

Daphne Bartlett Honored at Annual Meeting

IN RECOGNITION OF HER MANY VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS to the actuarial profession, Daphne Bartlett received this year's Jarvis Farley Service Award at the Academy's 35th annual meeting on Oct. 30 in Palm Desert, Calif.

"Over the past 20 years, it seems that anytime our profession has needed hard work and leadership, Daphne has stepped forward to lend a hand," said Academy President Larry Johansen.

Among other distinctions, Bartlett, former senior life actuary for the California Department of Insurance, is a founding member and former vice chairperson of the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline. A former member of the Academy Board of Directors and former president of the Society of Actuaries, Bartlett chaired the task force that helped develop the Academy's initial continuing education program. She also was instrumental in the creation of *Contingencies* magazine and chaired the Joint Committee on Public Relations, which helped develop the actuarial profession's first communications plan.

Providing Objective Information

Accepting the award, Bartlett congratulated the Academy for providing policy-makers and the public with objective, unbiased information about the future of Social Security. She noted that the Academy's press conference, featuring the analysis of Academy Senior Pension Fellow Ron Gebhardtsbauer and former HCFA Chief Actuary Guy King, had received extensive news coverage. It was a goal, Bartlett said, that she and others had worked toward for many years.

"I was thrilled and proud when, in a report on MSNBC, I heard actuaries referred to not as numbers-crunchers but as a group of financiers and statisticians

who perform nonpartisan work," said Bartlett.

A collection of recent video news clips featuring the Academy's analysis of the presidential candidates' claims on Medicare and Social Security reform was screened at the Academy's luncheon meeting, which was held in conjunction with the Conference of Consulting Actuaries 50th annual meeting.

Members Are an Important Resource

In his first speech to the Academy as president, Johansen promised to continue outgoing president Steve Kern's emphasis on membership. Expanding membership, Johansen explained, provides the Academy with the resources it needs to fulfill its strategic plan.

"You, the members, are the Academy's most important resource," Johansen said.

Johansen also thanked Academy staff for their work in helping fulfill the Academy's missions of public policy and professionalism, and for their success in communicating the Academy's message to the profession and the general public.

"The work we do in professionalism and public policy is not productive unless it is effectively communicated to our various constituents," Johansen said.

In valedictory remarks, Past President Steve Kern announced the signing of a mutual recognition agreement between the Academy, the Institute of Actuaries and the Faculty of Actuaries in the United Kingdom, and the European Groupe Consultatif. The first of its kind, the agreement is intended to facilitate actuarial practice across international borders.

"Our profession is a global one," Kern said. "And international issues occupy an increasingly larger share of the Academy's agenda." ▲

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Revised Code of Professional Conduct Adopted

On Sept. 28, the Academy Board of Directors voted to adopt a revised Code of Professional Conduct. The new code takes effect Jan. 1.

The revised code was developed by the Academy's Joint Committee on the Code of Professional Conduct through an extensive exposure and comment process. A first exposure draft, released in May 1999, received more than 60 comments, and a second, released in April 2000, garnered 37 more. Based on these comments, the Joint Committee prepared a proposed final revised code for consideration by all U.S.-based actuarial organizations.

The code has also been adopted by the American Society of Pension Actuaries, the Conference of Consulting Actuaries, the Society of Actuaries and the Casualty Actuarial Society.

The revised code is enclosed with this issue of the *Update*, accompanied by a memorandum from the joint committee. The code will also appear in the Academy's 2001 *Yearbook* and be posted on its website, www.actuary.org.

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