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Bluhm Accepts Gavel as President of the American Academy of Actuaries

WASHINGTON – 04 Oct. 2007 – William Bluhm was installed yesterday as the new president of the **American Academy of Actuaries**. The Academy's mission is to serve the public on behalf of the U.S. actuarial profession. Bluhm, a principal with Milliman in Minneapolis, Minn., now heads both the Academy's Executive Committee and its board of directors. The board sets the strategic goals and priorities for the non-partisan organization, which assists public policymakers on all levels by providing leadership, objective expertise, and actuarial advice on risk and financial security issues. The Academy also sets qualification, practice, and professionalism standards for actuaries in the United States.

Bluhm, who succeeds **Steven Lehmann**, brings to the Academy nearly 30 years of actuarial and leadership experience. During his career, Bluhm has led or served on more than 40 professional committees including those of the Academy, the Society of Actuaries, and the Conference of Consulting Actuaries. He has written or co-authored numerous actuarial papers and books and given countless speeches and presentations on actuarial issues, particularly in the health practice area. He also is a member of the board of directors of Actex Publications and serves on Milliman's Healthcare Management Guidelines Board.

Bluhm is a fellow of both the Society of Actuaries and the Conference of Consulting Actuaries, where he previously served as president. He has been a member of the Academy since 1980. Bluhm is a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. For more information or for digital photographs from the Academy's annual meeting, contact Andrew Simonelli, assistant director of communications for the American Academy of Actuaries, at 202.785.7872.

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