

ASB Welcomes Three New Members

At its February 21–23 meeting in Scottsdale, AZ, the ASB welcomed three new Board members: Albert Beer, David Kass, and Robert Meilander.

Mr. Beer is a visiting professor of insurance and actuarial practice at St. John's University's School of Risk Management, Insurance and Actuarial Science. He is a former Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) president and American Academy of Actuaries' (Academy) board member, and now serves on the board of The Actuarial Foundation.

Mr. Kass began his actuarial career with Mutual of New York before joining a Cleveland-based employee-benefit consulting firm. He then established and managed his own firm, designing pension plans and multi-employer plans for a wide range of clients. He has served on the Academy's Pension Committee and Pension Accounting Committee, and was elected to the Society of Actuaries' (SOA) Pension Section Council in 2006.

Mr. Meilander is currently vice-president–corporate actuary with Northwestern Mutual in Milwaukee, where he is responsible for valuation, modeling, and risk management activities. He led the SOA task force that developed the Commissioners' Individual Disability Table (Table C), and served as chair of the ASB's Life Operating Committee.

The Board also wishes to thank departing members Robert Miccolis, Lew Nathan, and William Reimert for their service to the Board and to the profession.

ASB Decides to Distribute Paper Copies of Documents by Request Only

The ASB has decided to streamline the process of getting information to the actuarial profession by distributing documents through the ASB website and only mailing paper copies on request. This will also ensure that you get ASOPs, exposure drafts, and other documents in a more timely fashion.

If you would like a paper copy of a document, please print it from the website. ASOPs can be found at www.actuarialstandardsboard.org/asops.htm.

Academy members and interested parties will be notified of new ASOPs via email and by announcements on the ASB website.

If you do not have access to the website, please call the ASB office at (202) 223-8196 or email Doreen Evans at evans@actuary.org to request a hard copy.

ASB Approves Second Exposure of Proposed ASOP on Unpaid Claim Estimates

The ASB has approved a second exposure of the proposed ASOP, *Property/Casualty Unpaid Claim Estimates*. The comment deadline for the document is May 1, 2007.

The ASB is releasing this second exposure draft with the intention of adopting the standard at its June 2007 meeting with a September 1, 2007, effective date unless significant comments that raise new issues are received.

To download the second exposure draft, go to www.actuarialstandardsboard.com/exposure.htm.

ASB Approves Revision of ASOP No. 24

The ASB has approved the revision of ASOP No. 24, *Compliance with the NAIC Life Insurance Illustrations Model Regulation* (Doc. No. 103; February 2007). The revised document will take effect for any work performed on or after June 30, 2007. Until that time, the old version (Doc. No. 050) will be in force.

The ASB first adopted ASOP No. 24 in 1995. Since the promulgation of the original standard, product innovation has continued. The Task Force to Revise ASOP No. 24 of the Life Committee of the ASB prepared the revision to be consistent with the current ASOP format and to update and reflect current, generally accepted actuarial practices with respect to illustrations prepared in compliance with the *Model*.

To download either of these documents for review, go to www.actuarialstandardsboard.com/asops.htm.

ASB AGENDA PROJECTS

March 2007

CASUALTY COMMITTEE ■

Subject Area	Qtr. 2007				Comments
	1	2	3	4	
Property/casualty unpaid claim estimates	SE				The ASB approved a second exposure in February. Comment deadline: May 1, 2007
ASOP No. 36 revision (statements of actuarial opinion regarding property/casualty loss and loss adjustment expense reserves)	P				The ASB has approved a proposal to revise the standard. The Casualty Committee is currently monitoring discussions within the profession to determine whether there is consensus on key issues related to disclosure requirements.

GENERAL COMMITTEE ■

Subject Area	Qtr. 2007				Comments
	1	2	3	4	
ASOP No. 38 revision (using models outside the actuary's expertise (for all practice areas))	PD				The ASB is currently discussing the overall scope of the document.

