From: Paul Kollmer-Dorsey
To: Karen Smith
Cc: Mary Downs
Subject: FW: Committee On Qualifications
Date: Friday, January 19, 2018 4:19:52 PM

Dear Karen,

Your request to attend the next Committee on Qualifications (CoQ) meeting as an observer was directed to my attention.

The CoQ meets by conference call. The agenda principally concerns questions by certain actuaries about whether they meet the U.S. Qualification Standards or how they can meet the Standards. Those discussions concern confidential information about specific individual actuaries and have never been open to observers under the Academy's meeting policy, which permits committee meetings to be closed "when necessary to consider confidential information where such consideration is essential to accomplish tasks assigned to the committees or task forces by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, or the appropriate Vice President." The CoQ has always proceeded in that fashion and will continue to do so with respect to such matters. The calls typically address new or recurring requests for interpretations of the USQS both looking at prior inquiries and emerging ones. The agenda is not easily segregated into confidential and non-confidential discussions of particular conversations, which often also call for my legally privileged advice to be provided to the Committee. While these meetings have never been observed by anyone other than a member of the CoQ to our knowledge, it has not been necessary, before your request, to articulate why these meetings have always been limited to committee members. I have articulated those reasons above, and would add that I believe "observation" will have a chilling effect on the deliberative process and substantially interfere with it. The chairperson of the CoQ and the Academy's Vice President of Professionalism have decided that CoQ meetings should and will be closed

to observers for the reasons noted above.

I also must reference the Academy's Conflict of Interest Policy, which, while you have not recently acknowledged it because you are not an Academy volunteer, still applies to you as it does to every Academy member, whether one is a volunteer or not. I believe that there is a likelihood of an apparent conflict of your own interests with the interests of this Academy committee and this is another basis on which we have decided that it is inappropriate for you to be allowed to observe.

Thanks. PKD

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From: Karen Smith [mailto:karens@nova401k.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 4:12 PM
To: Virginia Hulme; Jonathan Rockstein
Subject: Committee On Qualifications

I would like to attend the next scheduled meeting on the Committee on Qualifications whether it be a conference call or in-person meeting as an observer under the Academy's open meeting policy. I understand that as an observer that I must identify myself to the chair and that I cannot participate in the discussion.

Will you please provide me the date, time, location and/or call-in information for the next call?

Thank you,
Karen Smith, MAAA