

The CHP Corner, November 2020

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



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ABHP EXAM APPLICATION REMINDER

Amy Wride-Graney, Program Director

Hey Emily and Sam, stop procrastinating! Applications to take either Part I or Part II of the ABHP examination must be fully completed by the January 15th deadline. Please note that this does include all parts of the application, including references and the written report. All parts of the application process are completed online (including payment), and it is the candidate's responsibility to make sure that the application is fully submitted. Please push this message to those ready to sit for either part of the exam in July!

CHP IN THE SPOTLIGHT: ZACH TRIBBETT

Dan Sowers, CHP Corner Editor

A 2008 graduate of Purdue University (bachelor of science) and 2011 graduate of Ball State University (master of arts), our November CHP in the Spotlight Zach Tribbett currently calls the northeast home as the assistant RSO and laser safety officer at Yale University.

Zach has been busy lately as the program committee task force chair for the HPS' virtual workshop. If you are reading this and are happy to have earned some continuing education credits from this year's virtual workshop, much of the scheduling, organizing, and general herding of cats rested on the shoulders of Zach and his amazing team of volunteer professionals. He's been on the program committee since 2015. Although it's a ton of work, especially as the chair, he keeps coming back for more since "it's such a fun committee to be on!" In addition, he serves on the ANSI Z136.8 committee (Safe Use of Lasers in Research, Development, and Testing) and will become a member of the AAHP title protection/professional recognition committee next year. All this committee work allows Zach to give back copiously to his profession. He understands ultimately it also benefits him as an HP and his

professional network has ballooned in the last couple of years.

Zach recently became certified in comprehensive health physics and holds the certified laser safety officer designation as well. The best advice he received from mentors when preparing for the certification process was "the whole process of working towards becoming a CHP is beneficial." Zach chose to come prepared to answer any of the part 2 questions and didn't just focus on the topics with which he was most familiar. It paid off; he chose the 4 100-point questions he was most comfortable with, but he "could have done any of the other questions."



His wife likes to remind him that perhaps he studied too much when preparing for the exam: January to July an hour per weekday and another 6 or so on Saturday and Sunday. Although he sat for the exam on his birthday and was exhausted at his party afterwards, he had a real good feeling he

passed. The hard work and support from his wife paid off!

Pass his advice on to those you mentor: "For younger HPs, or students about to become HPs: get involved! Join committees and sections and local chapters. Even if you feel intimidated, they will be a huge benefit to you. The networking alone is worth it. Getting involved in these things is one of the best choices I've made in my career."

On behalf of those who were impressed a virtual meeting could be planned, arranged, and executed in only a couple months, cheers to fellow Boilermaker Zach Tribbett, our November 2020 CHP in the Spotlight!

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NOTE FOR RECERTIFICATION AND DEFERRED APPLICANTS

Wayne Gaul, ABHP Chair

There has been some confusion about the recertification process since the point accumulation has become computer based. To recertify the individual needs to complete Appendix Q, "APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION OR FOR EMERITUS STATUS" of the ABHP Procedures Manual. The credit accumulation area that is currently in the procedure is electronic and available to the ABHP, but the forms in the procedure shall be filled out and sent to the Secretariat with the references.

To the 87 Part I and 68 Part II applicants who deferred their 2020 examinations (including the 15 applicants taking both examinations): **please register again to take the examination(s) in 2021.** This is done through the Prolydian system you used with your original application. Log in to Prolydian and resubmit the application. This will get you into the testing system. The application portal will be open until January 15, 2021. No fees are due to the Board for your application or for taking the examination(s) if you paid them last year. If you did not pay your fees make sure you do so by January 15, 2021.

In these uncertain times a vaccine cannot come soon enough. The Board will maintain vigilance on the potential impacts on the 2021 examination. The Part II examination will be given July 26, 2021. The Part I is not scheduled yet but will most likely be within 2 weeks of the Part II examination.

Great strides were made last year with getting the grades out in August versus the typical November. Even though the results are available immediately as you would expect there is a process the Part I panel is required to move through to certify the results are fair and accurate. Remember all of the Panel (I and II) and Board members are volunteers, most are working full time jobs. I want to thank them for their dedication and hard work! They have done an outstanding job to maintain the professional standards of the Certification process.