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## CCA NEWS / CONTINUING EDUCATION

# Highlights from the 2015 Enrolled Actuaries Meeting

Over 800 actuaries and guests attended the Enrolled Actuaries Meeting from Sunday, April 12 to Wednesday, April 15, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC.

Topics timely and relevant to Enrolled Actuaries were presented on issues impacting specific areas of interest to pension actuaries. Attendees shared the following feedback in the evaluation when asked what they liked about EA 2015 continuing education sessions:

“The EA Meeting has always been and remains the best meeting for pension actuaries because of its intense technical content and extensive access to government speakers. I have attended more than 25 EA meetings and, for the most part, all I can say is ‘keep up the good work!’ ”

“As always, I find that the quantity and quality of the content at this meeting is better than other industry conferences.”

“I like the lively interchange between the audience and the speakers—I think that adds a lot!”

“The networking is incredibly valuable. Having such a wide menu of technical topics (corporate, public and multi) to choose from is also good.”

There were several sessions during which representatives from the Internal Revenue Service, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. (PBGC), Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries (JBEA), and/or Actuarial Standards Board (ASB), respectively, offered insights to participants.

Among the best attended and best reviewed of the meeting’s many sessions were the following:

- Ethical Dilemmas (Session 302)
- Dialogue With the IRS/Treasury (Session 801)
- Plan Specific Mortality and Credibility (Session 701)
- Settling Pension Liabilities (Session 203)
- Into the Future – Selecting Investment Return Assumptions (Session 505)
- Working With New Mortality Tables (Session 406)
- Multiemployer Plans–Life Beyond PPA (Session 106)
- Risk Metrics and Disclosures for Public Plans (Session 705)



Participants enjoyed a number of networking opportunities with colleagues to exchange ideas and catch up with long-time friends between sessions in the Exhibit Hall, as well as during Tuesday's Reception.

The EA Meeting is now "green," with handouts provided to participants on CD-ROM and through the meeting's mobile app. CCA members may also access handouts from the meeting through the CPD/CE Archive section of the CCA website.

We would like to thank the speakers who volunteered their time and expertise for contributing to the success of this year's meeting, and we hope that you plan to join us for the 2016 Enrolled Actuaries Meeting from April 10-13, 2016 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC.

## 2015 Enrolled Actuaries Meeting Materials Available

Whether you were unable to attend or would like a "refresher" of the sessions you attended, there are EA Meeting-related items available for purchase to provide that information for you through the CCA Online Store.

If you were unable to attend the EA Meeting, a Session Handouts CD-ROM contains the handouts from this year's meeting, and is available for \$175.

Most sessions were professionally recorded and are available in MP3 format on compact discs for \$295. Please note that this is the last year sessions will be recorded.

The Super Gray Book consists of two volumes of materials, and each volume is available for \$125 per copy.

- Volume One contains the materials released between 1990 and 2009, including a searchable index to these editions.
- Volume Two contains the materials released since 2010, including the new 2015 materials and a searchable index to the entire twenty-four-year set.

The 2015 Gray Book Update is available for purchase in a single-year format at a cost of \$75. The update CD (which contains the Gray Book, PBGC Blue Book, and an updated index) is ideal for those who have purchased the editions of the Super Gray Book through 2014.

Visit our website for purchase details for CD-ROMs of the Enrolled Actuaries Meeting handouts, audio recordings of the sessions, the Super Gray Book and more.



