



Member Spotlight for January 2022 – Mark Maenche

Where do you work and what is your position?

I work at Risk International Actuarial Consulting based in Charleston, SC. My position is Consulting Actuary.

Why did you decide to become an actuary?

After college I worked as an insurance agent for 15+ years but I didn't see a lot of opportunity for advancement in areas where I was passionate. I was looking for a way to take more control over my own career advancement and wanted to find a better way to provide for my family.

What aspects of the field do you love?

I love working with the data and getting to drive efficiency using technology. One of the unique aspects of my role at a small company is getting to lead the implementation of various technologies that help us produce work products more efficiently. I also enjoy the continual learning that takes places as I have recently transitioned from an analyst to credentialed actuary.

What is the best career advice you have ever received?

Discover what you are passionate about and then don't be afraid to take a risk to pursue those things.



Do you have any advice for those just starting out?

Pass the exams as early in your career as possible. Don't wait – it only gets harder as the years go by and life fills up with other responsibilities.

What is your favorite CAS memory?

My favorite CAS memories revolve around my participation on the Candidate Advocate Working Group (formerly known as the Candidate Liaison Committee). Before I joined I really had no idea about how the CAS functioned. It was a real eye opener and the people I have connected with along the way have been great.

What is a fun fact about yourself that many people don't know about?

My wife and I have seven children – never a dull moment around our house.