

The CHP Corner, November 2021

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



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NOVEMBER PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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In the month of November with Thanksgiving approaching, many of us spend more time than usual thinking about the things for which we are thankful. Among those things for me is the privilege I have to work with some amazing colleagues in the CHP community. For all of you who are working to grow the community (ABHP members, professors, and other mentors come to mind), enhance the community (many volunteers, especially those on our committees!), and sustain the community (CHPs who perform their work ethically and honorably), I offer my sincere thanks.

Recently, your colleagues on the [Professional Development Committee](#) worked with the [Health Physics Society](#) (HPS) Academic, Industrial, and Research Radiation Safety Section and the HPS Medical Health Physics Section to update the Standards of Qualification and Practice (SQ/Ps) for **University Radiation Safety Officer** and **Healthcare Facility Radiation Safety Officer**. They can be found at www.aahp-abhp.org/standards-qual. These SQ/Ps were produced to assist Management with the proper selection of personnel for these positions. The standards were developed and reviewed by health physicists who have worked in the positions and have a strong familiarity with the skills and abilities needed to carry out successfully the duties associated with the positions. It is our hope that they will be used within their respective work sectors to help ensure a safe workplace and a safe experience for the public.

I mentioned in the September CHP Corner that the Executive Committee was reviewing its policy regarding former CHPs who have lapsed memberships for greater than 4 years; the policy was that these former members would have to start the process of certification over if they wished to be CHPs again. The Executive Committee reaffirmed that policy. I would urge CHPs who are considering another career or personal direction to keep up with Continuing Education Credits (CECs) and Academy maintenance fees until you are certain that you are making a permanent professional and personal change.

Speaking of maintenance fees, 2022 fees are now due. Please log in to the [website](#) and get your 2022 maintenance fees in. The website look has changed as of November 1st so that it will be compatible with mobile devices. This is a HUGE improvement from my point of view. Give it a try! As always, please route any questions or concerns to director@aahp-abhp.org. The portion of the site to log CECs is still far too complicated to attempt a mobile platform at this time, so that will still need to be done from a laptop or full computer. There is now a video tutorial for those of you who need a little bit of help understanding how to enter your CECs. I encourage you to watch it, after logging in, on our homepage at www.aahp-abhp.org/.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, and we look forward to welcoming those new CHPs when exam results are confirmed later this month!