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# A Momentous Occasion

The Academy's Annual Meeting has become an excellent opportunity to interact and engage with **thought leaders in the profession**, in a setting conducive to advancing professionalism in your practice—and 2015's meeting was especially thrilling, as the Academy celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Academy members heard **high-profile speakers** from federal and state government agencies and officials from Congress and the White House, who shared the latest information and updates on important and evolving actuarial topics of interest. Keynote speakers at the 2015 Annual Meeting and Public Policy forum included the comptroller general of the United States, the director of the Treasury Department's Office of Financial Research, and the state insurance commissioners who lead the efforts at the NAIC on cyber risk and climate risk.



The annual event is also an excellent way to **earn needed continuing education credit** in all areas of actuarial practice—property/casualty, health, life, pension, and risk management and financial reporting, as well as professionalism CE credits. Attendees at the 2015 meeting were eligible to earn up to 13.6 hours of CE, depending on the sessions they attended.



Perhaps the most enjoyable aspect is the opportunity to **connect and network with your peers** from around the country—and the world—as the two-day event draws a diverse audience from all areas of practice and colleagues from outside the United States. Receptions, meals, breaks, entertainment, and special events like last year's Gala Dinner celebrating the Academy's 50th anniversary are invaluable chances to get to know fellow Academy members and notable guest attendees on a personal level.

**The Academy's now annual event in the nation's capital is something to put on your calendar each fall to advance your continuing professional development. Take a look at the highlights within, and make plans to attend this year's event, Nov. 3-4 in downtown Washington, D.C.**

# Awards and Fellowship

The Academy's 50th Anniversary was the theme of a **Gala Dinner** as part of the Annual Meeting and Public Policy Forum. Entertainment was provided by the renowned political satire troupe the Capitol Steps at the event, which was held at the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

In a celebratory evening, the Academy recognized charter members and past presidents, accepted congratulations and gifts from other actuarial organizations, and thanked all those members who participated in the founding and growth of the Academy in the past 50 years.



Attendees gathered for a festive evening of celebration. Among the highlights:

- 1) Robert Stapleford, on behalf of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, presents outgoing Academy President Mary D. Miller with a statue of a polar bear at the Gala Dinner.
- 2) Robert Miccolis, on behalf of the Casualty Actuarial Society, presents Miller with a statue of an eagle.
- 3) The Capitol Steps drew howls of laughter from attendees of the Gala Dinner.

The Academy awarded six of its dedicated volunteers with its annual service awards.



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Immediate Past President Mary D. Miller places the presidential ribbon on new Academy President Tom Wildsmith.

- 1) Andrea Sweeny receives the Jarvis Farley Service Award for serving as a volunteer on nearly 20 committees over 15 years.
- 2) Michael Boerner was honored with the Robert J. Myers Public Service Award for his extraordinary contribution to the public good through his service with the Texas Department of Insurance and leadership at the NAIC.

The following were recognized with the Academy's Outstanding Volunteerism Awards: 3) April Choi, 4) Ellen Kleinstuber, 5) Patricia Matson, and Lisa Slotznick (not pictured).



Academy Presidents

# Save the Date

Mark your calendars now—the Academy's 2016 Annual Meeting and Public Policy Forum will be Nov. 3-4 at the Capitol Hilton in downtown Washington, D.C. Join fellow actuaries and earn valuable continuing education credits while learning about public policy issues that affect your practice.



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