

Statement of candidacy for: Lauren Okum, Executive Vice President

Relevant experience

Please list any relevant experience – work, volunteer or other

My professional designations include MSPA, ASA, EA, and MAAA. I have over 22 years of experience in the actuarial profession. In the first 10 years of my career, I trained and worked in the large plan market. In January 2004, I transitioned into the smaller plan market, served as a technical resource, and set quality control standards for the practice. In December 2007, I started Premier Actuarial Solutions. I focus mainly on small plans, though I stay tapped into large plan issues and practices on several clients. I have written several articles and led many training sessions on actuarial topics.

ACOPA/ASPPA volunteer work

Please list all volunteer work done for ACOPA /ASPPA

I am currently very active in ACOPA/ASPPA, and I hope to continue! My work includes:

- ACOPA Leadership Council (2012-2018)
 - ASPPA Annual Conference Committee (2014), Committee Co-Chair (2015-2016)
 - ACOPA Actuarial Symposium Committee (2011-2012), Committee Chair (2013-2014)
 - Plan Consultant Magazine Editorial Board (2013-2014)
 - Speaker at ASPPA Annual Conference, ACOPA Actuarial Symposium, Los Angeles Advanced Pension Conference
 - ACOPA webcast speaker
 - Plan Consultant Magazine author
 - ACOPA Monthly author
 - ACOPA ListServ task force
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Aspirations for ACOPA

Please indicate what you will contribute as an ACOPA leader

As a member of the Executive Committee, I welcome the opportunity to lead ACOPA members and build the strength of the organization. I also look to bring a fresh perspective to ACOPA leadership, while maintaining our fundamental values and relationships. With my large plan background, I hope to serve as a liaison and a positive voice between ACOPA and other actuarial organizations. Thank you for this continued opportunity!
