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## Academy Officers and Directors Begin Terms in Office

WASHINGTON—The American Academy of Actuaries is pleased to announce that, in addition to **Lisa Slotznick, MAAA, FCAS, of Norcross, Ga.**, taking office as 2023–24 Academy president, five other officers, three member-selected directors, and a Board-selected director began terms on its Board of Directors Nov. 13 at the Academy’s 2023 Annual Meeting: “Envision Tomorrow” in Washington, D.C.

The incoming officers, elected at the Academy Board of Directors meeting on Oct. 18, 2023, include 2023–24 President-Elect **Darrell Knapp, MAAA, FSA, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.**, a longtime Academy volunteer who previously served on the Board of Directors and as chairperson of the Actuarial Standards Board (ASB). Knapp will take office as president during the Academy’s Annual Meeting in October 2024. “My actuarial volunteer efforts have allowed me to serve the profession and the public, as well as providing opportunities to work alongside many outstanding actuaries and the dedicated staff at the Academy. I’m excited to see what lies ahead!” Knapp said.

Three vice presidents began terms and will serve until the 2025 Annual Meeting: **Vice President, Life, Jason Kehrberg, MAAA, FSA, of Chicago, Ill.**; **Vice President, Risk Management and Financial Reporting, Steve Malerich, MAAA, FSA, of Northbrook, Ill.**; and **Vice President, Pension, Jason Russell, MAAA, FSA, EA, of Washington, D.C.**

Kehrberg has served on Life Practice Council work groups and task forces and is chairperson of both the Economic Scenario Generator Work Group and the Asset Modeling and Reporting Task Force, and a member of the PBR Implementation Work Group. Malerich has been chairperson of the Financial Reporting Committee, the Life Financial Reporting Committee, and the Long Duration Contracts Work Group, and has been on multiple Risk Management and Financial Reporting Council committees and task forces. Russell has served as a member-selected director and on many Pension Practice Council (PPC) committees—including as chairperson of the Multiemployer Plans Committee.

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When elected on Oct. 18, Russell immediately filled the vice president, pension, position which had been vacated, and he now continues in that role.

**Benjamin Slutsker, MAAA, FSA, of Minneapolis, Minn.**, took office as Academy secretary-treasurer to serve until the 2024 Annual Meeting. Slutsker's previous volunteer service includes serving as vice president, life, as chairperson of the PBR Assumption Resource Manual Work Group, and in numerous other positions.

The member-selected directors who started terms to serve until the Academy's 2026 Annual Meeting are **Elena Black, MAAA, FSA, EA, FCA, of Chicago, Ill.**; **Donna Megregian, MAAA, FSA, of Indianapolis, Ind.**; and **Maambo Mujala, MAAA, FSA, of New York City**. They were nominated as a slate by the Nominating Committee and elected by Academy members this summer.

Black has served as chairperson of the Pension Committee and as a member of the Pension Practice Council and the Research Committee. Megregian has served as chairperson of the Life Products Committee and of the ASB's Reinsurance Pricing Task Force. Mujala has served as chairperson of the Variable Annuity Reserves and Capital Subcommittee, and received a Rising Actuary Award from the Academy in 2022.

**Cathy Murphy-Barron, MAAA, FSA, of New York City**, started a term as a Board-selected director—a special category whose presence the Board deems helpful and strategic to the Academy—to serve until the 2025 Annual Meeting. Murphy-Barron is current chairperson of the Committee on Membership and of the Employer Value Task Force and is a past secretary-treasurer of the Academy.

For more information, please visit [www.actuary.org](http://www.actuary.org).

**[Media only:** Photos of the officers and directors are available by contacting Academy Director of Communications and Public Affairs David Mendes at [mendes@actuary.org](mailto:mendes@actuary.org).]

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