



Iowa Actuaries Club

September 10, 2018

TO: Iowa Actuaries Club Members
FROM: John Fleming, Secretary/Treasurer, (515) 261-5671
RE: October 4, 2018 Club Meeting

Meeting Information

The Iowa Actuaries Club is excited to announce the following details of our first meeting of the 2018-2019 club year:

Thursday, October 4, 2018
West Des Moines Marriott
West Des Moines Ballroom
Doors Open at 3:00 pm
Meeting & Panel Begin at 3:30 pm

Featured Presentation

Topic: Chief Actuary Panel

Our presenters will discuss the similarities and differences of being a chief actuary in their respective fields. There will also be time for them to field questions from the audience.

Presenters:

David R. Benseler, Chief Actuarial Officer, joined W.R. Berkley Corporation in 2017 with Continental Western Group and Berkley Agribusiness. He spent 14 years as an actuary for a regional P&C insurance company in Columbus, OH.

Dave graduated with degrees in Actuarial Science, Finance and MIS from Ohio University, obtained his Masters' in Predictive Analytics from Northwestern University, and is a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Dave enjoys music, podcasts, reading, travel and CrossFit. He and his wife Carrie have a daughter and a son, Reese and Grant.

Prior to joining Athene, **Michael Downing**, Executive Vice President and Chief Actuary, Athene Holding Ltd, had a seven-year stint at The Allstate Corporation, leading the turnaround of the annuity business in his role as the Vice President of Inforce and Risk Management. As a result of his success, Mr. Downing was promoted to Senior Vice President for Product and Actuarial Services. Before joining Allstate, Mr. Downing was a Managing

Principal at Aon Hewitt, leading the International Consulting practice following overseas assignments in the UK and Switzerland. A founding member of the Pension Risk Services consulting practice, Mr. Downing advised large multinational clients on global benefits strategy, governance and pension risk management.

Mr. Downing's career in business spans more than 21 years, and he holds a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA), an Enrolled Actuary (EA) and a Certified Enterprise Risk Analyst (CERA).

Ken McCullum is vice president and chief actuary of the Principal Financial Group®. In this capacity, he oversees actuarial talent and practice management for the enterprise, as well as governing product design and pricing risk management at The Principal®.

McCullum joined The Principal® in April 2015. Previously, he served as Executive Vice President responsible for Business Development and In Force Management at Delaware Life Insurance Company. Prior to Delaware Life, McCullum was a Senior Vice President responsible for managing the Life and Annuity businesses at Sun Life. He helped to lead the transaction which created Delaware Life, when Sun Life sold its closed life and annuity blocks to a group of private investors arranged by Guggenheim Partners. Prior to Sun Life, McCullum spent 15 years with The Hartford where he held a number of positions including leading their Institutional Investment Products Division and Chief Actuary of their Legacy Holdings Division.

A native Midwesterner, McCullum earned his bachelor's degree from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. He is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries. He is on the board of directors of Bottom Line, a Boston based charity helping low income students get into college, graduate and go far in life.

Menu

Various reception foods will be available, as will one free drink ticket per person.

Cost

\$30.00 per person. Please make checks payable to the Iowa Actuaries Club.

Checks can be mailed to: **(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF CONTACT)**

Iowa Actuaries Club
Attn: John Fleming
9000 Northpark Drive
Johnston, Iowa 50131

Dues

Since it's the start of the 2018-2019 club year, it's also time to collect club dues. They are \$10.00 per person, due by the end of October. Please make checks payable to the Iowa Actuaries Club and mail to John Fleming at the address above. You may write one check for both dues and cost of the meeting.

Reservations

Please make reservations through your company contact by **Wednesday, September 26**. Company contacts please compile reservations and e-mail totals to John Fleming at jfleming@deltadentalia.com. If your company contact has changed, please let me know.

If you have questions or suggestions concerning the club's activities, please contact any of the officers.

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