

CHP Corner



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A Message From the AAHP President

Kyle R. Kleinhans, CHP



When you receive this, we will be about five to six weeks from the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Health Physics Society (HPS) in Raleigh, North Carolina. The American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) will meet on Friday and Saturday. There will be three eight-hour American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) classes offered on Saturday. The AAHP Executive Committee will meet on Saturday and Sunday. On Monday, exam candidates will be taking Part 1 and/or Part 2 of the certified health physicist (CHP) certification exam. Tuesday is filled with AAHP activities. Kent Lambert (AAHP past president) will be chairing the AAHP special session immediately followed by the AAHP open meeting. Additionally, the AAHP luncheon will be held on Tuesday. All CHPs are invited and encouraged to attend the AAHP luncheon (there is no cost for newly certified CHPs to attend).

Please keep a watch for our newly minted CHPs (who should have “New CHP” tags on the bottom of their HPS meeting badges) and congratulate them on their accomplishment. Please also share with them how they can become involved in the Academy.

Glenn Sturchio and his Continuing Education Committee have scheduled the following informative eight-hour courses for Saturday (each are each worth 16 continuing education credits [CECs]):

- The Radiological Operations Support Specialist: Deeper Dives Into the Latest Rad/Nuc Emergency Response Tools.
- Radioanalytical Chemistry for the Health Physicist.
- Radioactive Air Sampling and Monitoring.

We are investigating having these classes videotaped, similar to the HPS continuing education lectures and Professional Enrichment Program lectures, to allow members to watch them at their leisure and accrue CECs. There would be a nominal online access fee.

With Nancy Johnson’s retirement after more than 30 years of service, we have had a few transition issues, but I’m happy to report that everything seems to have smoothed out with our continuing support from Burk and Associates. Amy Wride-Graney is now our primary point of contact (awride-graney@burkinc.com or 703-790-1745, ext. 213).

Kathy Pryor, AAHP president-elect, is busy filling vacancies on the various AAHP committees. Please contact Kathy at kathy.pryor@pnnl.gov or 509-371-7888 if you are interested in serving on a committee. Many thanks to those committee members who have served and/or continue to serve.

The AAHP has had several opportunities to interact with the HPS over the past six months. I was approached by HPS President-elect Eric Abelquist to determine whether the AAHP was interested in merging with the HPS. The AAHP Executive Committee discussed the proposal at some length during the 2017 HPS Midyear Meeting and declined to pursue the idea at this time.

HPS President Bob Cherry also published a column in the April 2017 *Health Physics News* that “calls upon the AAHP to consider making HPS membership a requirement for maintenance of ABHP certification.” Both the AAHP Executive Committee and the ABHP voted unanimously to not

require membership in the HPS or any other professional organization as a requirement of certification or recertification.

Following the communication of our positions to HPS, I met personally with the HPS president-elect to discuss how the Academy and HPS can work together for the good of both organizations.

Finally, don't forget to wear your Hawaiian shirts on Monday of the HPS meeting to show your support for our exam candidates.

See you in Raleigh!

Kyle

Changes to the CHP Corner

Harry Anagnostopoulos, CHP, Editor of the CHP Corner

I'm sure that readers have noticed that the June edition is not the lengthy *CHP News* that you have all come to expect. Times are changing and the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) is changing with them.

In order to address some privacy concerns and to bring our operations more in line with other similar professional organizations, we will no longer be publishing rosters and the full AAHP meeting minutes in the June and December editions. These editions were intended to be "stand-alone" publications and were called the *CHP News*.

Rosters and meeting minutes will still be available to the membership on the AAHP website. Important developments will be summarized here.

The *CHP News* is obsolete and has been eliminated. Please enjoy a full 12 editions of the "CHP Corner" instead in the coming year!

New Location for Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and Rosters

Rebecca Grabarkewitz, CHP, AAHP Secretary

The American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Executive Committee recently decided to end the practice of publishing the minutes for its meetings and the administrative rosters (for the AAHP and American Board of Health Physics [ABHP]) in the *CHP News*.

AAHP members can still enjoy a little light reading while staying abreast of the current activities of the Executive Committee. The minutes for Executive Committee meetings are now being published in the AAHP Reference Library, on the [AAHP Members Only Area of the AAHP website](#).

The administrative rosters are available on the public portions of the AAHP and ABHP websites.

The [AAHP Organization web page](#) includes web links to view the AAHP leadership, AAHP committees, liaisons, and appointed positions.

The ABHP members are listed on the [ABHP member's web page](#), and the ABHP Panel of Examiners is listed on the [panel page](#).

Members can also view the rosters in the [AAHP Reference Library](#).

A Reminder

Nancy Johnson has now retired. Please direct any AAHP- or ABHP-related questions to Amy Wride-Graney at awride-graney@burkinc.com or at 703-790-1745, ext. 213.