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Professional Standards and Ethics Committee

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The Professional Standards and Ethics Committee (PSEC), composed of Steven R. Frey, Debra McCroskey, Charles Meinhold, Cheryl Olson, and me, has had a busy year, relatively speaking. First, in January 2005 we issued a call for nominations for the Joyce P. Davis Award in the “CHP Corner.” Unfortunately, however, no nominations were received. Nonetheless, we are optimistic that the 2006 call will have a different result.

Our second task was to review our existing procedures for continued applicability. The only procedure that we found applied to the PSEC was Standard Operating

Procedure No. SOP 2.7.1, “Guidelines for the AAHP Executive Committee and the AAHP Professional Standards and Ethics Committee for Evaluation of Charges Alleging Violation of the Standards of Professional Responsibility for Certified Health Physicists” (Rev. 0). After giving it a good looking over, we determined that a few changes were necessary so we forwarded a proposed revision on to the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Executive Committee for action.

Also, during our procedure review, we noted that there was

no written procedure that addressed the general operations of the PSEC. Therefore, a new SOP No. 2.7.3, “Professional Standards and Ethics Committee Operations,” was prepared and submitted to the AAHP Executive Committee for action.

Finally, the PSEC determined that there were no written instructions on soliciting and evaluating candidates for the Davis Award or on the issue of the award. Therefore, a new SOP No. 2.7.2, “Guidelines for the Selection of the Joyce P. Davis Award Winners by Professional Standards and Ethics Committee,” was prepared and submitted to the AAHP Executive Committee for action.

Help Needed

The Academy is updating its Strategic Plan and needs your input! Please visit this Web site http://www.hps1.org/aahp/membersonly/asp_survey and give us your ideas and opinions. (No, you do not have to read the current Strategic Plan!)

Remember a strategic plan is like a pie—you can’t make a good one unless you put in good ingredients.

Your input is needed by 15 November. After that the pie comes out of the oven.

ABHP Examination No. 1 – June 1960

During this year’s annual Health Physics Society meeting in Spokane, Washington, Editor Kleinhans was provided a copy of the first American Board of Health Physics Examination given in June 1960. Look for questions from this exam in future “CHP Corner” pages, as space allows.

