

STUART BRIAN SUCHOFF
1955–2004

Stuart B. Suchoff died August 5, 2004, after an eight-month fight against cancer. He was 48.

Suchoff was born November 11, 1955, to Joshua and Phyllis Weiss Suchoff in Newburgh, New York. He married Ann Parkhill in February 1983.

Suchoff earned a Bachelor of Science degree, cum laude, in mathematics in 1976 and a Master of Science degree in applied mathematics in 1977 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

Suchoff became an Associate of the CAS in 1981 and a Fellow in 1984. He was very involved in the CAS, serving on the Program Planning Committee as a member (1988–1991), vice chair (1991–1992), and chairperson (1992–1995). He served on the Committee on Reserves as vice chairperson (1995–1996) and chairperson (1996–1999), and was a member of the External Communications Committee (1988–1991). He was also part of the CAS University Liaisons program from 2001 to 2004.

In November 2004, Stuart Suchoff was posthumously awarded the CAS Above and Beyond Achievement Award (ABAA). Suchoff was honored for his numerous contributions but specifically for his work as chairperson of the American Academy of Actuaries Risk-Based Capital Task Force. Despite his contention that the topic was out of his “comfort zone,” Suchoff accepted the challenge to provide leadership to the group. One person nominating Suchoff for the ABAA wrote: “His dedication, focus, and clear vision of what needed to be done and how to go about doing it made it a pleasure to work with him and for him.”

Among his other activities, Suchoff was a member of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries and the International Actuarial Association.