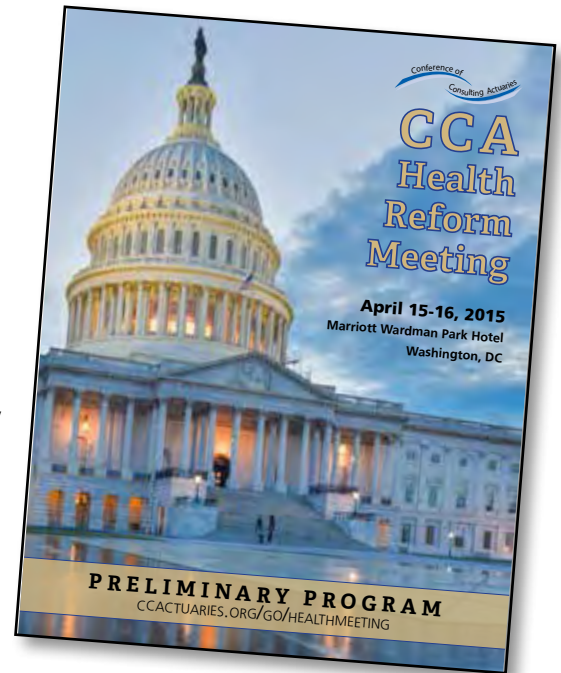
## CCA Health Reform Meeting

Providing health actuaries and other healthcare professionals a chance to hear the latest developments on the Affordable Care Act, the April 14–15, 2015 CCA Health Reform Meeting doubled the attendance of our inaugural event.

Held immediately after the EA Meeting at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC, the meeting featured sessions on a variety of healthcare reform issues that offer relevant education for providers, carriers and employers. Sessions included:

- Medicare Office of the Actuary and the Health Reform Process
- Perspectives on Healthcare Cost Trends
- The Changing Pharmacy Landscape
- Perspectives on Rate Filings and Review
- Health Actuary of the Future
- Open Forum: Actuarial Impact of Medicaid Expansion (or Not)
- Size Matters: Challenges Ahead for Small, Medium & Large Employers
- Cadillac Plan Tax: What You Need to be Thinking About Now in Advance of 2018
- Payment Reform & Quality Measurement: Effective Provider Risk Management

We thank the speakers for their time and participation, as well as the members of the CCA Health Reform Meeting Program Committee, who are already making plans for the 2016 meeting.



# CCA Annual Meeting

October 25-28, 2015

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point  
Bonita Springs, Florida

## The Meeting

### “The Premier Meeting for Consulting Actuaries”

The CCA Board of Directors and Annual Meeting Program Committee thoroughly review our post-meeting evaluations and thoughtfully assemble the best meeting possible, selecting resort venues offering a blend of recreation and atmosphere that caters to all.



## The Venue

### Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa

No other southwest Florida Gulf Coast resort is quite like Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. Everything you could wish for to fill your days can be found at this lavish resort, beautifully situated on 26 lush acres overlooking Estero Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Pamper yourself in its world-class spa. Challenge yourself on the championship golf course. Play tennis, plunge into the many pools, swim on the private beach, even climb a rock wall or kayak through the mangroves.

## The Sessions

Tailor your Annual Meeting experience to match your specific needs and interests. Sample from a wide spectrum of sessions on Healthcare, Public Plans, International Issues, Consulting Skills, and Pensions, or select a full track in any of these specialty areas and you'll come away with all the latest knowledge.

## The Networking

The CCA Annual Meeting provides prime networking opportunities with the leaders of the profession. You'll have opportunities to meet with friends, colleagues, peers and mentors at breaks between sessions and at our luncheon and evening gala. Our Tuesday Afternoon Community Forums provide a unique opportunity for actuaries to exchange outlooks on subjects such as:

- Healthcare (Consultants and Providers)
- Public Plans
- Smaller Consulting Firms
- Emerging Leaders
- Social Media

Make your plans to join us in Bonita Springs! Visit [www.ccaactuaries.org/go/annualmeeting](http://www.ccaactuaries.org/go/annualmeeting) for details.



## Seeking Session Assistants for 2015 CCA Annual Meeting

Would you like to gain exposure within the profession? Consider participating as a Session Assistant at the next Annual Meeting. Responsibilities may include setting up pre-planning conference call(s) for session presenters, writing a summary of specific sessions, collecting continuing education forms, and other duties as requested by the session moderator.

Actuaries new to the profession or volunteering are especially encouraged to consider serving in this capacity as it is an excellent way to network into other continuing education opportunities and potentially participate in future speaking opportunities.

Sign up now to volunteer for the CCA Annual Meeting.

## Get Involved With the Conference of Consulting Actuaries Become a Volunteer – It's Easy!

If you seek to further your professional career through volunteering and you want to help ensure that the CCA is better able to serve the needs of all of its members, the leadership team of the CCA invites you to become an active volunteer participant.

The Conference of Consulting Actuaries has committees, task forces and emerging issues working groups that are comprised of volunteers.

