

ASC – Towards Tomorrow

Presidents' Forum

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Agenda

- ASC's Terms of Reference
- What constituents are saying
- Medium-term plans
- Longer-term plans
- Discussion

Abbreviated IAA strategy (2010, as amended)

- ASC to develop high quality, principles based, model standards of actuarial practice (ISAPs) for consideration by the member associations (MAs) and other relevant bodies
 - In doing so, the IAA follows a carefully developed Due Process (DP)
 - Since ISAPs are model standards they are, per se, not binding on any actuary
- “MAs and other actuarial standard-setting bodies are encouraged to give serious consideration ... to acting upon each ISAP in a manner that is consistent with the needs of ... those who are subject to the body’s standards”
 - The IAA encourages voluntary “medium” convergence of actuarial standards
=> work towards “substantial consistency” of local standards with ISAPs
- EC regularly reviews ASC mandate

Recent Feedback from MAs

(based on experience to date)

- Feedback on Statements of Intent, Exposure and Final Drafts from constituents is lively (e.g. typically 15 - 25 commenters)

We believe that this process of interaction is important in order to ...

- ... continuously maintain ISAPs at a high standard
- ... enhance the ASC's understanding of the MAs' needs and
- ... heighten the Mas' understanding of the ASC's remit

General themes in MA's Feedback

(1/2)

C: ISAPs should be more prescriptive and deal with specific topics

R: ASC's remit is to produce principles-based standards. A set of "criteria" has been developed that an issue must satisfy to be dealt with in an ISAP – not always easy

C: There should be better synchronization between all ISAPs

R: Legitimate target that can usually not be achieved perfectly in view of the Due Process

C: Improve wording / clarity, enhance simplicity

R: This is an area we continue to work on – not always easy

General themes in MA's Feedback

(2/2)

C: Some comments are wrong or based on misunderstandings

R: These we can typically address and resolve

C: Make educational material available simultaneously with ISAPs

R: Legitimate target but probably not even possible. It would require onerous coordination with other committees (that publish IANs)

Plans for the medium term

– assuming current IAA strategy for ISAPs

- Not only encourage further acceptance of ISAPs (>50% of MAs have high acceptance of ISAP 1)!
- Intensify dialogue with the MAs

Speed up the “getting-to-understand-each-other” as to ...

- ASC’s terms of Reference and role of ASC
- Due Process
- Content of ISAPs
- etc.

- Webcasts at ED and ISAP stages
- Standards seminar during committee meetings every 2-3 yrs

Suggestions for the longer term

- Regarding the IAA's strategy on ISAPs

The ASC offers its assistance to the EC in the current strategy development. We have provided valuable input in the past (e.g. risk mitigation, Due Process drafting)

- If there is a change in strategy : How about conducting a survey of Mas views – 7 years after first adoption

**My aim
Today:**

**Feedback from you on the
current / future work of the ASC**

