



2023 Summer National Meeting Seattle, Washington

LIFE ACTUARIAL (A) TASK FORCE

Friday, August 11, 2023 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. PT

Saturday, August 12, 2023 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PT

Meeting Summary Report

The Life Actuarial (A) Task Force met Aug. 11–12, 2023. During this meeting, the Task Force:

- 1. Adopted its July 20, June 15, June 1, May 18, May 11, May 4, April 27, April 20, and April 13 minutes, which included the following action:
 - A. Adopted its Spring National Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Exposed the recommendation on *Valuation Manual* (VM)-20, Requirements for Principle-Based Reserves for Life Products, historical and future mortality improvement rates.
 - C. Adopted amended charges to remove the Index-Linked Variable Annuity (ILVA) (A) Subgroup and add the Generator of Economic Scenarios (GOES) (E/A) Subgroup.
 - D. Responded to a referral from the Statutory Accounting Principles (E) Working Group regarding negative interest maintenance reserves (IMR).
 - E. Exposed a template with additional disclosures related to company IMR.
 - F. Adopted amendment proposal form (APF) 2023-07, which removes the Company-Specific Market Path Method (CSMP) from VM-21, Requirements for Principle-Based Reserves for Variable Annuities.
 - G. Adopted APF 2023-05, which revises hedge modeling in VM-21 to address index credit hedging.
 - H. Exposed APF 2023-08, which clarifies the treatment of negative IMR.
 - I. Discussed the GOES field test results in joint session with the Life Risk-Based Capital (E) Working Group.
 - J. Adopted APF 2021-08, which removes the one-year lag in mortality experience reporting in VM-51, Experience Reporting Formats.
 - K. Responded to a referral from the Valuation of Securities (E) Task Force regarding bond risk measures.
 - L. Adopted APF 2023-04, which clarifies company mortality experience disclosures in VM-31, PBR Actuarial Report Requirements for Business Subject to a Principle-Based Valuation.
 - M. Exposed APF 2023-06, which would add a cash surrender value floor to the VM-20 stochastic reserve calculation and change the VM-20 net premium reserve calculation for universal life with secondary guarantee products.
- 2. Adopted the reports of the Longevity Risk (E/A) Subgroup, the Variable Annuities Capital and Reserve (E/A) Subgroup, the Indexed Universal Life (IUL) Illustration (A) Subgroup, and the Experience Reporting (A) Subgroup.

- 3. Adopted the report of the VM-22 (A) Subgroup, including its July 26, June 13, May 24, May 10, April 26, April 19, and April 12 minutes. During these meetings, the Subgroup took the following action:
 - A. Exposed the VM-22, Requirements for Principle-Based Reserves for Non-Variable Annuities, standard projection amount (SPA) draft.
 - B. Discussed comments received on the VM-22 draft.
- 4. Heard a presentation on findings from regulator reviews of company filings for *Actuarial Guideline LIII—Application of the Valuation Manual for Testing the Adequacy of Life Insurer Reserves* (AG 53).
- 5. Heard a presentation from the Society of Actuaries (SOA) on the VM-20 historical and future mortality improvement factors.
- 6. Exposed APF 2023-09, which adds guidance on the application of historical and future mortality improvement factors in VM-20, for a 45-day public comment period ending Sep. 27.
- 7. Heard a presentation from the American Academy of Actuaries (Academy) on interest rate acceptance criteria for the GOES.
- 8. Heard a presentation on the GOES field test C-3 Phase I results.
- 9. Heard an update from the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission (Compact).
- 10. Heard an update from the Academy on pre-tax versus post-tax IMR.
- 11. Heard an update from the SOA on research and education.
- 12. Heard an update from the Academy Council on Professionalism and Education.
- 13. Heard an update from the Academy Life Practice Council.
- 14. Exposed the Generally Recognized Expense Tables (GRETs).
- 15. Discussed IMR guidance, APF 2023-08, and the IMR template.