To sign up as a volunteer, visit our website: [www.ccactuaries.org/governance/volunteer.cfm](http://www.ccactuaries.org/governance/volunteer.cfm)

Experienced CCA volunteers are encouraged to volunteer for the Board of Directors. To help you weigh whether this is a match for your talents, consider the duties involved:

[www.ccactuaries.org/governance/board-volunteer-duties.pdf](http://www.ccactuaries.org/governance/board-volunteer-duties.pdf)

## New CCA Website Launch Coming Soon

Set for launch at the beginning of September, the new CCA website features improved navigation and upgraded functionality to better serve members and meeting registrants through a customized design that displays differently for desktop, phone, and tablet users. Later this summer, an additional website upgrade will provide members with a leading-edge communications application that will make it easier for members to participate in our communities.

Watch for CCA's e-mail announcements for more information.



## CCA 2015 Audio/Webcast Series

Keep up with the latest developments and earn your CE credits by participating in CCA's Audio/Webcasts. You may participate online or by phone. Registration is available by annual subscription – which includes any “pop-up” programs to address late-breaking issues – or à la carte. All sessions are presented from 12:30 PM–1:45 PM ET.

### Upcoming programs include:

#### **Governance and Fiduciary Duty – What Retirement Consulting Actuaries Need to Know**

July 8–12:30 – 1:45 PM ET

#### **Annuity Market Update**

September 9–12:30 – 1:45 PM ET

#### **ASOPs Updates**

September 30–12:30 – 1:45 PM ET

#### **Executive Benefits: Choices and Concerns from the Practical to the Prudent**

November 11–12:30 – 1:45 PM ET

#### **Ethics Call In**

December 2–12:30 – 1:45 PM ET

#### **Transparency in Healthcare**

December 16–12:30 – 1:45 PM ET



## CCA Welcomes New Members

The CCA congratulates and welcomes the following new members since our last issue.

Russell Howard Ackerman, FCA	Stuart Harvey, FCA	Munyaradzi Roy Punungwe, FCA
Adam S. Berk, ACA	Susan Michelle Hogarth, FCA	Michael Raminski, ACA
Diane Lynn Blessinger, FCA	Daniel J. Johnson, FCA	Kirsten Schatten, FCA
Bob J. Bolin, FCA	Anita Juneja, FCA	Troy A. Schnabel, FCA
Donald G. Brackey, FCA	Bart Francis Karlson, FCA	Kristopher Erik Seets, FCA
Marianne Gellatly Brackey, FCA	Piotr Krekora, FCA	Karen A. Shelton, FCA
Dana Feldman Bradley, ACA	Ryan B. Lane, FCA	Jennifer G. Smagula, FCA
Peter Carlisle, FCA	Paul Lasky, FCA	Robert J. Snyder, ACA
Neville E. Charles, FCA	Nancy Teague Lee, ACA	Lauren E. Szalachowski, ACA
Kelly S. Coffing, FCA	Weston Kent Lenker, ACA	Jean Vergara, FCA
Richard L. Crowther, FCA	Steven R. Loomis, FCA	Robert Vidin, FCA
Charles W. Day, ACA	Catherine L. MacLeod, FCA	Gregory L. Warren, FCA
Timothy Day, ACA	Joseph Mara Jr., FCA	John Kevin Watts, FCA
Bryant Otto Depenbrok, ACA	Mark H. Maus, FCA	Paul Wedding, ACA
Ian G. Duncan, FCA	Ronald McHugh, FCA	Anthony J. Williams, FCA
Andrew William Ferguson, FCA	Jennifer Milstein, FCA	Kathleen Rowland Wong, FCA
Andy Ferris, FCA	Katy Myers, ACA	Joshua M. Wynveen, FCA
Douglas J. Fiddler, FCA	Meena Kandala Nooe, ACA	Linna Ye, FCA
Nicholas Fox, FCA	Amanda Jean Notaristefano, FCA	Miao Zhang, FCA
Glen C. Gahan, FCA	Kimberly J. Olson, ACA	
Paul J. Gibbons, FCA	Mark Richard Pasdo, FCA	

## In Memoriam

The CCA wishes to extend our condolences to the family and friends of the following CCA member who passed away earlier this year:

Michael I. Wiesner, FCA

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