

## Minutes of the Actuarial Educators Subcommittee Conference Call

15 March 2011

### **Attendees:**

Andrew Gladwin, Chairperson  
Jim Daniels, Vice-Chairperson  
Derrick Asamoah Owusu  
Curtis Huntington  
Iain MacDonald  
Pete Murdza  
John Sheppard  
David Wilmot  
Christian Levac, IAA Secretariat

1. Andrew welcomed Derrick who attended his first call and Christian who has taken over for Veronica as the IAA Secretariat staff support person.
2. The minutes of the previous call were approved.

### **Action Items from previous items**

#1: Membership Form: Completed

#2: Australian Actuarial Educators Conference Papers: John confirmed that he has received acceptance for one paper and he still needs to get approval for the other papers. John will send the links to Christian by mid-April for the Education Resources pages. John suggested that perhaps a small summary for each paper would be useful.

#3: Link from the AEN Subcommittee page to go to the Actuarial Educators Network site.

*Secretarial Note: The link has now been added.*

### **3. Website Development**

Andrew indicated that he has sent to Christian the final modifications for specialties for the membership signup form. It was suggested that prospective members would be able to select multiple subjects. Christian confirmed that the form had been set up with checkboxes so that members could select one or many specialties.

A button will be added to the main menu bar which will direct members to the membership form.

Derrick asked whether it was possible to create a publicity poster which would allow members to be circulated within their universities.

#### **4. Involvement in Regional Meetings**

Colombia: Christian will ask Veronica regarding the proposed meeting in Latin America.

*Secretarial Note: Eduardo has confirmed that he will be able to represent the AEN at the IAA Fund Seminar in Colombia planned for 30-31 August 2011. He has offered to make a presentation, which would be prepared with your direction. Andrew will contact him directly for further information. Andrew suggested that a standard presentation for the IAA Fund meeting should be created by end of June. The presentation would be translated to Spanish for the Latin America meeting.*

The meeting of the Balkan countries following the IAA meetings in Zagreb is proceeding as planned. There is also a planned meeting in Kenya in November.

Curtis reported that that a presentation will also be made to the Slovenian association in Ljubljana.

David reported that he attended the Global Conference of Actuaries in Mumbai. He indicated that the Indian profession, although a long established association, was still in the process of developing its university-based actuarial program. Students are currently taking UK and US examinations, but they were interested in increasing the number of actuarial programs at lower costs. He also reported that at least 80% of the attendance was from students and also a large number of reinsurers were present. David will send the names of the contacts that he met and will circulate them to Andrew and Christian.

The Actuarial Research Conference in 2013 will take place at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Information was not available for the next UK Actuarial Research Conference. John was not aware of the next Australian conference but would seek further information from the Institute of Actuaries of Australia.

**Action Item:** Christian will add the known events IAA actuarial events calendar.

#### **5. Actuaries Without Borders (AWB)**

Andrew reported that at the previous meeting it had been suggested to add someone from the AWB Education Subcommittee and confirmed that Pete Murdza had been added. Andrew will also be added to the AWB Education Subcommittee. Pete gave a brief report on the AWB education projects. With regards to Tunisia, they had made an initial request which Pete had responded to, but no further responses had been received, most likely because of the political situation taking place in Tunisia. With regards to Azerbaijan, Pete reported that the USAID had contacted AWB to offer educational assistance by having a series of courses. As the AEN might start providing these opportunities to its members, a new website menu item would be needed to list the education opportunities.

Derrick indicated that there is a need for assistance in Ghana, such as education/teaching materials, computers, examiners, etc. Andrew indicated that this would appear to be a task for the Advice &

Assistance Committee and the Africa Subcommittee, with assistance from the African Development Bank. Andrew suggested that it would be important for Derrick to attend the Nairobi conference in order help coordinate the needs in sub-Saharan Africa. Jim asked about the internet access in Africa and whether companies such as BPP could provide support in Africa, if access was possible. **Action Item:** For IAA Fund meetings, this issue should be addressed.

## **6. News Release**

Andrew indicated that Nicole had asked Andrew to prepare some text for an upcoming IAA News Release. The news releases are sent to the IAA announcement list, as well as actuarial employers and contacts in supranational organizations. The news release will be sent out in the next week. Andrew will draft the text and circulate to the AEN for comments.

## **7. Membership List**

There were a few minor updates to the letter which were required. Christian will re-circulate the letter once again with the modifications. It was pointed out there was currently a lack of representation from continental Europe on the AEN.

Jim asked about the process for adding new AEN. Christian reported that information for new members would be added to the database and the email addresses would be added to the listserv. Individuals for whom we already have an email address would also be asked to complete their database information and specialty areas. The letter for Correspondents has been agreed by Mary Frances and will be sent under her name and Andrew's.

## **8. Next meeting**

It was suggested that the next meeting would take place around mid-May at around noon GMT. Christian will setup a doodle poll to confirm availability.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian Levac