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Carol Sears Appointed Chairperson of the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline

WASHINGTON – 6 Jan. 2010 – **Carol Sears** began her term as the chairperson of the **Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline** on Jan. 1. She was appointed to the post by the Council of U.S. Presidents, a committee comprised of the presidents and presidents-elect of the five U.S.-based actuarial organizations. Sears has served on the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline since 2005, most recently as the board's vice chairperson. She succeeds **Curtis Huntington** as chairperson.

Sears is a principal with the employee benefits actuarial and consulting firm Actuarial Consulting Group, Inc., and has more than 30 years of experience in the employee benefits consulting industry. Sears served as the president of the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries (ASPPA) in 1999 and is currently a member of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries' board of directors. She has also served as a member of the American Academy of Actuaries board of directors and the advisory committee for the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries of the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Sears was honored by ASPPA as the 2005 recipient of the Educator's Award in recognition of her leadership and outstanding contributions to educating the retirement industry. She also received the 25 Women in Leadership Award, in recognition for her contributions to the betterment of family, business, and community in central Illinois. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in actuarial science and finance.

The Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline responds to actuaries' request for guidance on professional issues and considers complaints about possible violations of the actuarial Code(s) of Professional Conduct. It was established within and is supported by the **American Academy of Actuaries**. For more information, contact Andrew Simonelli, assistant director of communications for the American Academy of Actuaries, at 202.785.7872 or visit: www.abcdboard.org/

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