HEALTH COMMITTEE ■

Subject Area	Qtr. 2007				Comments
	1	2	3	4	
ASOP No. 3 revision (continuing care retirement communities)	E				The ASB approved an exposure draft in November. Comment deadline: April 30, 2007
ASOP No. 16 repeal (actuarial practice concerning disease management programs)	R				The ASB voted in August to expose a repeal of ASOP No. 16. The comment period for this exposure ended on February 1. The committee is reviewing the comments and revising the draft in response.

LIFE COMMITTEE ■					
Subject Area	Qtr. 2007				Comments
	1	2	3	4	
ASOP No. 24 revision (compliance with the NAIC life insurance illustrations model regulation)	F				The ASB adopted the revised ASOP No. 24 at its February 2007 meeting. The effective date is June 30, 2007.
Principles-based approach reserves	P				The task force is monitoring developments in regulation in this area and has begun work on a discussion draft.
Independent Review of Principles-Based Valuations	P				The task force is monitoring developments in regulation in this area and has begun work on a discussion draft.

PENSION COMMITTEE ■					
Subject Area	Qtr. 2007				Comments
	1	2	3	4	
ASOP No. 4 revision (measuring pension obligations and determining pension plan costs or contributions)	E				The ASB approved a third exposure draft in August 2006. The comment period for this exposure ended on March 1. The committee is reviewing comment letters and revising the draft in response.
ASOP No. 27 revision (selection of economic assumptions for measuring pension obligations)	R				The committee expects to present a proposed final ASOP to the ASB when the proposed revision of ASOP No. 4 approaches final adoption.
ASOP No. 35 revision (selection of demographic and other noneconomic assumptions for measuring pension obligations)	R				The committee expects to present a proposed final ASOP to the ASB when the proposed revision of ASOP No. 4 approaches final adoption.
Selection and use of asset valuation methods for pension valuations	E				The ASB approved a fourth exposure draft in August 2006. The comment period for this exposure ended on March 1.

Legend: **PD**—Planning/Discussion **P**—Proposal for Standard **D**—Drafting **E**—Exposure Draft
SE—Second Exposure Draft **TE**—Third Exposure Draft **R**—Revisions/Redrafting **F**—Final Pronouncement **DS**—Development Suspended

■ ASB Decides to Post Comments on Exposure Documents on ASB Website

All signed comments received on exposure drafts have always been available for review in paper form upon request. The ASB decided at its last meeting to post these comments on its website.

The guidelines for accepting comments remain as before:

- Comments where the author cannot be determined will not be considered by the ASB nor posted to the website.
- The comments will not be edited, amended, or truncated in any way.

Comments will be posted on the website in the order that they are received. Comments will be removed either when another exposure draft is issued or when final action on a proposed standard is taken.

The ASB website is a public website and all comments will be available to the general public. The ASB disclaims any responsibility for the content of the comments, which are solely the responsibility of those who submit them.

■ Looking Ahead...

The ASB will review the following documents at its June 27-28 meeting:

- Proposed ASOP, *Property/Casualty Unpaid Claim Estimates*
- Review of comments on the proposed repeal of ASOP No. 16, *Actuarial Practice Concerning Health Maintenance Organizations and Other Managed-Care Health Plans*
- Proposed repeal of ASOP No. 9, *Documentation and Disclosure in Property and Casualty Insurance Ratemaking, Loss Reserving, and Valuations*
- Proposal to revise ASOP No. 41, *Actuarial Communications*

■ Meeting Schedule of the Actuarial Standards Board

June 27–28

September 5–6

December 5–6

March 5–7, 2008 (Tentative date; location TBD)

All ASB meetings are open to the public, and attendance by interested parties is encouraged. Except for where otherwise noted, meetings take place at the American Academy of Actuaries' office in Washington, DC. Please contact the ASB office at asb@actuary.org for more information.

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