POSITION DESCRIPTION
FOR CHAIRPERSON OF THE
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

1. Incumbency. The chairperson of the Professional Education Policy Committee is a member of the Society recommended by the Vice President-Professional Education, subject to confirmation of the Executive Council.

2. Tenure. The chairperson of the Professional Education Policy Committee serves for one year. The service year is normally from annual meeting to annual meeting, unless specified to be otherwise by the Executive Council. An incumbent may be re-appointed annually and serve for up to three years.

3. Accountability. The chairperson of the Professional Education Policy Committee is accountable and reports to the Vice President-Professional Education.

4. Duties. The broad function of the chairperson of the Professional Education Policy Committee is to manage the activities of members of the Committee for the purpose of achieving the mission of the Committee as stated in the CAS Yearbook:

“The Professional Education Policy Committee endeavors to broaden the knowledge of the Casualty Actuarial Society membership in all areas of actuarial and related fields. The Committee surveys the Casualty Actuarial Society membership regarding its interests; works with the Committee on Special Interest Seminars, Program Planning Committee and other committees in planning topics for Casualty Actuarial Society meetings, special interest seminars and limited attendance seminars; develops alternative continuing education vehicles; stimulates authorship of specified continuing education topics; and evaluates continuing education requirements.”

The duties of the chairperson of the Professional Education Policy Committee fall into two categories: those that are common to all committee chairpersons and those that are specifically related to the work of this Committee.

Common Duties:

a. Manage the membership of the Committee in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Committee Chairpersons’ Manual. Recruit new members utilizing the annual Participation Survey and other sources. Submit welcoming and appreciation letters to new and retiring members, respectively.

b. Prepare (annually) and submit to the Vice President-Professional Education the goals of the Committee for the coming year of service.

c. Prepare (annually) and submit to the CAS Office the Committee’s budget requirements for the coming fiscal year of service. These requirements will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and approved by the Executive Council.

d. Prepare (quarterly) a brief "actual vs. goals" report and submit to the Vice President-Professional Education for incorporation in the Vice President-Professional Education’s quarterly cycle report to the Executive Council.

e. Participate in meetings of the Executive Council from time to time as may be requested by the Vice President-Professional Education.

f. Review (annually) this position description (including the Committee charge) for continued relevance and propose any changes to the Vice President-Professional Education.

g. Provide support to other Society committees as requested.

h. Assign tasks to Committee members or subcommittees so as to achieve the agreed upon goals for the year.
i. Monitor the work of Committee members to ensure that progress towards goals is being achieved as planned.

j. Monitor the staffing of the Committee to assure that the resources are equal to the task and report any imbalances with the recommendations to the Vice President-Professional Education.

k. Attend the annual CAS Leadership Meeting.

l. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the Vice President-Professional Education.

Specialized Duties:

a. Develop and maintain a list of areas of interest to members of the Society (to accompany the quarterly report to the Vice President-Professional Education).

b. Develop and maintain a catalog of actuarial topics (and subtopics) to serve as the universe from which the current areas of interest are selected.

c. Collaborate with the chairperson of the Program Planning Committee and the Committee on Special Interest Seminars in developing themes for Society programs.

d. Generally do all that is necessary to assure that the mission of the Professional Education Policy Committee is carried out effectively.

e. Develop and present limited attendance seminars on advanced topics.

f. Work with the Committee on Online Services and topic specialists to develop online course programs.

5. Authority. The chairperson of the Professional Education Policy Committee has the authority to act as required to effectively carry out the mission of the Committee except:

a. Authorize expenditures on behalf of the Society without approval of the Vice President-Professional Education unless they are included in the approved CAS budget.

b. Enter into contract on behalf of the Society without specific authorization from the Vice President-Professional Education.

c. Unilaterally launch a Committee activity not clearly within the Committee charge.

The chairperson of the Professional Education Policy Committee is charged with exercising sound judgment in the conduct of the business of the Committee. Whenever a question arises where authority/responsibility is not clear, the chairperson is expected to consult with the Vice President-Professional Education in advance of exercising any of the available options.

6. Miscellaneous. In the event of the unavailability of the Vice President-Professional Education to answer questions, consult on problems, etc., the chairperson should refer the question, problem, etc. to the attention of the President-Elect, then the President, in order of availability.