



## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

# Editor of the *North American Actuarial Journal*



The Society of Actuaries (SOA) invites applications and nominations for the position of Editor of the *North American Actuarial Journal* (NAAJ). More information about the NAAJ can be found at <https://www.soa.org/publications/publications-landing/>.

## Position Description

The Editor has overall responsibility for assuring the timely and efficient publication of the *North American Actuarial Journal*. The chosen applicant will serve as Editor-Elect beginning Summer 2019 and start the term as Editor beginning January 1, 2020. The Society of Actuaries will provide an honorarium to the Editor.

## NAAJ Information

The NAAJ scientifically addresses the domestic and international problems, interests, and concerns of actuaries, their customers, and public policy decision makers. The NAAJ publishes papers from traditional fields of actuarial practice, such as life and health insurance, pensions, employee benefits, property and casualty insurance, and finance and investments. Papers from new or developing areas of actuarial practice are especially welcome. We seek to stimulate research on emerging public policy debate, technology improvements, demographic trends, multidisciplinary topics, globalization issues, and the like.

### EDITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Editor will perform the normal duties associated with academic journal editorship such as:

- With the guidance of the Editorial Board and SOA staff partners, determine editorial policies and procedures.
- Promote the NAAJ as a forum for actuarial practice through dedicated special issues on current topics, topic conferences, case studies, and so on, as well as solicit manuscripts on topics of emerging importance.
- Recruit, appoint, and motivate Co-Editors, Associate Editors, and Reviewers.
- Supervise the review of manuscripts submitted for publication in the NAAJ and attend monthly phone meetings with the Editorial Board to discuss papers under submission.
- Work closely with the Society of Actuaries, including attendance at monthly phone meetings with SOA staff, to assure the timely and efficient publication of each issue.
- Seek ways to expand NAAJ circulation, reach, and impact by increasing citations in an effort to appear on the Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Report.
- Support a manuscript review/tracking process that promotes conscientious and expeditious article evaluation, resulting in a timely response to authors.
- Work with Co-Editors and SOA staff to award the Annual Prize for the best paper published in the NAAJ.
- Prior to serving as Editor, the chosen applicant will serve as a Editor-Elect and shadow the current Editor.

### DESIRED EDITOR QUALIFICATIONS

- A strong publication record in leading journals in actuarial science or related fields, including the NAAJ, and the academic reputation to recruit and retain esteemed Co-Editors and Associate Editors.
- A commitment to promoting significant scholarly research, and to maintaining and improving upon the NAAJ's editorial standards.
- A reputation for fairness, objectivity, and integrity.
- Managerial and administrative skills necessary to assure the timely publication of the NAAJ, including the ability to motivate Co-Editors, Associate Editors, and Reviewers.
- Significant editorial experience either as an Editor or an Associate Editor of a major journal (preferred but not required).
- Evidence of a long-term commitment to actuarial science, such as through research on topics of actuarial interest or membership of a recognized body within the International Actuarial Association (e.g., Fellow or Associate of the Society of Actuaries, Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society, and Member of the American Academy of Actuaries).
- Creative and innovative thinking, ability to expand the reach and impact of the NAAJ.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Interested applicants should submit letters of interest by April 15, 2019, to Professor Edward W. (Jed) Frees, Risk and Insurance, Wisconsin School of Business, at [jfrees@bus.wisc.edu](mailto:jfrees@bus.wisc.edu). Applicants should attach a curriculum vitae. The intent of the letter of interest is to offer reasons why the applicant wishes to be Editor and how the applicant will integrate his/her editorial responsibilities with other academic duties. More information on the NAAJ is available at <http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/uaaj20>.