

THE STAPLE INN ACTUARIAL SOCIETY

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Report of the Committee
Presented at the Annual General Meeting on 18 October 1988

The Committee submits its Report on the work of the Society during the seventy-eighth session, which ended on 30 June 1988, together with the accounts for that period.

1. Membership

The total number of members on 30 June 1988 was 3,964. For the last five years the numbers have been:

On 30 June	Fellows	Associates	Students	Total
1984	1583	475	1036	3094
1985	1697	489	1129	3315
1986	1742	482	1223	3447
1987	1797	539	1448	3784
1988	1834	551	1579	3964

2. Meetings

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

1987	
3 November	Universal Life <i>Opener:</i> R. D. Weatherhead <i>Chairman:</i> B. M. Thomas
17 November	Professional Indemnity Insurance <i>Openers:</i> L. M. Pryor, N. D. Hooker
1 December	Assessing the Financial Strength of Life Offices <i>Openers:</i> M. Lzeskovac, D. M. Nisbet, J. A. Ross <i>Chairman:</i> J. A. Geddes
1988	
5 January	Commercial Fire Insurance <i>Opener:</i> N. R. Gillot <i>et al.</i> <i>Chairman:</i> D. I. W. Reynolds
19 January	A Dissection of Pensions Funding <i>Openers:</i> W. S. O'Regan, J. Weeder <i>Chairman:</i> P. N. Thornton
2 February	Generalized Linear Models in Actuarial Work <i>Openers:</i> S. Haberman, A. E. Renshaw <i>Chairman:</i> D. H. Reid
1 March	Board of Examiners—Open Forum <i>Openers:</i> M. Shelley, A. F. Wilson <i>Chairman:</i> P. N. Downing

- 15 March Determination of Contribution Rates to Money Purchase Arrangements
 Openers: D. Carr, G. Simmons
 Chairman: P. W. Thompson
- 29 March Education Actuaries for an Uncertain Future—A Discussion
 Openers: D. E. Purchase, N. H. Taylor, C. D. Daykin
 Chairman: P. N. Downing
- 12 April Repackaging the Life Office
 Openers: A. Kerr, I. Rogers
 Chairman: C. J. Hairs

The average attendance at general meetings was 90 which is somewhat lower than in recent years (109 in 1986/87 and 112 in 1985/86). The Society was pleased to host two meetings on educational matters, one with the Board of Examiners and one with the Education Working Party of the Futures Committee.

A Society prize was awarded to A. Kerr and I. Rogers for their paper entitled 'Repackaging the Life Office'.

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, and the continued popularity of FIASCO (particularly amongst advertisers of job vacancies for actuarial students), turnover has increased to £178,000 from £157,000 in the previous year. Any surplus funds of the Society continue to be used for the benefit of members, with particular emphasis on education and training.

4. *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 being developed. In all, some 637 members of the Society have received a total of 780 man-days of training.

The main feature of that year was the outstanding level of demand for the new Study Management courses, at which 468 students attended. An Investment course was held in October, two Life Office Taxation courses were run in February and March, a Marketing course in February, Strategic Planning courses in March and June and a Legal Principles of Pension Funds course in May. A new Accounting Principles for Pensions course in June attracted 70 participants. The non-life computer game was again organized primarily to assist those studying for the General Insurance examination.

Arrangements are in hand to repeat the Life Office Taxation course and to hold new courses on Expert Systems and Presentation Skills in the autumn. Other courses for the forthcoming session will be publicized in due course.

5. *Publications*

Volumes 30 and 31 of the Journal were prepared under the joint editorship of A. Saunders and P. J. Cooper.

The Society's magazine, FIASCO, had a successful eleventh year under the editorship of S. M. Southall, who handed over editorial responsibility to E. M. Smyth at the beginning of 1988. The Committee is actively considering with the editor ways of expanding the scope of FIASCO.

The Society's thanks are due to the editors of both the Journal and FIASCO.

A new logo for the Society was adopted following a competition to seek designs in FIASCO.

6. Professional Liaison

A liaison meeting was held with the secretaries of other actuarial societies in the U.K. and Channel Islands. The Society was also represented at a number of the annual general meetings and dinners of those societies.

The Society continued to be represented on the Research Committee, Sessional Meetings Committee, Medals and Prizes Committee, Historical Texts Sub-Committee, the Public Relations Committee and Futures Committee of the Institute.

The Society participated in two separate joint working parties with the Young Chartered Accountants Group of London, considering problems where the professional responsibilities of actuaries and accountants interact in the fields of pensions and general insurance. A third working party to consider life assurance aspects may also be established.

Liaison with the Association of Pension Lawyers is also developing. Liaison continues with local groups of the Pensions Management Institute and with the Royal Statistical Society and the Society is represented on the Young Professionals Group.

7. Projects

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

- continuing to meet 50% of the acquisition costs of historical texts for the Institute Library
- two grants of £10,000 to finance a project on General Insurance Reserving methods
- a grant of £10,000 to assist with the finance for the production of a new textbook in life contingencies
- £2,500 towards subsidising the costs of running Study Management courses
- a grant of £9,800 to finance a research project into the RICS property valuations historic database
- a provisional allocation of £15,000 towards improving the audio/visual facilities in Staple Inn

The Committee continues to apply 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 consider any further proposals of suitable projects requiring financial support.

