

THE STAPLE INN ACTUARIAL SOCIETY

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Report of the Committee

presented at the Annual General Meeting on 23 October 1987

The Committee submits its Report on the work of the Society during the seventy-seventh session, which ended on 30 June 1987, together with the accounts for that period.

1. Membership

The total number of members on 30 June 1987 was 3,784. For the last five years the numbers have been:

On 30 June	Fellows	Associates	Students	Total
1983	1,551	483	946	2,980
1984	1,583	475	1,036	3,094
1985	1,697	489	1,129	3,315
1986	1,742	482	1,223	3,447
1987	1,797	539	1,448	3,784

2. Meetings

Nine general meetings were held during the session, on Tuesday evenings.

1986

- 4 November Actuarial Aspects of PHI in the U.K.
Openers: A. J. Sanders, N. F. Silby
Chairman: D. J. Bond
- 18 November Some Thoughts on Pension Scheme Design
Opener: P. N. Thornton
Chairman: C. D. Lever
- 2 December Valuation of With-Profits Business and the Estate
Opener: T. S. Bunch
Chairman: P. D. Bairstow

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- 6 January Taxation of Surplus
Opener: D. W. Peacock
 U.K. Accounting Standards
Opener: P. A. Cockbain
 U.S.A. Accounting Standards
Opener: A. G. McLean
Chairman: D. G. Johnson
- 20 January A Look at Equity, Bonuses and Profits using an OB Profitability Model
Opener: H. D. White
Chairman: I. C. Smart

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| 3 February | Final Pay Pension Scheme—Deferred Pay or Company Provided Benefit
<i>Opener:</i> A. R. Escolme
<i>Chairman:</i> C. G. Lewin |
| 17 February | The Expanding Universe
<i>Openers:</i> P. D. Jones, J. R. Wigley
<i>Chairman:</i> A. J. Frost |
| 17 March | The Financial Services Act
<i>Openers:</i> M. D. Moule, J. Bannon
<i>Chairman:</i> R. Brimblecombe |
| 14 April | Demutualization
<i>Openers:</i> W. E. Lee, N. A. M. Franklin
<i>Chairman:</i> F. R. Wales |

At the Annual General Meeting on 24 October 1986 the resolution to change the name of the Society from the Institute of Actuaries Students' Society to the Staple Inn Actuarial Society was carried by a large majority.

The average attendance at home meetings was 109 which is marginally lower than last year. On 3 March 1987 an away meeting with the General Applications Section of the Royal Statistical Society was held.

A liaison meeting was held with the secretaries of other actuarial societies in Great Britain and Ireland.

3. *Accounts*

The last year has seen a further growth in the activities of the Staple Inn Actuarial Society. With the growth in the number of courses, social events and the continued popularity of FIASCO, turnover has increased to £157,000 which is almost a 20% increase on the previous year's figure. Any surplus funds of the Society continue to be used for the benefit of members, with particular emphasis on education and training. The growing activities of the Society have also put more strain on administrative services of the Institute and this has resulted in the Society making a higher contribution to Institute funds.

4. *Post-Qualification Studies and Courses*

The number and range of courses run by the Society continues to grow. Several new courses have been introduced this year and others are planned. Two Life Office Taxation Courses were run in November and March, a Marketing Course in February, a Talking Techniques course in October, a Legal Principles of Life Assurance course in March, a Corporate Planning course in March and a Legal Principles of Pension Funds in June.

A non-life computer game was again organized primarily to assist those studying for the General Insurance examination. Two new courses are at an advanced stage of planning dealing with Pensions Accounting and Study Techniques.

5. *Publications and Research*

Volume 30 of the Journal was prepared under the joint editorship of

A. Saunders and P. J. Cooper. The Society's magazine, FIASCO, had a successful tenth year under the editorship of S. M. Southall. The Society's thanks are due to the editors of both the Journal and FIASCO.

A competition was held in FIASCO to seek designs for a new logo for the Society. A number of imaginative designs were submitted.

A new leaflet aimed principally at new students was published and circulated to members. This describes the role and principal activities of the Society.

A Society prize was awarded to N. F. Silby and A. J. Sanders for their paper entitled "Actuarial Aspects of PHI in the U.K." In addition, a prize was awarded to T. S. Bunch for his paper "Valuation of With-profits Business and the Estate".

The Society continued to be represented on the Research Committee, Sessional Meetings Committee, Medals and Prizes Committee, Continuing Professional Education Sub-Committee, Historical Texts Sub-Committee, Careers Information Sub-Committee, the Public Relations Committee and Futures Committee of the Institute. The Society, in conjunction with the Institute, continues to support the fund for the purchase of historical actuarial texts for the Institute library.

