

# Nebraska Actuaries Club

## 2004 – 2005

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The first meeting of the 2004-2005 year for the Nebraska Actuaries club was held on September 28, at the Holiday Inn Central in Omaha.

A three-part program was held. The first part of the program was entitled “Regulatory Perspectives” and was presented by Jeanne Daharsh, Dan Eckstein, and John Rink, all of whom are actuaries with the Nebraska Department of Insurance. After short presentations by each about their duties and functions at the Department, a lively question and answer session was held. The second part of the program dealt with the Society of Actuaries Exam Redesign, and was presented by Warren Luckner, the Director of the UNL Actuarial Science Program. Warren provided the audience with an overview of the new exam redesign, the reasons for the changes, and some of the transition rules. The final speaker was Joel Albizo, the Managing Director of Communications & Marketing of the Society of Actuaries. Joel discussed the Society of Actuaries’ Image Campaign, noting that the profession had the training and capabilities to do more in the business community, and just had to get that message communicated. Risk management was discussed as a possible growth area for actuaries. Thanks for Dorothy Margrave and April Behrend, both of Woodmen of the World, for helping plan the meeting as members of the Program Committee and Arrangements Committee, respectively.

Club President Linda Whitmire, Ameritas, opened the business portion of the meeting by introducing Mark Schreier, Woodmen of the World, Secretary/Treasurer, who gave his Report. Mark reported that we had 230 members and a bank balance of \$14,356.67 as we started the club’s new year. Mark introduced our new members, and announced those individuals who passed exams or received new SOA designations. Guests at the meeting were introduced, including four casualty actuaries who were interested in the club’s activities.

Max Rudolph, Mutual of Omaha, Chair of the Club’s Board of Directors, announced that the Board had approved a Lifetime Achievement Award, to be awarded occasionally to club members who had demonstrated exceptional commitment to the actuarial profession. Burt Jay, recently retired from Mutual of Omaha, was named the first recipient of the award. The award was presented to Burt by Max and Cecil Bykerk, retired.

Linda then announced results of the SOA elections. Club member Warren Luckner was elected a Vice President of the SOA, and Club member Max Rudolph was elected to the SOA’s Board of Directors. Linda then introduced the club’s Board of Directors for the 2004-2005 club year.

Bill Hanus, Ameritas, gave the report of the Scholarship Committee, introducing the members of the committee and announcing the recipients of the 3 scholarships for 2004-2005.

Linda introduced the members of the Program and Arrangements committee, and announced the programs of the meetings for the remainder of the club year. The next meeting will be held in Omaha on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the topic will be Enterprise Risk Management. The third meeting will be held in the

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spring (no date as yet) in Lincoln with a professionalism theme, and will include as a featured speaker, Steve Kellison, president-elect of the SOA. The final club meeting for the year will be the R&R meeting, to be held June 6<sup>th</sup> at Wilderness Ridge in Lincoln.

There being no further new business, Linda thanked the speakers and the Program and Arrangement Committee members and adjourned the meeting.

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