**AAA Professionalism**

**Kenneth A. Kent, MAAA, FSA, FCA, EA, Immediate Past President, American Academy of Actuaries**

Ken Kent served as President of the American Academy of Actuaries in 2022-23 and is a member of the Academy’s Council on Professionalism and Education. Ken served as a member of the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline (2018-21). At the Academy he has served as vice president, pension (2003-05); vice president, professionalism (2014-16); chairperson of the Para-Actuary Task Force (2014-16); chairperson of the Public Plans Subcommittee (2008-11); chairperson of the Joint Committee on the Code of Professional Conduct; and has been a member of many other committees and task forces, including the Critical Review of U.S. Actuarial Profession. Ken is also a past president of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries. He is a consulting actuary with Cheiron, with more than three decades of professional, managerial, and public service experience working on retirement plan assignments and public policy issues.

**Melissa Zrelack, MAAA, EA, FCA**

Melissa Zrelack is a longtime volunteer with the American Academy of Actuaries, currently serving on the Committee on Professional Responsibility. She is a consultant located in GRS’ Fort Lauderdale, Fla., office, with 25 years of actuarial and consulting experience with employee retirement systems and retiree health care programs, primarily for municipal retirement systems covering general and public safety employees.

**Predictive Analytics: The Convergence of Data Science and Actuarial Practice**

**Justin Fountain, WTW**

Justin Fountain, ASA, MAAA, a Manager at WTW, is based out of the Atlanta office. He has been with the firm since 2011. He has assisted clients across a range of life product focused issues. His areas of expertise include experience studies, assumption setting, predictive modeling and process improvement. Prior to joining WTW, Justin was a software developer focused on financial reporting, director compensation and other cost trend and customer sentiment analyses. He received a Bachelor of Science degree with concentration in Actuarial Science from Kennesaw State University. Justin is an Associate of the Society of Actuaries and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

**The Future of Gene Therapy - Innovative Treatments and Funding Challenges**

**Daniel Moore, Lewis & Ellis**

Danny Moore is a Vice President & Principal with Lewis & Ellis, LLC.  Since joining L&E in 2015, Danny has helped clients on a variety of needs for health and life products.  Danny’s experience includes design, pricing, and filing of A&H products, regulatory review for state and federal entities, actuarial audits and exams, and actuarial support for litigation.  Danny also has development and review experience for ACA marketplace plans, Medicare MAPD plans, and LTC products.  Prior to joining L&E Danny spent a decade teaching and performing cello.

**Retiree Medical Reimbursement Plans**

**Greg Stump, Boomershine Consulting**

Greg Stump is Chief Actuary at Boomershine Consulting Group in Baltimore, MD and specializes in public sector defined benefit and retiree healthcare plans. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, and a member/fellow of several other major actuarial organizations.

Greg is an expert on retirement cost and funding projections and benefit design, centering on the risks faced by public pension and retiree healthcare systems. Over the past two decades, he has worked with over 100 governmental and corporate plans in their efforts to manage retirement benefit costs and associated risks. Currently serving as actuary to over 30 county and municipal pension and retiree healthcare systems, his focus is on funding policy and benefit design.

Greg has worked with a variety of systems, both public and private, in eighteen states throughout the U.S. He has provided advice and service to some of the largest and most complex public plans in the nation, and has served on a number of national and regional committees and educational groups, providing continuing education for pension trustees and other governmental associations.

**LDTI Day 2**

**Nathan Worrell – Moody’s Analytics**

Nate Worrell is a Director of Customer Success at Moody’s.  He is an active volunteer for the Actuarial Foundation and Society of Actuaries. He enjoys writing, especially when there are prizes involved, having recently earned accolades in the Actuarial Speculative Fiction contest and SOA essay challenges. When not writing or helping his clients with their modelling needs, you can find him on the basketball court coaching at the middle school and high school level. He is based in Babcock Ranch, just outside Fort Myers Florida.

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**Model Build Lessons Learned**

**Valerie Smeshko**, **Fortitude Re**

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Valerie Smeshko is the Vice President, Life Inforce Modeling Actuary at Fortitude Re and is responsible for leading the Traditional Life and Annuity Modeling team in BMA, CFT and LRT projections, reserve calculations and model development.

Valerie has 10 years of experience in US Life Insurance after transitioning from pension consulting. Prior to joining Fortitude Re, Valerie served as the Term and Traditional Life Model Steward and System Conversion Leader for Allstate Life and Retirement. She was accountable for model build, control and integrity as well as the implementation of conversions into valuation and modeling production processes. Previous to this role, Valerie worked on the FAS 97 close for Deferred and Equity Indexed Annuity products, developed new AXIS models for both Traditional and Universal Life products, and led the effort to design, implement and control the flow of AXIS model output.

