

CHP Corner



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Continuing Education Update

Jim Willison, CHP, Chair

Preparations for the 61st Annual Meeting of the Health Physics Society (17–21 July 2016 in Spokane, Washington) are still ongoing. The Continuing Education Committee has arranged for two of the three eight-hour courses to be held on the preceding Saturday (16 July).

First, we have William Irwin presenting a course on the role of the radiological operations support specialist (ROSS).

Our second course, "How Randomness Affects Understanding of Radiation Risk Assessments and Decisions for Radiation Safety," is being taught by Ray Johnson.

Soon the abstracts for all three courses will be available in the meeting's preliminary program. I encourage you all to take the opportunity to attend one of these courses and perhaps learn something new. Each course is only \$275 and earns the attendee 16 continuing education credits.

Please be reminded that the committee is also on the lookout for topics and instructors for two courses at the 2017 midyear meeting in Bethesda, Maryland, and three courses at the 2017 annual meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina.

This year's committee consists of me, Keith Brown, James Cherniack, Janet Gutierrez, Robert Sitsler, and Glenn Sturchio.

Appeals Committee Activities

Sarah Hoover, CHP, Chair

The Appeals Committee evaluates any appeals that may be made regarding American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) decisions on candidate applications, examination results, certifications, and/or certification renewals. Appeals may be filed with [Nancy Johnson](#), executive secretary of the ABHP.

The Appeals Committee determines whether or not the policies and procedures of the ABHP were properly followed. The Appeals Committee reports its findings to the affected individual, the ABHP chair, the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) president, and the AAHP program director.

In addition to my position as the committee chair, the current members of the committee are Henry Kahnhauser and Frank Costello.

Nominating Committee Update

Earl Fordham, CHP, Chair

The Nominating Committee is composed of nine plenary members of the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) whose primary task is to put together a slate of candidates for open positions on the AAHP Executive Committee, the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP), and the three AAHP representatives on the American Board of Medical Physics (ABMP). Nominating Committee members are drawn from a wide variety of geographical areas and health physics dis-

ciplines. The intent is that the committee members' diverse circles of influence will then result in both a large and a balanced pool of certified health physicist (CHP) candidates for elected office.

The committee contacts potential nominees for elected office, reviews their eligibility and willingness to serve, ranks the candidates, and forwards the slate of candidates to the Executive Committee. Working closely with the ABHP, the committee also selects and ranks potential candidates for open positions on the ABHP. The Nominating Committee is also charged with identifying qualified candidates for the academy positions on the ABMP.

Members who are continuing terms or beginning new terms on the Nominating Committee in 2016 include Kathleen Dinnel-Jones, Robert Morris, Morgan Cox, James Bogard, John Hageman, Nora Nicholson, Cheryl Olson, ABHP Vice Chair Jay Tarzia, and Nominating Committee Chair Earl Fordham.

The committee would like to thank outgoing committee members Tosh Ushino and Andy Miller (off-going ABHP vice chair) for their service.

The Nominating Committee strongly encourages academy members to submit names of potential candidates for elected office or to volunteer to be considered themselves. Past service on the ABHP examination panels, academy standing committees, or the ABHP is helpful but is not a prerequisite. Your interest and enthusiasm are the lifeblood of the AAHP.