The Society has continued to be represented on a joint working party with the Young Chartered Accountants Group of London, considering problems where the professional responsibilities of actuaries and accountants interact.

The Society has agreed to provide financial assistance towards a number of projects including:

A further grant of £10,000 to the Centre for Research in Insurance and Investment at City University, to finance the continuation of a project on General Insurance Reserving methods, and a grant of £2,000 for research into the RICS property valuations historic database.

A grant of £10,000 to the Actuarial Education Service to assist with the finance for the production of a new textbook.

A grant of £2,000 for the purchase of Historical Texts.

In addition, £2,500 has been allocated towards the costs of running a new course on Study Techniques.

The Committee has formulated three criteria for the provision of financial assistance to projects:

1. The project should be of benefit to members of the Society.
2. There should be a clearly defined end product which is capable of being linked with the Society.
3. The maximum commitment of funds must be determined at outset and the Society cannot give any commitment to continuing funding in subsequent years.

The Committee will be pleased to receive further proposals for financial support for consideration.

6. *Social*

Buffet suppers were held at a local public house following Sessional meetings, and were generally well attended.

The Annual Supper was held at the London Press Centre on 24 October 1986 following the Annual General Meeting, and was attended by 379 members and guests. The principal guest was M. H. Field, President of the Institute.

The nineteenth Golf Meeting with Gallio, Fellowship and 59 clubs took place at the Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club on 9 June when 19 players represented the Society. The Gal Fell Bowl was won by the combined team from the Gallio, Fellowship and 59 Clubs.

The Biennial Dinner Dance was held on 6 March 1987 at the Hilton Hotel and was attended by 465 members and guests.

A number of successful social and sporting events were arranged. Sporting events included a darts tournament, squash tournament and five-a-side football tournament. A games evening, summer saunter and winter wander also proved popular events.

Once again the Society competed for the Candida Trophy sailing event which took place off Bembridge, Isle of Wight on 13 and 14 June.

The Society was represented at meetings of kindred Societies.

7. *Administration*

The Committee thanks D. E. Purchase for his advice and help during the year as the member appointed by the Council. The Committee is also most grateful for the encouragement and support which it received from the President, members of Council and other senior actuaries and particularly wishes to thank those who took the chair at the Society's meetings.

The Committee very gladly records its appreciation of the essential part played in the administration of the Society by Mr Mackie and the staff at the Institute office.

8. *Provisional Programme 1987-88*

1987

- 23 October Annual General Meeting
- 3 November Design of Universal Life products
Opener: R. D. Weatherhead
- 17 November Professional Indemnity Insurance
Openers: L. Pryor, N. Hooker
- 1 December The Intermediaries Dilemma Assessing the Financial Strength of Life Offices
Openers: M. Ljeskovac, D. Nesbit, J. Ross

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- 5 January Commercial Fire Underwriting
Openers: N. F. Gillott and others.
- 19 January A Dissection of Pensions Funding
Openers: W. S. O'Regan, J. Weeder

- 2 February Joint Meeting with the RSS (Home)
The use of Generalized Linear Models in Actuarial Work
Openers: Dr S. Haberman, Dr A. Renshaw
- 16 February Joint Meeting with the Association of Pensions Lawyers
- 1 March Open forum—Board of Examiners
- 15 March Determination of the Contribution Rates to Money Purchase Arrangements
Opener: D. Carr
- 29 March A Discussion on the Report of the Education Working Party
Openers: C. D. Daykin, S. P. L. Kennedy, D. E. Purchase, N. H. Taylor
- 12 April Life Assurance Holding Companies
Openers: A. Kerr and I. Rogers

R. G. BROWN

Honorary Secretary

September 1987

**STAPLE INN ACTUARIAL
SOCIETY
ACCOUNTS 1986-87**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1987

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
1986	1986	1986	
£	£	£	£
General Fund		Building Society Accounts	
Balance at 1 July 1986	9,882	City of London	55,000
Plus Excess of Income over			
Expenditure	9,099	Lloyds Bank Accounts	
Projects Reserve		High Interest Cheque Account	18,560
Research Fund	12,000	Current Account	468
Book Project Fund	10,000		
Historical Books	5,340	Sundry Debtors	9,781
Exams Technique Project	2,500		
19,789	29,840		
18,500	18,500		
2,025	3,275		
10,500	10,500		
1,000	1,000		
22,113	25,957		
	<u>£108,053</u>		<u>£108,053</u>
	<u>£83,809</u>		<u>£83,809</u>

R.C. WILKINSON
Honorary Treasurer

We have examined the above accounts with the books and vouchers and we certify that the accounts are correct.

P. MERRICKS
Honorary Auditors

ELAINE FAIRLESS

12th August 1987