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Sandra G. Gustavson, the 1990–1991 President of the American Risk and Insurance Association (ARIA), is a Professor of Insurance and Head of the Department of Insurance, Legal Studies, and Real Estate at the University of Georgia (UGA). Dr. Gustavson received her B.S. (1975), M.S. (1976) and Ph.D. (1979) degrees from the University of Illinois, where she also served on the faculty for three years prior to moving to UGA.

Dr. Gustavson was elected to the ARIA Board of Directors in 1985, after having served as a member of several ARIA committees and as chairperson for both the Academic Membership Committee and the Kulp-Wright Awards Committee. Following her election to the Board of Directors, Dr. Gustavson chaired ARIA's Finance Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, the Annual Meeting Program Committee, and the Subcommittee on Graduate Insurance Programs. From 1986 to 1988, she served as an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Risk and Insurance*, and was the Book Review Editor prior to that time.

Outside of ARIA, Dr. Gustavson's professional service includes work as an officer and member of the Board of Directors for both the Southern Risk and Insurance Association (SRIA) and the Western Risk and Insurance Association (WRIA). In November 1990 she became President of SRIA; in January 1991 she begins her term as President of WRIA. Dr. Gustavson has served as faculty advisor to both the Insurance Society and Gamma Iota Sigma at the University of Georgia, and continues to coordinate the Insurance Careers Day and the Invitational Insurance Management Seminars held each year on the UGA campus. She reviews textbooks and manuscripts for numerous publishing companies, and is also currently serving as a Trustee for the Board of Pensions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Dr. Gustavson has received awards for both teaching and research. In 1981 she received the *Journal of Risk and Insurance* Feature Article Award, and in 1987 she was named a co-winner of the Faculty Fellowship sponsored by the Academy of Financial Services and the International Association for Financial Planning. Her teaching awards include recognition as the 1985 Outstanding Undergraduate Instructor in UGA's College of Business Administration. The coauthor of a textbook on life insurance, her research has been published in: *Journal of Risk and Insurance*, *Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance*, *Accounting Review*, *Journal of Insurance Regulation*, *Journal of Financial Research*, *Financial Review*, *Journal of Insurance Issues and Practices*, *CPCU Journal*, *Journal of the American Society of CLU*, and *Risk Management*.

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