



# Current CAS Issues and Directions

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# Agenda

- CAS Centennial Goal
- CAS Education Strategy and Initiatives
- New *Variance* Journal
- ERM Initiatives
- Your Input



# CAS Centennial Goal

- March 2003
  - CAS Board adopted the Centennial Goal.
- November 2006
  - LRPC presented its annual report to the Board; Board agreed to revisit the goal.
- March 2007
  - Board reaffirmed the long-term vision for CAS; approved refreshed Goal wording.



# CAS Centennial Goal

The CAS will be recognized globally as a leading resource in educating casualty actuaries and conducting research in casualty actuarial science. CAS members will advance their expertise in pricing, reserving, and capital modeling; and leverage their skills in risk analysis to become recognized as experts in the evaluation of enterprise risks, particularly for the property and casualty insurance industry.



# Update on Education Strategy

## White Paper on CAS Education Strategy

- Released in November 2006 and feedback invited via online survey through January 2007.
- Proposed:
  - *Optional tracks for Fellowship*
  - Enhanced continuing education program
  - Non-exam evaluation methods



# Update on Education Strategy

## Summary of Feedback:

- Fellowship tracks did not garner broad support – concern with impeding career mobility.
- Providing more rigorous continuing education offerings was strongly supported.
- Required workshops for basic education – some support for testing knowledge and skills.
- Desire for improved study materials.



# Update on Education Strategy

- Board has discussed feedback and ideas during three separate meetings in 2007.
- Conclusions to date:
  - Changes will be made to basic education
  - Minimizing transition issues is a priority
  - *Will not pursue Fellowship tracks*
  - Supports idea of Capstone Seminar
  - Considering Internet-based course for topics requiring only familiarity



# Update on Education Strategy

- No implementation timeline has been contemplated at this point.
- We will not have details on implementation until we first decide on the specific strategy.
- Implementation will not occur for several years.
- Implementation plan will include a transition strategy designed to minimize disruption for candidates.





# Improved Educational Materials

- Board Task Force on Developing Education Materials.
- Two Requests For Proposals for authors to create educational publications on (1) ratemaking and (2) reserving.
- Board awarded contracts following the June 2007 meeting.
  - Ratemaking – EMB America
  - Reserving – KPMG



# Candidate Code of Conduct

- Board approved adoption of a Code of Professional Ethics for Candidates, and Rules of Procedure for Disciplinary Actions Involving Candidates
- Purpose: to require Actuarial Candidates to adhere to the high standards of conduct, practice, and qualifications of the actuarial profession.
- Effective: with registration for the 2008 Spring exam sitting.



# The New CAS Journal

# Variance

● *Advancing the Science of Risk*

[www.VarianceJournal.org](http://www.VarianceJournal.org)



# ERM Initiatives

- ERM Vision
- 2008 ERM Symposium
- Online Course: Introduction to ERM
- ERM Sessions at meetings and seminars



# ERM for CAS Committee

- Prioritized actuarial credibility as the most important strategic risk for the CAS.
- Developed Crisis Communication Plan.
- Addressed catastrophe risk as it pertains to:
  - CAS Office (Disaster Recovery Plan)
  - CAS Web Site



# CERA

## Chartered Enterprise Risk Analyst

- What is CERA?
  - New Associate-level credential offered by the SOA.
- CAS position:
  - In 2005, the CAS Board resolved that at this time, the Board discourages consideration of an independent ERM credential sponsored by the actuarial profession.



# CERA

## Chartered Enterprise Risk Analyst

- CAS position:
  - The CAS, in conjunction with the Joint Risk Management Section, should focus on enhancing the role of actuaries in ERM by:
    - Providing continuing education on ERM;
    - Conducting research to address unanswered ERM questions (e.g., operational risks, risk aggregation)
    - Promoting actuarial skills in addressing ERM issues; and
    - Exploring possible changes to the CAS basic education syllabus – risk management focused



# Future Events

- Webinar on Risk of Material Adverse Deviation  
December 7, 2007
- CAS Online Course: Enterprise Risk  
Management  
January 4-22, 2008, CAS Web Site
- Seminar on Ratemaking  
March 17-18, 2008, Boston
- ERM Symposium  
April 14-16, 2008, Chicago





# I welcome your input regarding . . .

- CAS Centennial Goal
- CAS Education Strategy and Initiatives
- The new CAS Publication - Variance
- ERM Initiatives
- Questions?



Thank You!

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