



What's next?

Three hundred and fifty years ago, between the evaluation of life and death and a comet, the actuarial profession was born. Ok, maybe it wasn't that simple. But, that is (in a nutshell) how the profession began. In 1662, John Graunt created the foundation for the original life table by confirming patterns of longevity and later, in 1693, mathematician Edmund Halley--for whom Halley's Comet is named--devised the first mortality table, forming the foundation of the actuarial profession.

Now, hundreds of years later, actuaries are using many of those same skills in a whole new way, changing the face of today's businesses, proof that the history of the profession is integrally connected to where we are today and where we're going. You can learn more about these connections in one place, the new interactive timeline, "[Our History](#)."

This timeline is the inspiration for this month's *Image Watch*--looking back at the history of the profession and thinking about the ways that it impacts where we are today and where we're going. So, what will actuaries do next? What will our next big impact on society be? Of course, there are many ideas about what the future of the profession holds. The following are just a couple of ideas from current leading actuaries and pioneers of our profession about "What's next?"

Featured Articles:

The following articles highlight trends from across the profession, further demonstrating the evolving future of the actuary:

[The Evolution of Enterprise Risk Management](#)

[Is the Actuary of the Future the Enterprise Risk Manager?](#)

Featured Web Site:

What is the future of enterprise risk management? The CERA. From helping the world better understand risk to leading an organization's risk strategies using the framework of enterprise risk management. You can learn more about the CERA credential by visiting [CERAnalyst.com](#).

Actuaries in Action Video:



From the emergence of the Chief Risk Officer (CRO) to increased activity in broader financial services, our profession is facing a dynamic future. Hear what leading actuaries think is next for the profession in this month's featured video, [What's Next for the Profession?](#)

Pioneers of the Profession:

Perhaps looking to past pioneers of the profession will provide some ideas about how you can leave your mark on the profession. Read up on these trailblazers who helped actuaries to get where they are today.

Featured News (Actuaries in the News)

The following is a sample of recent media featuring actuaries and work done by the profession.

- [Why women have it harder in retirement](#) posted Aug. 22 on *CNBC.com* Anna Rappaport, FSA, MAAA, offers insights from the Risks and Processes of Retirement Survey Report in this article.
- ["Technology aids the actuary's art"](#) from the Aug. 20 *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. The story, by Mike Meyers, features the work of actuaries Kevin Pledge, Neil McKay and Neil Fackler.
- ["Misconceptions can lead you down the wrong path"](#) from the Aug. 1 *ProducersWeb.com* featuring actuary Mike Boot, FSA, FCA, MAAA. Boot is now a regular columnist with *ProducersWeb.com* and will be providing new articles on a monthly basis.