

2021 Life Meeting

The Society of Actuaries would like to thank all the moderators and presenters at the 2021 Life Meeting for their outstanding contributions to this year's event.

Session 1A: Actuarial Research and COVID: Cause of Death and Community Mitigation Behavior

- Cynthia MacDonald, FSA, MAAA
- David N. Ingram, FSA, CERA, MAAA

Session 1B: InsurTechs and Actuaries

- Blake A. Hill, FSA, FCIA
- Carrie L. Kelley, FSA, MAAA
- Laura J. Bennett, FSA, CFA

Session 1C: Earnings Pressure Impact on Annuity Product Development and the Insurance Linked Securities Market

- Nicholas E. Carbo, FSA, MAAA
- Tiffany E. Norman, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Benjamin L. Keslowitz, FSA, MAAA
- Liam Martens

Session 1D: Life Illustration Testing Workshop

- Donna C. Megregian, FSA, MAAA
- Steven J. Ferrara, FSA, MAAA
- Michael D. Cremisi, FSA, MAAA

Session 1E: Model Efficiency Techniques and Model Governance Practices

- Zohair A. Motiwalla, FSA, MAAA
- Aatman N. Dattani, ASA
- Douglas L. Drabek, FSA, MAAA

Session 1F: NAIC Key Topics

- Donna R. Claire, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- David E. Neve, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Thomas A. Campbell, FSA, CERA, MAAA

Session 2A: What Would You Do?

- Scott D. Haglund, FSA, MAAA, FLMI
- John W. Hadley, BS

Session 2B: Ethical Implications of Big Data, Predictive Models and Artificial Intelligence

- Amber F. Ruiz, FSA, MAAA
- Dorothy L. Andrews, ASA, MAAA
- Jordan Durllester

Session 2C: Life Insurance and Annuity Taxation with Recent IRS Section 7702 Changes

- Mary E. Caramagno, FSA, MAAA
- Jean Baxley, JD, LLM
- Yaohua (Aria) Zhou, ASA, CERA, MAAA

Session 2D: Evolution of Underwriting in an Ever-Changing Environment

- Michelle L. Lerch, FSA, MAAA
- Alfred Mele
- Philip L. Adams, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Joseph T. Pickett, FSA, MAAA

Session 2E: Fixed Annuity PBR - Regulator and Framework Updates

- Benjamin M. Slutsker, FSA, MAAA
- Bruce D. Sartain, FSA, MAAA
- Vincent Y. Y. Tsang, FSA, MAAA
- Christopher M. Conrad, FSA, MAAA

Session 2F: LDTI Data - Actuarial and IT Partnership Roundtable

- Gene Paul Del Castillo San Valentin, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Benjamin J. Hanley, FSA, MAAA
- Arthur Heezen
- Brian J. Foley, FSA, MAAA
- Stephen Rueff

Session 3A: Actuarial Modeling in a Transformed World

- Curtis M. Clingerman, FSA, MAAA
- Mathieu Plasse, FSA
- Jack Pizzo, ASA

Session 3B: A Tale of Two Technical Disciplines: IT and Actuarial

- Melanie Dunn, FSA, MAAA
- Amanda Hug, FSA, MAAA
- Jennifer L. Marquino, FSA, MAAA

Session 3C: Variable and Fixed Indexed Annuity - Policyholder Behavior Experience Update and Modeling

- Erik Pronovost, FSA, CERA
- Marianne C. Purushotham, FSA, MAAA
- Bingjie Li, FSA

Session 3D: Universal Life with Secondary Guarantees: Emerging Issues and Hot Topics

- Chris Whitney, FSA, MAAA
- Timothy M. Donovan, FSA, MAAA
- Christopher Halloran, FSA
- Patrick Davidson, FSA, CERA
- Denise S. Frame, ASA

Session 3E: Real World ESGs and the NAIC's ESG Project

- Jason E. Kehrberg, FSA, MAAA
- Stephen J. Strommen, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Hal W. Pedersen, ASA, PhD
- Albert J. Zlogar, FSA, MAAA

Session 3F: LDTI - Disclosure Production Deep Dive

- Douglas A. Adams, FSA
- Aaron J. Hartman, FSA
- Matthew M. Zhang, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Scot A. Glasford, FSA, MAAA