8. *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 23 October 1987 following the Annual General Meeting, and was attended by 460 members and guests. The principal guest was M. H. Field, President of the Institute.

The twentieth Golf Meeting with Gallio, Fellowship and 59 clubs took place at the Addington Golf Club, Croydon on 7 June when 21 players represented the Society. The Gal Fell Bowl was won by The Staple Inn Actuarial Society.

A number of successful social and sporting events were arranged. Sporting events included a darts tournament and five-a-side football tournament. A games evening, summer saunter and a 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 11-12 June.

9. *Administration*

The Committee thanks C. D. Daykin for his advice and help during the year as the member appointed by 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 C. D. A. Mackie and the staff at the Institute office.

10. *Provisional Programme 1988-89*

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| 18 October | Annual General Meeting followed by
Pensions Illustrations—A fair comparison or a confidence trick?
<i>Opener:</i> E. Short |
| 21 October | Annual Supper—Chiswell Street Brewery |
| 1 November | A Fable—Being, in part, a 'who-dun-it' of Life Office Financial Management
<i>Opener:</i> H. A. A. Gillett |
| 15 November | Joint meeting with Association of Pension Lawyers |
| 6 December | Reserving for P.H.I.
<i>Opener:</i> M. E. Turner |

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- 10 January Retirement Age and the Equalization of Pension Benefits
Openers: P. S. Carroll, P. D. G. Tompkins
- 31 January Healthcare for the Elderly
Opener: J. M. Webber
- 21 February Life Office Expenses
Opener: R. C. Wilkinson
- 25 February Biennial Dinner Dance—Hilton Hotel
- 14 March Joint meeting with Royal Statistical Society—General Applications Section
The Statistical Aspects of the Study of Sexual Behaviour in Relation to the
Transmission of HIV
Opener: R. M. Anderson
- 28 March Benefit Design
Opener: N. D. V. Bodie
- 11 April Asset Modelling
Opener: I. W. Woods

A. K. WHALLEY
Honorary Secretary

September 1988

**STAPLE INN ACTUARIAL
SOCIETY
ACCOUNTS 1987-88**

THE STAPLE INN ACTUARIAL SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1988

	INCOME		EXPENDITURE		1987/88 £
	1986/87 £	1987/88 £	1986/87 £	1987/88 £	
24,970	Membership Subscriptions	25,974	Meetings ... ..	...	5,345
5,064	Interest received net of Tax	7,339	Printing and Stationery ... ..	...	11,771
			Postage ... ..	...	18,549
			Society Prize ... ..	...	100
987	Sales of J.S.S.	1,574	J.S.S. ... ..	...	15,248
22,582	Social Events	10,332	Social Events ... ..	...	11,054
20,950	Courses	44,823	Courses ... ..	...	43,735
80,975	FIASCO Advertising (incl. VAT)	88,004	FIASCO Production ... ..	...	29,507
1,726	Sales of Books	—	VAT Paid ... ..	...	9,907
46	Net miscellaneous income less expenses	—	Miscellaneous Expenses ... ..	...	66
			Institute charge for collecting subscriptions	...	575
			Transfer to Research Projects Reserve ...	...	7,800
			Book Projects	3,333	
			Less: Transfer from Projects Reserve ...	3,333	
			Historical Books	2,187	
			Less: Transfer from Projects Reserve ...	1,340	847
			Exam Techniques	1,122	
			Less: Transfer from Projects Reserve ...	500	622
			Transfer to Staple Inn Equipment	...	
			Projects Reserve ... ..	...	15,000
			Transfer to VAT Reserve ... ..	...	225
			Transfer to Journal Reserve ... ..	...	2,000
			Transfer to Subscription Reserve	5,000
			Excess of Income over Expenditure	695
					<u>£178,046</u>
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					<u>£157,300</u>
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1988

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
1987 £	£	1987 £	1988 £
General Fund		Building Society Accounts	
18,981	Balance at 1 July 1987 18,981	City of London (7 day notice account) ...	19,447
	Plus Excess of Income over	City of London (3 month notice account)	82,737
	Expenditure 695		
	Projects Reserve	Lloyd's Bank Accounts	
	Research 19,800	High Interest Cheque Account	14,824
	Book Project Fund 6,667	Current Account	—
	Historical Books 4,000	Sundry Debtors	14,038
	Exams Technique Project... .. 2,000		
29,840	Staple Inn Equipment 15,000		
18,500	Contingency Reserve		
3,275	VAT Reserve		
10,500	Journal Reserve		
1,000	Subscription Reserve to 30.9.88 ...		
25,957	Sundry Creditors		
<u>£108,053</u>			<u>£131,046</u>

R. C. WILKINSON
Honorary Treasurer

ELAINE FAIRLESS
GARY CHAMBERLIN
Honorary Auditors

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

16th August 1988