



# 2006 CAS Ballot Issues

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# Purpose of Presentation

1. Alert you that several Constitutional changes will be on the 2006 ballot
2. Let you know how to learn about these issues
3. Explain why the Board wants you to vote in favor of these initiatives



# 2006 Ballot Questions

- Governance Initiatives
- ACAS Rights



# Governance Initiatives

- Add up to three appointed Board members
- These appointments can include non actuaries
- Adding the Executive Director to the Executive Council



# ACAS Rights

1. Granting the right to vote upon the earlier of:  
Fellowship or five years after obtaining ACAS
2. Allowing five year associates to stand for  
election to the Board of Directors
3. Allowing five year associates to serve as  
officers (with some exceptions)



# Shed light on the issues and vote!





# How to Learn More

- Task Force on Governance Report

- Chaired by Allan Kaufman

<http://www.casact.org/members/reports/tfgovernance.htm>

Minutes of Board meetings – March 2006

- Report on the Task Force on the ACAS Vote

- Chaired by Amy Bouska

<http://www.casact.org/members/reports/TFACASVote.htm>

Minutes of Board meetings – May 2004, November 2005,  
January 2006, March 2006

- “Meet the Issues” section will be on our website



# The Board's Positions

- New class of Board members
- Executive Director on Executive Council
- ACAS voting rights





# The Board's Position – New Class of Board Members (1)

- New Environment for Boards
  - Sarbanes Oxley Act
  - Penrose Report and Morris Review of Profession
  - Increased responsibility for Board
  - May need expertise beyond those elected
- Better Decision-Making
  - Broader input
  - Change in dynamics of Board
  - Move away from inward thinking
  - Focus on key issues



# The Board's Position – New Class of Board Members (2)

## ■ Perception

- Change reflects prevailing opinion on governance
- Positions CAS as outward looking and forward thinking
- Other actuarial organizations have been forced to involve non-actuaries in governance

## ■ Act Now

- Current system is not broken
- If it does break, another group may take over to fix it

## ■ Intention of Board to Add

- VP Casualty Practice Council
- One non actuary



# The Board's Position – Executive Director on Executive Council

- The Constitution established the membership of the Executive Council when we did not have an Executive Director (chief staff executive)
- The change reflects our new organizational structure
- Needed to attract and retain qualified candidates



# The Board's Position – ACAS

## Voting Rights

- Voting rights unchanged since 1914; reflect a time when there was a greater difference between classes.
- Associates are an important part of the Society:
  - Many Associates contribute extensively to the profession as volunteers, on committees, as speakers and authors, etc.
  - Associates have equal practice rights.
  - Associates cannot vote even though they pay dues.
  - Many associates are suggested for positions on the preferential ballot each year, but not eligible to serve.
  - 25-30% of Associates no longer take exams.
- Ought an ACAS have the same rights as a CAS member by Mutual Recognition?



# Conclusion

- Please take the time to learn about these important issues on the 2006 ballot
- Discuss these with other members
- Vote this summer

Thank you!