Session 4A: Cultural Diversity at Work: How Global Cultures Influence Organizational and Leadership Cultures

- Suri Surinder
- Kathryn A. Rook, FSA, MAAA

Session 4B: Projecting Life and Annuity Mortality Improvement

- Larry N. Stern, FSA, MAAA
- Patrick Wiese, ASA
- Jean-Marc Fix, FSA, MAAA

Session 4C: Pricing with New Technology

- Dayuan (Tom) Mao, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Neil Raden

Session 4D: How to Right-Size Model Governance: Practical Considerations and Lessons Learned

- Roujie (Joy) Chen, FSA, CERA
- Joshua S. Y. Chee, FSA, MAAA
- Kathleen Kervick, FSA, CERA, MAAA

Session 4E: LDTI Earnings Analysis for Life Products

- Kevin P. Desmond, FSA, MAAA
- Sam M. Steinmann, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Brandon A. Wright, FSA

Session 4F: Premium Leakage - Are Your Case Setup and Billing Processes Hurting Your Bottom Line?

- Jessica Vanscavish
- Michael Young
- Dan Watt

Session 5A: How to Manage Unclean Data in R

- Harrison Jones, ASA
- Shing Lai Bryan Liu, ASA, ACIA

Session 5B: From Technical Professional to Leader

- Raymond E. DiDonna, FSA
- Brenna R. Gardino, FSA, MAAA

Session 5C: Assumption Setting in an Uncertain World

- David Alison, FSA
- Robert A. Hanes, FSA, MAAA
- Emily Belmonte, ASA, MAAA

Session 5D: Pivot Time: Key Considerations for IFRS 17 Implementation

- Tim R. Bishop, FSA, FCIA
- Daron J. Yates, FSA, MAAA
- Shoaib Soofi, FSA
- Christopher J. Townsend, FCIA, FCAS
- Stephen Bishop

Session 5E: Importance of Strategic Asset Allocation in a Rapidly Changing Macro Environment

- Philip Mowbray
- Marjan Berg, FSA
- Adam Koursaris

Session 5F: Premium Leakage - How Outdated Claims Systems are Losing You Money

- Janene Jonas
- Dan Watt
- Ann Marie Leary

Session 6A: How InsurTechs Drive Value by Improving the Customer Journey

- Joseph Alaimo, ASA, ACIA
- Joe Alvarez
- Adnan M. Haque
- Mike Plazony, FLMI

Session 6B: Product Development Roundtable - Addressing the Challenges of the Last Year

- Donna C. Megregian, FSA, MAAA
- Paul Fedchak, FSA, MAAA
- Kathryn M. van Ryn, FSA, MAAA

Session 6C: Cause of Death Trends and Evolving Views on Mortality

- Mary Beth Ramsay, FSA, MAAA
- Carolyn C. Covington, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Colleen M. Murray, FSA, MAAA
- Tracy A. Yantosh, ASA, MAAA

Session 6D: The Importance of Joint Credit-Market Risk Modeling

- Tomer Yahalom, PhD
- Brett Manning, PhD

Session 6E: NAIC Group Capital Calculation and Other Group Capital Measures

- Ji-Eun Choi, MAAA, PhD
- Joshua D. Dobiac, JD, MS, CAIA
- Carlos Arocha, FSA

Session 6F: LDTI Impact Analysis – What are Insurers Finding?

- Gavin T. Stewart, FSA, MAAA
- Michael C. Hayes, FSA, MAAA
- Xiaoxiao (Christie) Shi, FSA, CERA

Session 7A: Data Science for an Everyday Actuary

- Yang Jing, FSA, MAAA
- Kenneth Qian, FSA, MAAA

Session 7B: Variable Annuity In-Force Management

- Yuan Tao, FSA, MAAA
- Parul Bhatia, MAAA

Session 7C: A Discussion of Real-World vs Risk-Neutral Models

- Daniel B. Finn, FCAS
- Nyan Paing Tin, ASA
- Eric N. Berg, CFA, CPA, CIPM

Session 7D: Emerging Trends in Lapse and Mortality for Life Products

- Boyang Meng, ASA
- Kevin P. Larsen, ASA, MAAA
- Kimberly M. Steiner, FSA, MAAA

Session 7E: Model Risk Management for Models Using Advanced Analytics

- Yifei (Dennis) Lu, FSA, CERA, FCIA
- Kramer G. Howell, FSA, CERA
- Hong (Vincent) Chen, FSA

