

The CHP Corner, May 2019

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



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FIRST THINGS FIRST: NEW CHP CORNER EDITOR!

Dan Sowers, CHP Corner Editor

In the previous CHP Corner edition, Harry Anagnostopoulos asked to pass the Editor baton. He worked tirelessly during his tenure to produce a professional and valuable CHP Corner. Thank you Harry! As he rests, his Assistant Editor, Mike Zittle, is staying on board to ensure we don't lose our way. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the Academy and my peers in this capacity! My intention with the CHP Corner is to add a personal side to each edition and expand our reader base. To this end, it is relevant to "CHPs, aspiring CHPs, and anyone else on the bell curve."

Moving forward we will feature columns such as "CHP in the Spotlight" where folks out there on the front lines will get a chance to tell their story. I'd like to throw in a book review or two (anybody read *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*?). And who knows there may even be an anecdote or sea story from time to time. Please contact me with any fresh ideas or comments at dsowers430@gmail.com.

For those of you getting ready for one or both parts of the CHP exam in July (or those CHPs desperate for a review), don't forget to check out the questions and answers Drs. Poudel and Krage posted on the HPS website [here](https://hps.org/membersonly/students/examquestions.html) (<https://hps.org/membersonly/students/examquestions.html>).

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Todd Davidson, Committee Chair

The AAHP Professional Standards and Ethics Committee defines the standards of professional responsibility for Certified Health Physicists, reviews all complaints of unethical practices by a Certified Health Physicist that are referred by the AAHP Executive Committee, and serves as the selection committee for the Joyce P. Davis Memorial Award. We have a great team, working with me we have Dan Burnfield, John Keklak, Thomas Morgan, and Bryce Rich.

Luckily, we stay rather underemployed with our first two responsibilities since complaints of unethical practices are rare (thank you for remaining ethical in your practice, CHPs!). The committee does, therefore, focus their time as the award selection committee. Speaking of which, this will serve as a call for nominations for the Joyce P. Davis Memorial Award!

Joyce P. Davis Memorial Award:

The American Academy of Health Physics established the Joyce P. Davis Memorial Award in recognition of her dedication to the advancement of health physics and her humanitarian efforts to uphold the ethics of the profession. The recipient of this award should demonstrate excellence in professional achievement as well as being a champion of professional standards and ethics. Those eligible for the award must be: (1) a member of AAHP for at least 10 years, (2) a demonstrated champion of professional standards and ethics, and (3) recognized for exemplary professional practice of health physics. Nominations for the award can be made by any member of the Academy. Nominations should include a brief biographical résumé of the nominee's career and service to the profession and the AAHP, a nomination letter describing how the candidate has championed professional standards and ethics during their career, and

at least three reference letters in support of the nomination. This material should be submitted to the Chair of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee (Todd Davidson) as quickly as possible.

The award will be presented at the AAHP luncheon during the annual HPS meeting in Orlando, FL. Get your nominations for peers, coworkers, mentors, former students, and anyone else meeting the requirements to [Todd](mailto:t-davidson@sbcglobal.net) (t-davidson@sbcglobal.net) as soon as possible!

AAHP NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ed Bailey, Committee Chair

The Nominating Committee has been busy lately handling resumes of lots of qualified, talented candidates for open leadership positions in the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP), the American Academy of Health Physics Executive Committee (AAHP EC), and the American Board of Medical Physics (ABMP). In carrying out the difficult task of sorting, ranking, and ultimately submitting the nominees to the AAHP, I am proud to work beside Elizabeth Algutifan, Steve Dewey, Cindy Flannery, John Hageman, Willie Harris, Tony Mason, Nora Nicholson, and Tim Taulbee on this committee.

The ABHP had two positions for the term beginning January 2019. The Nominating Committee solicited candidates for new ABHP board members, from the standing ABHP board, and from other sources. Six (6) nominees were identified and the Nominating Committee ranked the slate of nominees after the annual HPS meeting in Cleveland. The top 2 candidates approved by the AAHP EC for the ABHP position are:

- Wei-Hsung Wang and Kyle Kleinhaus.

The Nominating Committee submitted the rankings for the upcoming AAHP EC vacancies to Kathy Pryor for distribution to the AAHP EC. The top 2 ranked nominees for each position are:

- AAHP EC President – Scott Schwahn and Jim Willison
- AAHP EC Secretary – Jason Flora and Elaine Marshall
- AAHP EC Director – Bob May and Cheryl Olson

To fill the position on the ABMP, individuals who have been certified by both the ABMP and the ABHP and who have expressed an interest in serving on the ABMP were ranked and submitted to the AAHP EC for submittal to the ABMP for final selection. The top 2 ranked nominees are Joseph McDonald and Bruce Thomadsen. Bruce was ultimately selected for a three-year term on the ABMP.

Voting is now live for these positions. Congratulations to all nominees and those selected to serve our Academy!