

The CHP Corner, March 2020

For CHPs, aspiring CHPs, and anyone else on the bell curve.



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20 SECONDS TO INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

Dan Sowers, CHP Corner Editor

Alright team we've all heard the news surrounding COVID-19. With the age distribution of our Academy and profession just a tad bit right-skewed, let's all be extra careful. Wash your hands. Need some extra motivation? Recite all 10CFR20 dose limits in SI units while you scrub the virus down the drain. Takes me about 20 seconds.

In reflection, 9 years ago this month I was making my way across the Pacific to work with the team led by James Powell, CHP, DABR on board USS Ronald Reagan in support of Operation Tomodachi (translated literally as "Operation Friends"). This is a good opportunity to share the publicly available [Operation Tomodachi registry](#) (follow the link to the [disa.mil](#) site and click on "Operation Tomodachi" in the header). The information surrounding the US response and dose estimates contained therein provide excellent talking points should you find yourself engaged in risk communication/counseling or combatting fear mongering. I encourage you to take 20 seconds or so and review the available facts and data (just don't combine it with hand washing). By the way, the dose estimate for [USS Ronald Reagan crew members](#) from 12 March 2011 – 11 May 2011 is 0.08 mSv whole-body and 1.1 mSv to the thyroid.

FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT: CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO SERVE ON AAHP COMMITTEES

Scott Schwahn, AAHP President-elect

Dear Fellow CHPs,

If you didn't know already, you can give back to your profession by serving on an AAHP committee! The committee listing may be found at: www.aahp-abhp.org/index.php/organization/committees (though note the Finance Committee membership is predetermined). I will need to replace quite a number of committee members beginning in January 2021. **I am especially interested in our newer CHPs**, since we really need new viewpoints on how best to serve our membership.

Please take a look at the responsibilities of the committees. If you are logged in as a member, you can read the details about how each of the committees are operated here: www.aahp-abhp.org/members-only/operations-documents. Normally, committee membership is a 3-year commitment, but I will need some folks to accept 2-year terms also this year. If you have an interest in serving, or would like questions answered about it, please let me know directly by emailing me at sschwahn@hps.org. If you are volunteering, please give me a "top 3 list" due to the limited number of positions available.