

Sheridan's update: March 2025



Hello!

This is my second newsletter and I am pleased to report that my campaign is making progress. However there is much more to do! My sincere thanks to everyone who has already reached out to colleagues with details of what I am up to.

For this newsletter I want to share two things:

1. The response I have had from the IFoA's Professional Skills Team concerning the CPD eligibility of my presentation
2. An overview of what I am seeking to achieve with this monthly newsletter

With very best wishes

Sheridan

Guidance on the CPD eligibility of my presentation

I am now in a position to share some helpful guidance from the IFoA's Professional Skills Team concerning the CPD eligibility of my presentation. In particular I received the following feedback:

“Thank you for sharing your presentation; it was very interesting to watch. However, please note that only IFoA content is officially badged as PST, and as such, we are unable to certify external content as PST.”

However, I would draw your attention to the definition of CPD Activities “Activities that involve development and learning relevant to a Member’s Actuarial Work (current or future) or professional development, which address a personal development need and have an identifiable Learning Outcome. Those activities can be wide ranging and include, for example, lectures, seminars, workshops, webinars, personal reading and research. It could also potentially include carrying out Actuarial Work where that has a relevant Learning Outcome.” and also Professional Skills Training “CPD Activities with a Learning Outcome related to managing professional ethical challenges.”

The CPD Scheme enables individual members to assess whether an activity meets a personal development need and leads to an identifiable learning outcome. As such, both you and any other members who view the video may count it towards fulfilling the PST requirement, provided there is a learning outcome.”

I trust this guidance is helpful to any of my actuarial peers considering claiming CPD in respect of my presentation.

Aims of my monthly newsletter

From my perspective this monthly newsletter serves a few important goals:

- It allows me to keep track of how many people are actively interested in my campaign (and so gives me an indication of how well my message is penetrating).
- I can use it to keep my potential voters engaged so that you don't forget me this summer – in particular, I can remind you when the election opens!
- If successful in my bid for IFoA Council, this newsletter will allow me to deliver updates on my investigations as I progress with the work.

However I'm conscious that the kind of content in each update may become "stale" fairly rapidly. In an effort to keep them interesting, I plan to include a personal thought-piece of some kind at the end of the update, aiming to pass on something which I consider to be insightful. I will start producing these thought-pieces from next month.