Joint Section Committee Meeting Notes
May 11, 2026

Members:	Observers:
George Symeonidis (IACA) – Chair	Jean-François Bégin (AFIR-ERM)
Ed Pudlowski (IAAHS)	Brian Fannin (ASTIN)
Pedro Pacheco (IAALS)	Bozenna Hinton (IAA Officer)
Raffaello Marcelloni (PBSS)	Christian Levac (Secretary)
	Teboho Mabeba

Agenda

- No additional items were added to the agenda.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from March 10, 2026 were approved by unanimously.
- Christian will circulate finalized JSC minutes to section boards going forward.

Action Item: Christian to circulate approved minutes from January and March to all section boards.

Section Reserve Policy

- Four sections, plus AFIR-ERM, approved the Reserve Policy at their respective boards prior to the meeting. ASTIN's board was meeting the following day; Brian indicated approval was uncertain and the matter remains under consideration.
- The JSC voted to formally approve the Section Reserve Policy. The motion was moved by Ed and seconded by Raffaello. Motion carried unanimously by voting members. The policy will proceed to a Council electronic vote after Ljubljana; JSC approval will be noted in communications to Council members.

Discussion – JSC Decision-Making Process:

- Jean-François observed that consulting boards before JSC votes differs from the original structure, but may make participation more attractive. The group agreed that chairs retain discretion on which items warrant board consultation, based on significance and urgency. Jean-François will discuss this with the AFIR-ERM board.

Conferences

Section Representation at Events

- George led a discussion on section presence at international and national actuarial events. He has circulated an Excel file for chairs to log relevant conferences, potential representatives, and promotional opportunities. The goal is dedicated promotional slots (e.g., 10–15 minutes) – not simply adding a section slide to a personal presentation.

- Ed supported the initiative and recommended developing event selection criteria (ROI, audience, geographic fit) and building representation costs into section budgets.
- Pedro Pacheco called for a focused marketing approach highlighting the sections' international character and noted language accessibility as a key consideration in non-English-speaking regions. He suggested exploring regional ambassadors.
- Christian committed to sharing Secretariat event invitations with section chairs earlier and more systematically. The Secretariat already receives and responds to some regional event requests (e.g., Nigeria, Mexico).

Proposed Representation Fund:

- The group provisionally agreed on a joint representation fund of approximately CAD $2,500 per section per year, covering roughly 3–6 events annually. Representatives would be selected based on geographic proximity to minimize costs. Registration fees to be considered separately. Chairs to confirm with their boards. George suggested a small special fund to support those.

Action Items:

- Section chairs to populate the shared Excel file with relevant events, potential representatives, and any promotional opportunities secured.
- Christian to share Secretariat event invitations with section chairs in a timely manner.
- Section chairs to consult their boards on contributing CAD $2,500 annually to a joint representation fund.

ASTIN Bulletin Conference

- George raised the question of section involvement in the ASTIN Bulletin Conference. Sections contributed approximately CAD $1,500 each to the first edition (Switzerland, early 2026). The next edition is planned for Naples, January 2027.
- All section chairs were asked on whether they would agree to the fact that more involvement on all stages of planning of ASTIN Bulletin conference is necessary and they answered positively. The group agreed it is reasonable to seek greater involvement given financial contributions and the fact that the journal is indeed the journal of the sections of the IAA.
- George received a mandate from the JSC to contact the Editor-in-Chief (Mario Wüthrich) to pursue greater section involvement in conference planning and to improve scheduling coordination with other actuarial events.

Action Item: George to contact the ASTIN Bulletin Editor-in-Chief regarding section involvement in the conference and scheduling alignment.

Upcoming Events

ICA 2026 – Tokyo

- Christian met with the ICA 2026 steering committee earlier in the day. Registrations exceed 1,800. The scientific committee was encouraged to release the full programme promptly to drive further registrations.
- Christian will identify registered section board and IAA committee members to serve as moderators, pairing them with local Japanese actuaries comfortable in English, consistent with the approach used in Sydney.

- All six sections will participate in a joint panel moderated by Mike Lombardi. Ed will circulate a request for section-specific and common panel questions. George suggested Mike introduce all sections at the outset, then direct targeted questions to each. Each chair may prepare 1–2 slides for reference; a consistent format is preferred.

Action Item: Ed to circulate a request to section chairs for proposed panel questions for the ICA 2026 joint session.

Promotional Materials – ICA 2026 and Other Events

- Christian and George will attend the European Congress of Actuaries in Paris next month, where a display spot has been secured. Christian will bring section brochures and handouts.
- Christian requested that each section identify 1–2 board members with marketing expertise to help develop section-specific slogans and wording. Materials will be used for Paris, Tokyo, and other events.

Action Items:

- Section chairs to identify 1–2 board members' names with marketing expertise to Christian Levac by end of the following week.
- Christian to re-circulate the original promotional materials email.

JoCo 2027 – Luxembourg

- Call for abstracts open; deadline November 6, 2026 (with a possible extension for ICA Tokyo attendees). Only 4 abstracts submitted to date; a surge is expected in late October/early November. Announcements to section members planned before and after summer. Website under development.

JoCo 2028 – Montreal

- The CIA is taking full financial responsibility and drafting its own collaboration agreement. Christian has followed up multiple times; their finance team was still working on the draft two weeks prior. Christian will continue to pursue and report back at the next meeting.

Action Item: Christian to follow up with the CIA on the JoCo 2028 collaboration agreement.

Other Business

Audit & Finance Committee – Section Participation

- George attended the IAA Audit & Finance Committee as the sections' representative for the first time. Discussion covered the risk register for IAA volunteers and delegates, including the need for better onboarding of newly appointed delegates.
- George invited section members with investment expertise to provide input on the IAA's investment policy through the JSC, noting that sections hold funds with the IAA and have voting rights on such matters through Council.

SPC Update – Social Media and IAA Forums

- A working document on social media conduct for IAA volunteers was presented at SPC. No formal policy yet; the document may proceed to the Executive Committee. Section chairs are encouraged to review it and share with their boards as a reference on reputational risk.
- **IAA Forums:** The SPC will revisit individual engagement within the IAA structure, including underperforming forums. Bozenna flagged this proactively to avoid the misunderstanding that occurred when the topic arose last year.
- Ed suggested that sections are well-placed to surface timely, practice-relevant content to inform forum discussions, and proposed this as a future JSC agenda item. George agreed.

Action Item:

- Section chairs to review the social media working document and consider sharing with their boards.
- Sections' potential role in supporting IAA forums to be added as a future JSC agenda item.

Next Meeting

No date was formally set. Consistent with the bi-monthly cadence, Christian will circulate options for a July 2026 meeting.