changes to the general insurance examination process from one to two focused exams, and regulation of overseas members.

COMPUTER-BASED TESTING (CBT): The Board approved the CBT Implementation Task Force’s transition plan to move joint CAS/CIA/SOA Exams 3F/MFE and 4/C, as well as SOA Exam MLC, to CBT.

CONTINUING EDUCATION TASK FORCE: The Board discussed a draft discussion paper by the Continuing Education Task Force, which recommends that the CAS implement a continuing education requirement for all members issuing “Statements of Actuarial Opinion.” The proposed requirement would be applicable as a backstop for all members who are not already subject to the requirements of a full member organization of the International Actuarial Association. The Task Force is expected to submit its final report to the Board later in 2008.