



ACA NEWS

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Welcome to *ACA News*, a periodic brief for ACA members summarising activities, responses made to consultations and events we have planned over the period ahead.

2013/14 Sessional Meetings

The 2013/14 Sessional meeting dates are as follows – all at the St Ermin's Hotel, Caxton Street, London SW1 – 5.30pm – 7.00pm (Dinner 7.30pm) (except 30 April 2014):

Thursday 12 September 2013
Thursday 31 October
Tuesday 10 December
Thursday 9 January 2014
Thursday 27 February
Thursday 20 March (AGM)
Wednesday 30 April (Joint meeting with APL at Royal College of Surgeons)
Thursday 29 May
Thursday 26 June

Other events to diarise

ACA 2013 Charity Golf Day: West Hill Golf Club, Surrey – Monday 16 September 2013. Places available. Please contact your ACA contact at your firm or the Secretariat on 020 3102 6761 if you want further details or to book a place.

ACA Northern Conference: Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport – Thursday 19/Friday 20 September 2013. Places are still available – for registration paperwork see: http://www.aca.org.uk/files/ACA_Northern_Conference_-03_June_2013_-20130702145434.pdf

ACA 2013 Annual Dinner: Claridge's – Wednesday 27 November 2013. Bookings will open shortly.

2014 ACA Members' Conference: Gatwick Hilton Hotel, Thursday 6/Friday 7 February 2014. Further details in October.

Recent responses to consultations/evidence given

Written evidence to Public Bill Committee on 2013 Pensions Bill: see –

http://www.aca.org.uk/files/ACA_evidence_to_Public_Bill_Committee_re_2013_Pensions_Bill_-28_June_2013-20130628090802.pdf

Joint brief with NAPF and APL to All-Party Parliamentary Group on Pensions (and then all MPs): see -

http://www.aca.org.uk/files/Brief_on_2013_Pensions_Bill_produced_by_ACA,_APL_and_NAPF_-13_June_2013_-20130614155119.pdf

ACA comments on the draft statutory instrument: Pensions: Provision of Information (Amendment) Regulations: see

[http://www.aca.org.uk/memberfiles/ACA_response_to_HMRC_-_](http://www.aca.org.uk/memberfiles/ACA_response_to_HMRC_-_Draft_Statutory_Instrument_-_)
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[The_Registered_Pension_Schemes_\(Provision_of_Information\)__\(Amendment\)_Regulations_2013-14_June_2013-20130614152251.pdf](http://www.aca.org.uk/memberfiles/ACA_response_to_HMRC_-_Draft_Statutory_Instrument_-_The_Registered_Pension_Schemes_(Provision_of_Information)__(Amendment)_Regulations_2013-14_June_2013-20130614152251.pdf)

Work in progress

The ACA is finalising its response to the Institute & Faculty's consultation paper (responses by 8 July) on *Exposure Draft 30 - Quality Assurance Scheme for Organisations* and our Smaller Firms Committee is also finalising a *Conflicts Management Plan* template designed for smaller firms who may have been struggling with the new requirements. This will be available shortly.

Committee work and consultation responses

ACA Committees have been active in a wide range of areas in recent months, for example, making representations to DWP on the draft *Pensions Bill* and now the *Pensions Bill* itself. ACA responses to consultation papers feature on the ACA website at www.aca.org.uk in the Members' Only section, login: stochastic, and then see: 'Consultations and responses' page. There has also been ongoing representations to HMRC on pension taxation regulations, with regular updates to Members available on the ACA website (these updates are available at www.aca.org.uk see: 'Briefings & Information' page on the public site).

Defined Ambition (DA)

As Members may know, ACA Chairman, Andrew Vaughan, was appointed chair of the DA Industry Working Group (and our Secretariat the Joint Secretary to the Group), with David Fairs, our Honorary Treasurer, heading the DB Lite sub-group. The Working Group is assisting DWP in preparing its proposals on DA. A paper is expected later on in the summer outlining progress.

ACA Pensions trends survey

This year's ACA Pension trends survey has been launched – there is a link (see orange box) to the questionnaire from the ACA website (home page) – www.aca.org.uk **If you can, please encourage your clients to respond.** This year's questions monitor changes in provision, actions taken (or about to be) in response to auto-enrolment and a range of questions on workplace pension reforms.

ACA papers lodged with The Pensions Archive Trust

The ACA has also recently deposited its early records (from 1951) and papers thereafter with The Pensions Archive Trust at the London Metropolitan Archives. For further information about PAT go to www.pensionsarchive.org.uk

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