

ASTIN CoPs Survey Feedback

- Ron shared the survey results, highlighting strong support for both CoPs and the Masterclass. Out of 200 members surveyed, 46 responded.
 - CoPs: High interest in pricing, reserving, and capital modeling, with a balance between practical examples and technical depth.
 - Masterclass: support for both the Masterclass and related webinars, with feedback focused on speakers and content.
- Norbert noted the low response rate as a potential sign of limited overall interest, questioning whether the positive feedback is truly representative. This raises a broader question about how the section can better engage members.
- Ralph commented on the CoPs topics, emphasizing that while a reserving-focused community makes sense, pricing discussions could raise antitrust concerns. The board agreed that discussions should focus on methods rather than practices, and Brian suggested including a boilerplate disclaimer to address antitrust concerns in webinars and online content.
- Chema acknowledged the importance of increasing membership but stressed the need to focus on educational value. He pointed out that while survey responses indicate high-quality content, viewer engagement may not always be reflected in statistics. He suggested prioritizing content quality and marketing rather than membership numbers alone. Brian echoed this, stating that membership count should not be the sole success metric.
- Eric proposed increasing attendance by offering free webinars, citing AFIR's successful experience. However, Tebo noted that past data suggests non-members are not highly responsive to free webinars. Chema suggested focusing marketing efforts on the Asian market.
- Norbert emphasized that engaging existing members and expanding membership go hand in hand—high-quality content can both retain current members and attract new ones. However, the effectiveness of free webinars or regional targeting remains uncertain.

Proposal for CoPs

- Brian shared some thoughts on the structure of CoPs. Brian and Ron will serve as industry and academic lead. The plan is to launch reserving as a pilot.
 - The format will be monthly meeting in a lecture style, featuring panel discussions.
 - Consider offering paid support as an incentive for speakers.
 - Establish an online community which may leverage IAA platform to enhance engagement

ASTIN Report 2025

- Brian provided an update, noting that a meeting with the designer resulted in a quote consistent with prior years. Alex approved the cost, and the board has agreed to proceed. Brian has also requested last year's content, with updates needed by the week of March 17.
- Norbert will prepare a section on awards including ASTIN best paper. Ron will contribute content on the CoPs.

- Brian noted the challenges of distributing physical copies outside Europe. As a result, physical copies will not be distributed at JoCo in São Paulo.

JoCo 2025

- Cristina provided an update, reporting over 100 registrations, including 17 free registrations. Sponsorship is progressing well, with commitments from one platinum, one gold, and two bronze sponsors, and an additional gold sponsor anticipated.
- Norbert led a discussion on selecting the Best Paper, which must be finalized by May 9 to allow time for certificate preparation. We are looking at around 10-15 papers submitted for the award. Bernard, Dimitry, Peng will take lead in the assessment, with possible help from Eric.

JoCo 2028

- Christian reached out to the CIA about the possibility of hosting JoCo. There are some initial positive signs, with more clarity expected after São Paulo.
- Norbert raised the question of location, which Christian noted will be discussed in São Paulo.

ICA 2026

- Miyuki provided a brief update, noting that the abstract submission deadline is set for September 30. The website is under construction, and the program schedule has been planned out.

IAA Sections Task Force

- Ron provided a brief update, noting a significant push for substantial changes to the governance of sections. Progress has been limited, and further discussions will take place in São Paulo. He also highlighted the gap between the IAA proposal and the sections' goals.
- Ron mentioned that there is currently no code of conduct for section board members and suggested it be a topic for the next meeting.

Upcoming Webinars

- Ron will host Greg Taylor on March 26
- Two additional webinars by Jed free: one aims for west Africa chapter and one about ASTIN Academy for general community

Attendees

- Jose Maria Agurcia
- Miyuki EBISAKI
- Norbert Haible
- Warda Hadaou
- Eric Dal Moro
- Ralph Blanchard
- Tabo Mabeba
- Christian Levac
- Ron Richman
- Tarmo Koll
- Peng Shi
- Brian Fannin
- Eberhard Mueller
- Axel
- John Wright
- Cristina Mano
- Yuriy Krvaych
- Bernard Wong