## Memorandum

**To:** All Fellows, Affiliates, Associates, and Correspondents of the Canadian

Institute of Actuaries, and other interested parties

**From:** Ty Faulds, Chair

**Actuarial Standards Board** 

Josephine Marks, Chair

Designated Group on Part 2000

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Subject: Revisions to the Practice-Specific Standards for Insurance (Part 2000)

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### Introduction

The attached final standards were approved by the Actuarial Standards Board (ASB) on January 17, 2017. These changes revise the practice-specific standards for insurance (part 2000).

A <u>notice of intent</u> (NOI) to provide background and general information on these revisions was distributed by the ASB on June 11, 2015. An <u>exposure draft</u> (ED) presenting the specific proposed revisions was distributed by the ASB on August 25, 2016.

# Background

The ASB is committed to conducting general reviews of all parts of the Standards of Practice on a quinquennial basis. Although specific items within part 2000 had been addressed by previous specialized designated groups (DGs), some subsections within part 2000 had not been reviewed for some years. A number of enhancements to part 2000 had been recommended but not acted on as they related to facets of part 2000 that were outside the mandates of the specialized DGs.

The ASB is also committed to enhancing the consistency of standards across practice areas, where appropriate. With this commitment in mind, a DG (DG2000) was established in November 2014 with the mandate of reviewing part 2000 in its entirety, looking for opportunities to enhance consistency across practice areas, and recommending changes as warranted.

The current members of the DG are Stéphanie Fadous, Patricia Hladun, Julie-Linda Laforce, David Littleton, Josephine Marks (Chair), and Louis Nault.

### **Feedback from Stakeholders**

The DG2000 solicited input from various stakeholder groups in the development of these revised Standards of Practice. These included regulatory stakeholders (the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI), the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF), and the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO)), the CIA Practice Council, various CIA committees (Committee on Life Insurance Financial Reporting (CLIFR), Committee on Property and Casualty Insurance Financial Reporting (PCFRC), Committee of the Appointed/Valuation Actuary, and the Committee on Risk Management and Capital Requirements) and the CIA membership (through the distribution of the NOI, a webcast describing proposed changes, and circulation of the exposure draft).

The DG2000 appreciates the feedback received throughout the various stages and has taken such feedback into account in the preparation of the final standards of practice. The covering memorandum for the distribution of the exposure draft on August 25, 2016 included a summary of major issues raised by stakeholders and the approach taken within the ED to address these issues.

Limited feedback was received after distribution of the ED and this feedback has been addressed within these final revised standards of practice.

#### **Due Process**

The ASB's Policy on Due Process for the Adoption of Standards of Practice has been followed in the development of these revisions to the standards.

# **Effective Date and Early Implementation**

These final standards are effective on April 15, 2017. Early implementation is permitted.

TF, JM