Standard Setters Round Table
(Taken Within the IAA’s Professionalism Committee Meeting)
Tuesday, 19 November 2019; Approximately 14:00 -15:15
Room: Kaede B
The Westin Tokyo Hotel, Tokyo, Japan
Minutes

Chairperson: Dave Pelletier

The list of attendees can be found at the end of these minutes.

1. Very brief explanation of SSRT presence/meeting within the PC meeting

Dave Pelletier, Chair of the SSRT, gave a brief explanation of the SSRT presence/meeting within the IAA’s Professionalism Committee (PC) meeting with reference to the SSRT Minutes Washington D.C., and thanked David Martin, Chair of the PC, for the time allowed for the SSRT.

2. Identification of those in the room there specifically for SSRT – raising hands

A noticeable number raised their hands. A list of SSRT members present at the meeting can be found at the end of these minutes.

3. IFRS 17 update - what the various actuarial standards-setters are doing

Dave invited members in the room to share what the local standard setters are doing with respect to IFRS 17 and started with his update from Canada.

Canada – The CIA via the Actuarial Standards Board of Canada will adopt ISAP 4 essentially as is. The one open issue is whether there should be direction as to what discount rate to use, with different views on this.

Ireland – no decision yet as to whether to adopt ISAP 4. Unless there is some need, they would be slow to adopt. They are reviewing their existing standards and removing some, under the concept that “less is more”. They are focussing more on educational material and will be more interested in IAN 100.

Germany – focusing on educational material, including risk margin for non-life. Eventually there will be a standard and that will likely incorporate ISAP 4, but for now they will be focusing on education.

UK – over next 2 to 3 months they will deliberate on how they will adopt/adapt ISAP 4. Their standards say “must” rather than “should”. They have “standards” that say “must”, “recommended practice” that say “should”, and then guidance. They are looking at ISAP 4 as “recommended practice”. UK is focussing more on educational material.

Norway – Implemented ISAP 1 and will be implementing ISAP 4. They will have some Q&A to accompany this, trying to engage their members with standards.
Australia – No formal consideration as yet, but will likely adopt ISAP 4 in one form or another.

Russia – no decision has been made yet. The regulator will probably apply IFRS 17 only for public companies. ISAP 4 may be implemented within the Russian Guild.

AAE – They will not be developing a standard on IFRS 17. They will leave it up to their member associations, some of which may well utilize ISAP 4.

Japan – don’t plan on developing their own standard. They are monitoring ISAP 4 and IAN 100.

4. Brief country updates
The following written summary of country updates were received for inclusion in the minutes:

- **Canadian Institute of Actuaries**
- **Deutsche Aktuarvereinigung e.V. DAV**
- **Financial Reporting Council UK**
- **Society of Actuaries in Ireland**
- **Het Koninklijk Actuarieel Genootschap - Netherlands**
- **Institute and Faculty of Actuaries - UK**
- **Israel Association of Actuaries**

Members were encouraged to reach out to the relevant members if they had any questions.

5. **Presentation by Dave Pelletier on standard-setting structure and process in Canada**, as discussed at both SSRT and PC meetings in Washington

Dave made a presentation covering a bit of history, the governance and structure, the Canadian standard setting process, Canadian actuarial standards and Canada’s approach to dealing with ISAPs. ([Click here for the presentation slides](#)).

The Canadian Institute of Actuaries and the Canadian Actuarial Standards Board are both supportive of IAA’s strategic objective of global convergence of actuarial standards, where useful and appropriate (e.g. supporting IFRS 17), over time.

The integrated nature of Canadian standards makes direct adoption of ISAPs difficult for now, but they will continue to strive for “substantial consistency” where appropriate. ISAPs 1, 1A, 2, and 3 have been helpful in making modifications / additions to existing Canadian standards, while retaining the Canadian format and terminology.

The intent is to adopt ISAP 4 as is (with potentially only minor adjustments for terminology). No decisions have been made regarding ISAPs 5 and 6.

There was Q&A and discussion during and following the presentation.

6. **Mention of interesting table produced by Ann Muldoon** – with caveats she’s requested:
   a. Clarifications/corrections by reps from the countries included in the table
   b. Questions from others
Dave acknowledged Ann Muldoon’s table which compared the standard setting process across 6 jurisdictions. Dave mentioned that Simon Wasserman will be the FRC’s representative on the SSRT replacing Ann.

7. **Choosing of next chair of SSRT** – a one-year term (N.B. Dave Pelletier not eligible for re-election)

The discussion quickly turned to whether the SSRT should continue at all as a separate entity. A vote of those in the room in the capacity of SSRT members showed a strong preference for terminating the SSRT in its current form, but asking the PC to devote part of its future agendas to updates on actuarial standard-setting by the IAA FMAs and by other standard-setters (e.g., the UK’s FRC and Canada’s ASB). Birgit Kaiser agreed to make a presentation on standard-setting in Germany and to coordinate with David Martin.

Dave thanked the SSRT members for their support during his tenure as Chair. The members thanked Dave for his leadership in 2019.

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**Attendance List**

**Members**

Dave Pelletier *(Chair)*  (Canadian) Actuarial Standards Board  
Thomas Béhar  Institut des Actuaires  
Andrew Chamberlain  Chair, IAA Actuarial Standards Committee  
Chang Im  Institute of Actuaries of Korea  
Birgit Kaiser  Deutsche Aktuarvereinigung e. V. (DAV)  
Ben Kemp  Institute and Faculty of Actuaries  
Yvonne Lynch  Society of Actuaries in Ireland  
Hillevi Mannonen  Actuarial Association of Europe  
David Martin  Chair, IAA Professionalism Committee  
Greg Martin  Actuaries Institute Australia  
Helge-Ivar Magnussen  Den Norske Aktuarforening  
Irina Melnikova  Russian Guild of Actuaries  
Minoru Ouchi  Institute of Actuaries of Japan  
Simon Wasserman  Financial Reporting Council UK  
Peter Withey  Actuarial Society of South Africa

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