

MTSU Actuarial Math Student Association Newsletter

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1. Actuarial Math Students Association, Faculty Advisor, and the Program Advisory Board

(1) Since Actuarial Math Students Association (AMSA) was formed in October 2005, it has more than 30 members who are interested in actuarial sciences at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). The officers of AMSA at MTSU are **Mr. Dan**, the president, **Miss Linda**, the vice-president, **Mr. Matt**, vice-president of undergraduate liaison, and **Mrs. Shiao Powel**, the vice-president of graduate liaison.

(2) The faculty advisor of AMSA is **Dr. Don Hong**, who was a math professor and the director of actuarial math program at East Tennessee State University, a visiting professor in the departments of mathematics and also biostatistics at Vanderbilt University before joined MTSU in the Fall of 2005. Dr. Hong has supervised a dozen of graduate theses on actuarial math, applied and computational math, and statistics. He has published a book on *Real Analysis with an Introduction to Wavelets* from Academic Press and nearly 40 papers in professional journals.

(3) We are honored to have the following actuaries in Nashville area serve on our actuarial science program **Advisory Board**:

- **Mr. Brian LePage**, ACAS, MAAA, VP and Chief Actuary from Caterpillar Insurance, Nashville, TN
- **Mr. John Daniel**, FCAS, MAAA, Chief Actuary and MTSU Alumnium, The PICA Group, Brentwood, TN
- **Ms. Mary Frances Miller**, FCAS, MAAA, FCA, Select Actuarial Services, Nashville, TN
- **Edgar W. Davenport**, FCAS, MAAA, Managing Director, Willis Risk Solutions-North America, Nashville, TN.

2. News from Members and Alumni

(i) **Meihua Gao** received her BS degree from Actuarial Sciences in May 2005 and has started her job as an actuary in Wellpoint, Atlanta, GA.

(ii) **Zachary Bannister**, a current student in actuarial science program has received a job offer from BPS&M, A Wells Fargo Company at Brentwood, TN.

(iii) **Anne Elizabeth Roquette**, a current student in actuarial science program has taken a job at CI USA, a local insurance company at Murfreesboro, TN.

Recent Activities

(i) Ms. Vickie M. Evans, PHR, Human Resources Director, together with an MTSU alumnium from our actuarial science program, working at BPS&M, A Wells Fargo Company visited MTSU and gave a nice presentation to our actuarial students on November 16, 2005.

(ii) Mr. Brian P. LePage, VP and Chief Actuary at Caterpillar Insurance, Nashville, TN visited MTSU and gave a very informative presentation to our actuarial students on February 15, 2006.

4. Actuarial Student Foundation

We have recently set up an MTSU Actuarial Math Student Foundation. We appreciate any support to our actuarial math program.

The Actuarial Student Foundation is restricted to support actuarial students in their actuarial career development. If you would like to make a contribution to this foundation, please make your check or money order payable to:

Actuarial Math Students Foundation, c/o Dr. Don Hong, Mast Tennessee State University Foundation, Box 34, Murfreesboro, TN 37132

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