Valerie earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Actuarial Science and Risk Management and Insurance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.

**Indexed UL Assumptions – Learn from the UL Lessons of the Past**

**Nik Godon, WTW**

Nik is a Senior Director and joined WTW in 2021. Nik’s primary area of practice is individual life insurance and annuities. He leads our litigation support and expert witness practice. Since joining WTW Nik has primarily worked on M&A buy side support for life insurance blocks, life insurance company embedded value reviews, and litigation and reinsurance arbitration support. Nik came to WTW from Transamerica and has over 25 years of experience in the industry in a variety of roles. Nik received an M.B.A. from the University of Iowa and a B.Sc. in Actuarial Mathematics from Concordia University. Nik is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries and a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries.

**Risk Sharing Arrangements in an Ever-Changing MAPD World**

**James Cooper, Milliman**

James is a Consulting Actuary with Milliman with over 10 years of experience. Since joining Milliman in 2014, James has had extensive experience assisting carriers and provider groups with their Medicare Advantage, ACA compliant Individual and Small Group, and Medicaid products. James’ expertise includes optimized pricing and product strategy leading to improved financial projections.

**Jeff Grover, Complete Health**

Jeff Grover is the Vice President of Actuarial Services at Complete Health, a primary care provider group in Alabama and Florida that takes both full-risk Medicare Advantage and Part D Southeastern Actuaries Conference 2023 Spring Meeting Speaker Bios and ACO REACH risk on its patients. Jeff began his actuarial career in MAPD consulting, performing bids, forecasting, and reserving work for payer clients. Later, his focus shifted to provider sponsored health plans, and consulting for provider groups taking both MSSP and MAPD risk.

**Trends in Medicare Advantage, Part D**

**Robert Lang, Wakely**

Robert Lang is a Senior Consulting Actuary with Wakely and has over 13 years of experience with Medicare Advantage bids. Robert has worked extensively with Medicare Advantage products over the past 13 years, including certifying bids for the last 8 years. Over the course of his career, Robert has managed a variety of actuarial analyses including Medicare Advantage risk accrual and Part D reconciliation estimates, claim liability estimates, financial forecasting, ACA rate filings, creditable coverage determinations. He has worked with provider clients in evaluation of risk ceded from payors.  He has also worked with multiple vendor clients in developing their pricing and evaluating their value proposition and ROI for payors through analysis of their care management interventions. Other projects include research and evaluation of the Medicare VBID programs as well as development of reporting packages for downstream entities. He has authored and co-authored multiple white papers at Wakely on topics such as Medicare Buy-In, starting a Medicare Advantage plan and considerations for ROI analyses.

Robert earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Florida Atlantic University Wilkes Honors college in 2011. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

**Enterprise Restructuring in Health Industry**

**Anthony Beato, Guidewell**

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**Generative AI for Insurance Automation**

**David Moorhead**

David Moorhead has over 30 plus years of insurance technology experience focused on data and analytics across all personal and commercial lines of business. David has led numerous insurance data transformations with a focus on data management operating models, migration, legacy remediation, operational reporting and advanced analytics. David is aligned to EY Insurance AI and Analytics practice and delivered numerous data management, data architecture, reporting and enterprise data warehouse solutions for all sizes of Property and Causality insurers and reinsurers.

As an insurance leader, David develops P&C specific assets on the Insurance Insights Platform.  Currently he is expanding insurance analytics use cases for GenAI, as well as extending EY’s supporting Databricks and Snowflake offerings.

**Model Risk Management from the Bermuda (BMA) Perspective**

**Alla Shved, Fortitude Re**

Alla is a Life and Annuity Risk Actuary at Fortitude Re. Prior to joining Fortitude Re in 2023, she worked at WTW for over a year focusing on the model build projects and over a decade at John Hancock/Manulife. Her diverse background spans first-, second- and third-line functions, including roles in actuarial audit, model risk management, variable annuity hedging, IFRS valuation and actuarial modeling. Since 2018, Alla has actively contributed to the SOA ERM exam writing and ERM grading committees, in addition to serving on various actuarial and student committees. Currently, she leads a senior actuarial project course at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, where she shares her vast knowledge and experience with the next generation of actuaries.

**There Goes the Neighborhood: A review of federal health coverage regulatory actions of 2023 and 2024**

**Jason Karcher, Milliman**

Jason is an actuary and health policy consultant with Milliman and works with health plans, providers, state and federal regulators, and other stakeholders to understand the complex interplay of law and regulation on health markets. His areas of expertise include analysis of legislative and regulatory proposals, regulations affecting health coverage markets segments, and how various regulatory actions affect traditional actuarial tasks.