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Report of the American Board of Health Physics Presented at the AAHP Open Meeting 18 June 2002

The American Board of Health Physics held its Summer Board Meeting in Tampa 14-15 June 2002.

The 2002 Examination

The Part I and II exams were successfully produced and were given on Monday, 17 June. The Board extends its thanks to all of the members of the examination panels for their many hours of hard work in producing a successful examination for 2002.

Progress on Reengineering of Part II Exam

The Ad Hoc Part II Panel held workshops at the midyear meeting in Orlando and the annual meeting in Tampa. Question-writing workshops were also held at a number of other locations around the country. The Ad Hoc Part II Panel is making progress on question development and on building the examination bank, but we are falling behind our originally anticipated schedule. Any CHP may submit questions for the reengineered Part II Exam. Interested CHPs should contact George Vargo, Chair of the Ad Hoc Part II Panel, or me for more information and for copies of training material.

A transition plan and schedule are being developed to merge the two exam panels involved in preparation of the existing and the reformatted exam and plan for a phased transition from the current format to the proposed new format. The earliest that a fully reformatted exam may be implemented would be in 2005.

A poster on the reengineered Part II exam was presented at the ARSCE meeting in Tampa. The poster described types of questions that would be included in the reformatted exam. Handouts of this material are available on request.

Closing the Part II Exam

The Board voted to close the Part II exam beginning with the 2003 exam. Questions will be required to be returned at the end of the Part II exam and will no longer be posted on the Web. This action is required in support of the transition to a reformatted examination.

Board Officers and Panel Chairs—2003

The Board elected its officers for 2003. They are as follows:

Chair – Ed Bailey
 Vice-Chair – John Serabian
 Secretary – Mary Birch
 Parliamentarian – Jim Willison
 Part I Panel Chair – Patricia Milligan
 Part I Panel Vice-Chair – George MacDurmon
 Part II Panel Chair – Dan Mantoath
 Part II Panel Vice-Chair – Drew Thatcher

McAdams Award

The 2002 McAdams Award was presented to Paul Zierner at the AAHP Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, 18 June. The Board extends our congratulations and our thanks to Paul for all of his contributions to the examination certification process and to the profession of health physics as a whole.

Candidate Questionnaire

The Board approved sending out a candidate questionnaire for the 2002 Exam. This questionnaire will probably be Web-based and will gather data from Part I and II candidates about exam preparation time, methods of preparation, and attendance at review courses.

10 CFR 35 RSO Qualifications

The Board was very recently informed of an upcoming hearing of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Use of Isotopes (ACMUI) concerning recommendations on the training and qualification requirements applicable to RSOs for Part 35 licenses. The ABR, ABSNM, ABHP, and ABMP have developed a consolidated position that reflects our belief that our respective certifications are sufficient to assure qualification for the position of Radiation Safety Officer. Dick Vetter, Chair of the ACMUI, drafted the proposed wording of recommended training and experience requirements for Part 35 RSOs, with input from the four certification boards. The Academy and Board plan to send a representative to this hearing on Friday, 21 June. ■