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Annual General Manager - New President and Council

At the AGM on 8 December the following appointments were made with effect from 1 January 1996 :

President	–	Mr. Richard Ip
Council Members	–	Mr. August Chow
		Mr. Dallas Reid
		Mr. Michael Ross

In the Council meeting in January the Committee chairmen will be reviewed and your assistance will be sought to further the aims and objectives of the Society.

Subscriptions

At the AGM it was voted unanimously by those voting members present to raise subscriptions as follows :

Fellows	:	HK$1,500
Associates	:	HK$900
Students	:	HK$300

The dramatic increase brings our subscriptions into line with those of other professional societies. The need for these increases arises due to the withdrawal of the subsidised facilities provided to us by the Federation of Insurers with effect from 1 April 1996. Adequate secretarial support to the Society (arranged at arms length) is expected to cause a significant increase in expenses from 1 April 1996. The Council recommended to the AGM that the books of the Society should balance as far as possible in each year and hence the increases. The expected revenue and expenditure for the year 1/10/95 - 30/9/96 (compared to the previous year) will be :

$'000	1994/95 *HK$*	1995/96 *HK$*
Expenditure		
- Salary	36.0	129.0
- Rent	50.9	48.8
- Mailing	50.9	50.6
- Others	61.3	76.8
	148.2	305.2
Income		
- Subscriptions	88.0	231.6
- Advertising	67.5	54.0
- Other revenue	9.6	10.0
	165.1	295.6

International Congress of Actuaries

The next International Congress of Actuaries, the 26th, takes place in Birmingham, England from 7-12 June 1998. Preliminary information is currently being sent to members of the International Association of Actuaries and copies can be obtained from our National Correspondent (Stuart Leckie Tel: 2848-1734; Fax: 2509-6969) Provisional registration is due in 1996.

Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance

This proposed Ordinance is due to be introduced during 1996. It will have ramifications for the actuarial profession, particularly those working in life assurance where underwriting has relied on an exchange of information on sub-standard lives.

A leaflet is available from the Hone Affairs Branch. Please contact Mr. K.M. Cheung Tel: 2835-1556 or Ms. Lisa Chui Tel: 2835-1380.

Hong Kong Insurance Law Association

The HKILA is expected to be incorporated as a chapter of the Association Internationale de Droit des Assurance (AIDA). This organisation's objectives are to increase the study and knowledge of insurance law and related matters and promote development and corroboration between lawyers and insurers. Anyone interested in this organisation should contact Greg Moran of Trowbrideg Consulting Tel: 2890-5222.

New Members

The following new members joined the Society in November:

Name	Company	Membership Status
Philip W. Moore	Coopers & Lybrand	Fellow
Bruce Anthony Howe	Carlingford	Fellow
Alan Tan	Prudential	Fellow
Laura Santori	Generali	Associate
Wong Koon-wing	Jardine-CMG	Student

Code on Investment-Linked Assurance and Pooled Retirement Funds

Russel Lok has reported that the SFC have amended the ILAS Code. Performance fees may now be payable provided they are collected no more frequently than annually and that the net asset value of each unit exceeds the value on which a performance fee was previously calculated and paid.

For non-unitised funds, an actuary's certificate is required annually to certify compliance unless

(a) there is a year-on-year guarantee and any deficiency is made good at least annually

(b) the scheme is a deposit administration policy where minimum returns are declared on a discretionary basis at least annually.

For more details contact Russel Lok Tel: 2520-6232 or Mr. Harold Ko at the SFC, Tel: 2840-9269.

Mandatory Provident Fund

The Society has been asked to send a representative to the Committee established by Government under Ms. Pamela Tan to introduce the MPF.

This will be an important position for the Society to influence one of the most far reaching pieces of legislation to be introduced in Hong Kong. Our representative is C.F. Yam and he will be looking for volunteers to form our own committee to review the various material which will come from Government's committee.

If anyone wishes to be involved, contact C.F. Yam, Tel: 2861-4017.

Meetings

In January we expect Dr. Kailin Tuan to visit Hong Kong. Dr. Tuan is from U.S.A. and currently is a Director of Nankai University. Dr. Tuan has been helping in the development of the actuarial profession in China. A date for his visit will be announced in due course.

Also in January, Chris Daykin, Government Actuary and former-President of the Institute of Actuaries in the UK will again be visiting Hong Kong. Mr. Daykin is, among other things, one of the actuaries promoting the development of the Institute of Actuarial Associations. The ASHK will be considering its role in the IAA during 1996. Again a date for Mr. Daykin's visit will be announced when details are known.

Back in November, John Trowbridge spoke on competition in life assurance. Copies of his presentation material are available from Greg Moran.

Papers

During this year research papers have been prepared for presentation to the Society. It was intended to circulate them and discuss the contents before the end of the year. Due to the time-pressures on all in our profession this has not happened.

The intention now is to distribute the papers and hold discussion meetings during early 1996.

Note : Views expressed herein are not necessarily those of the ASHK, Council or its Committees.