# Recruiting For Diversity Casualty Actuaries of New England

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# Recruiting For Diversity: Agenda

- Business Imperative
- Framework for Action
- IABA Example

### Recruiting for Diversity: Business Imperative Defined

#### Generate or maintain a competitive advantage

- Competitive advantage
  - Ability to "pre-spond" and service a changing customer base
  - Capacity to innovate
  - Vision expansion
- Enroll
  - Hire, Engage, Retain and Mentor
- Diversity
  - Age, Race/Ethnicity, Gender, Income, Thinking style, Ability, etc.

# Recruiting for Diversity: Business Imperative – Changing Demographics

# Demographic trends will impact:

Consumers

Buying Power

Workforce



# Recruiting for Diversity: Business Imperative – Changing Demographics Examples

#### Women of Color

- 2.4 million U.S. firms
  - \$230 billion in sales annually, employing 1.6 million people

#### Hispanic/Latino

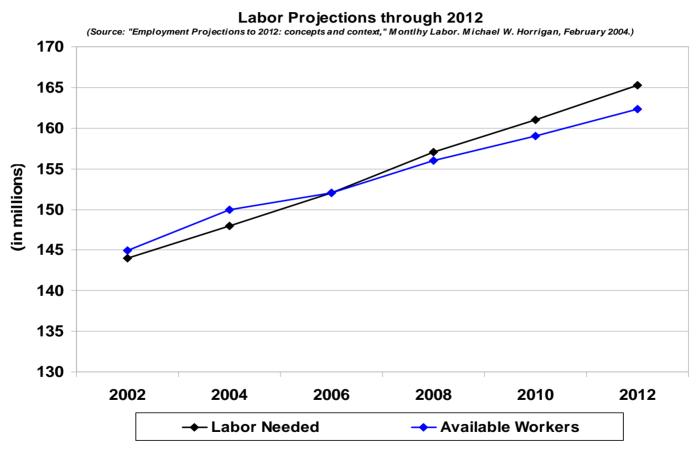
- Own 2.5 million business in the U.S.
  - Generate \$400 billion in revenues
  - Largest percentage, 7%, of any minority group
  - Fastest growing minority group

# Recruiting for Diversity: Business Imperative – Consumer Buying Power

- Hispanic/Latino \$992 billion
- African-American \$965 billion
- GLBT \$690 Billion and at \$835 billion by 2011

Asian \$528 billion

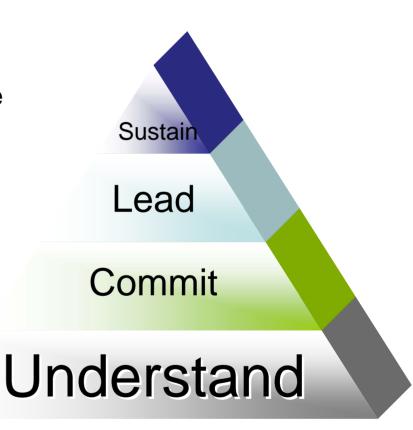
# Recruiting for Diversity: Business Imperative – Talent Labor Gap



\*Source: UNUM Buyer's Study "The Trends Employers are Facing and the Plans they are Buying," 2007.

## Recruiting for Diversity: Framework for Action

- Sustain
  - Assess & reassess to maintain competitive advantage
- Lead
  - Walk the talk
  - Build into business initiatives
- Commit
  - Take action on learning
  - Embed D&I processes
- Understand
  - Communicate & educate using common language
  - Engage to build a foundation



#### Recruiting for Diversity: Framework for Action – Look in the Mirror

- Have
  - Strengths
- Need
  - Opportunities
- Location
  - Understanding
  - Commitment
  - Biases



### Recruiting for Diversity: Framework for Action – Look Beyond the Mirror

- Vision
- Strategy
  - Internal
  - External
- Action Plan



### Recruiting for Diversity: Framework for Action – Diversity & Inclusion Best Practices

- Senior Leadership Commitment
- Diversity Training
- Academic Outreach
- Leverage Employee Networks
- Philanthropic Giving
- Multicultural Media
- Strong website communications
- Employee Survey
- Mentor Program
- Supplier Diversity
- Representative Workforce



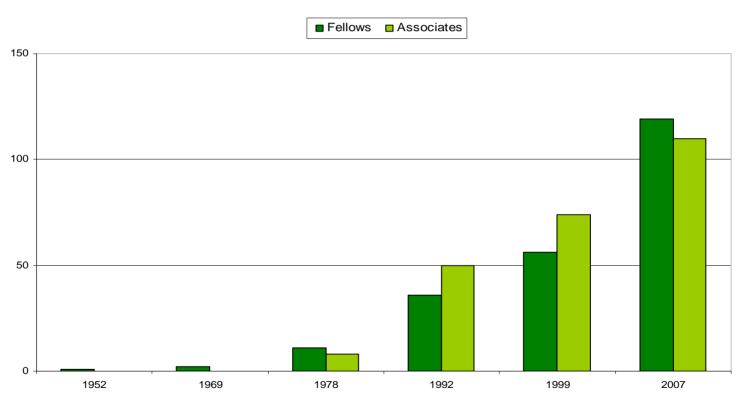
**Recruiting for Diversity Example: IABA** 

# **Recruiting For Diversity: Impact**



### **Exponential growth**

#### **Black Actuarial Designations since 1952**



## Recruiting For Diversity: Look in the mirror



- Black actuaries represent less than 1% of the profession
- Actuarial African-American firsts
  - 1952 Robert J. Randall Sr., FSA
  - 1978 Marsha M. Bera-Morris, FSA
  - 1984 Ollie Sherman, FCAS
  - 1988 Linda Shepherd, FCAS
  - 1992 Thirty fully designated actuaries
  - 1992 Inaugural meeting in Washington, DC.

# Recruiting For Diversity: Look beyond the mirror



#### **VISION**

To be the world's leading actuarial organization dedicated to influencing diversity by developing and recognizing the achievement of black actuaries

#### **MISSION**

IABA is a professional and student member organization whose mission is to contribute to an increase in the number of black actuaries.

# Recruiting for Diversity: IABA Strategy



#### Encourage Excellence

- Mentor (Professional networking and relationship building)
- Inform (High School, College/University, Exam support)
- Elevate (Recognition and Scholarships)

#### Each One Reach One

- Credentialed and aspiring actuaries from all practice areas
- Counselors, educators, staffing professionals, and students
- U.S., Caribbean countries, Africa, Canada and Europe

#### Synergistic Alliances

- -Joint CAS/SOA Committee on Actuarial Diversity
- Firms, academic institutions and associations

## **Recruiting For Diversity: Tactics**

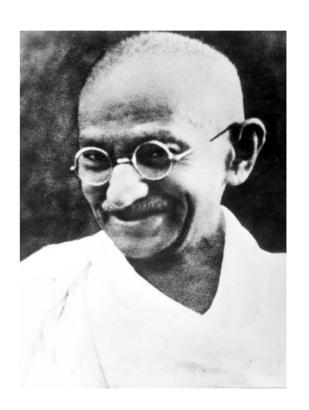


- Access
- Annual Meeting
- City affiliates
- Corporate Advisory Council
- Outreach
- Resource
  - Web site : <u>www.blackactuaries.org</u>
  - Newsletter: The Voice of IABA

# **Recruiting For Diversity:** Keys

- Look in the mirror
- Look beyond the mirror
- Get Ready
- Go, Reassess, and Grow

"Be the change you want to see in the world" Ghandi



## **Recruiting For Diversity**

## **THANK YOU!**