

# Tony Snoyman



## Title...

Executive Director

## Organisation...

GAAPS Actuarial Recruitment

## My favourite energetic pursuit...

Snow skiing

## The sport I most like to watch...

Rugby Union (is there any other rugby?)

## The last book I read (and when)...

As a recruiter, the telephone directory (daily)

## My favourite artist/album...

*The Black Eyed Peas*

## My favourite film...

Stepped into the movie house for the first time in over a year last week and thoroughly enjoyed *In Time*

## My interesting/quirky hobbies...

Searching in bushes for little round white objects, aka playing golf

## What gets my goat...

People not returning phone calls (occupational hazard, I suppose)

## What I wanted to be when I grew up...

Still working on that

## Why I decided to become an actuary...

There were less than 200 qualified actuaries in South Africa at the time, so it seemed like a good challenge

## Where I studied to become an actuary...

By correspondence to the UK from South Africa

## Qualifications obtained...

BSc (Hons), FIA, FIAA

## My work history...

Started in traditional life insurance, then managed a national employee benefits sales force, followed by fifteen odd years of superannuation consulting (not sure if the years were odd or the work?)

## What's most interesting about my role...

Interacting with people in all stages of their actuarial careers, from graduates to senior executives, and helping them to progress to the next stage

## My role's greatest challenges...

Time (and the economy)

## Who has been the biggest influence on my career (and why)...

My wife of 21 years, Shirley. She has stood by me and supported me through qualification, emigration, hibernation and any other complication

## My proudest career achievement to date...

Having been able to achieve a work / community / life balance

## The most valuable characteristic an actuary can possess is...

There is not one single skill that is more valuable than others; but I would rate the ability to listen, to communicate effectively and to think strategically as three of the most important

## If I was President of the Institute, I would...

Work to make attendance at the Biennial Convention and other actuarial forums affordable for all members, particularly for student members who can gain the most out of hearing about current actuarial thought from, and interacting with, senior members of the profession

## My most important decision...

To leave South Africa

## I'm most passionate about...

My family, my wife and two great sons (of course) and community. I am involved with a number of not-for-profit organisations and believe it is essential to give back to the community, not only monetarily, but with time and expertise

## I'd like to be brave enough to...

Do a double black mogul run

## At least once in life, every actuary should...

Spend time doing charity work

## If I win the lottery, I would...

Life is a lottery and I am fortunate to believe that I have already won it

## To become an instant celebrity on YouTube, I would publish a video of myself doing...

A double black mogul run (call the ambos)

## My most embarrassing moment...

Is, I am sure, yet to come!

## If I could travel back in time I would...

Convince Adam not to eat the apple from the Tree of Knowledge. Perhaps then we might have a world free of conflict

## My best advice for my children...

Go with your dreams, be a risk taker and enjoy every moment of life

## Four words that sum me up...

Passionate, humorous, introverted, philanthropic ▲

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