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Shawna Ackerman Becomes President of the American Academy Of Actuaries *Ackerman Succeeds Stephen Alpert*

WASHINGTON—**Shawna Ackerman of San Francisco, Calif.**, began her term as president of the American Academy of Actuaries today, succeeding 2017–18 Academy President Stephen Alpert.

As president, Ackerman leads the national professional association of more than 19,500 members, whose mission is to serve the public and the U.S. actuarial profession. The Academy provides leadership, objective expertise, and actuarial advice on risk and financial security issues to public policymakers, and sets qualification, practice, and professionalism standards for actuaries in the United States.

“The Academy is wholly committed to being the independent, objective voice of the entire U.S. profession,” Ackerman said after accepting the presidential gavel from Alpert at the Academy’s 2018 Annual Meeting and Public Policy Forum in Washington, D.C. The Academy “describes the outcomes and consequences of various public policy options across all practice areas,” Ackerman said, adding that it also “sustains the infrastructure that is needed for our profession to authoritatively address and provide guidance on actuarial standards-setting and professional qualification and conduct issues” in housing the Actuarial Standards Board and the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline.

Ackerman is an actuary specializing in casualty issues who has been an Academy volunteer since 2010. She has served in numerous Academy volunteer positions, including as vice president, casualty, and as chairperson of several Academy committees. She is the chief actuary of the California Earthquake Authority.

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