Session 7F: A New Frontier for Reinsurance Accounting - LDTI vs. IFRS 17

- Kyle B. Stolarz, FSA, MAAA
- Ying Zhao, FSA, MAAA
- Xuan Deng, FSA, MAAA

Session 8A: Use of Electronic Health Records in the Assessment of Life and Health Risks

- Priya Dwarakanath, FSA, FIA, MAAA
- Daniel Meier
- Nichole Myers, FALU, FLMI, AIRC, ARA, ACS
- Timothy W. Smith, ASA, MAAA

Session 8B: Proxy Discrimination in Life Insurance

- Brian G. Bayerle, FSA, MAAA
- Hareem Naveed
- Jeffrey L. Johnson, FSA, MAAA
- Michael A. Cusumano, FSA, MAAA

Session 8C: Variable Annuity Hedging - Why or Why Not?

- Nelson C. Lum, FSA, ACIA, MAAA
- Michael J. Beck, FSA
- Craig D. Kronlund, FSA, MAAA
- Patrick McAllister

Session 8D: Three Years After Model Conversion: How's it Going?

- Andrew A. Weeks, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Jordan M. Edwards, FSA, MAAA
- Alexander Zaidlin, FSA, ACIAS, MAAA
- Benjamin C. Farnsworth, FSA, CERA, MAAA

Session 8E: Insurance M&A Valuation Methodologies and Considerations

- Simon Li, FSA, CERA
- Andrew G. Steenman, FSA, MAAA
- Kenneth R. Fisher, ASA, MAAA
- Gregory J. Roemelt, FSA, MAAA

Session 8F: Smaller Insurance Company Chief Actuary and Appointed Actuary Forum

- Stefanie J. Porta, ASA, FLMI, MAAA
- William M. Sayre, FSA, MAAA
- Mark J. DeVries, FSA, CERA, MAAA

Session 9A: ASOP 56 - Modeling Begins in the Middle: Don't Forget the Beginning and the End

- Benjamin C. Farnsworth, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Emily Belmonte, ASA, MAAA
- Allison Menditto, ASA

Session 9B: SOA PLT Study - Traditional Analysis Highlights and Predictive Modeling Results

- Rebecca M. Reppert, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Julien Tomas, PhD
- Chia-Yan (Joanne) Yang
- Mark P. Rosa, ASA, MAAA

Session 9C: Registered Index Linked Annuity Market Update

- Nicholas E. Carbo, FSA, MAAA
- Richard L. Hayes, ASA, CERA, MAAA
- Andrew C. Jenkins, FSA, CERA, MAAA

Session 9D: MRBs - Special Considerations for Fixed Indexed Annuities

- John A. Adduci, FSA, MAAA
- Jeremy P. Heater, FSA, MAAA
- Jinjie (Jill) Chen, FSA, MAAA
- Robert E. Winawer, FSA, MAAA

Session 9E: Disability Insurance: Considerations for Future Individual and Group Morbidity Experience

- R. Dale Hall, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- James M. Filmore, FSA, MAAA

Session 9F: Emerging Actuarial Technology and Modeling Tools

- Eric J. Wolfe, FSA
- Andrew T. Smith, FSA, MAAA
- Yueting (Ally) Zhang, FSA, CERA
- Muneeb Ghani
- Arthur M. da Silva, FSA, ACIA

Closing General Session: Professionalism for Life & Valuation Actuaries - What Would you Do If...

- David Schraub, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Benjamin L. Marshall, FSA, CERA, FCIA, MAAA
- Mike A. Boot, FSA, MAAA

On-Demand Session: Avoiding Statistical Pitfalls in Actuarial Work

- Douglas L. Robbins, FSA, MAAA

On-Demand Session: Resurrecting the White Swan Mindset: How Much More Can Be Forecast

- David Schraub, FSA, CERA, MAAA
- Guntram Werther
- Max J. Rudolph, FSA, CERA, MAAA

On-Demand Session: SOA Research - Emerging Technologies and their Impact on Actuarial Science

- Arthur M. da Silva, FSA, ACIA
- Yiqin (Yvonne) Zhang, FSA, CERA