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Continuing Education Committee Activities

Jim Willison, CHP, Chair

Has it been a year already? One year ago, we set up the email address for the Continuing Education Committee to hopefully speed processing of continuing education credit requests. While some health physicists seem to resist the new-fangled process and still send (gulp) paper copies to the Secretariat, many of you have embraced the change and have used our mailbox. While we try to be responsive and our stated goal is to provide a response within three weeks for electronic submittals, occasionally responses for unusual requests take a bit longer. As I write this in mid-December, we have processed almost 250 requests for credit, many within a few days. Please keep using our email address (aahpcec@burkinc.com).

By the time this is published, the Health Physics Society (HPS) midyear meeting in Albuquerque will be just a memory. The American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) sponsored two eight-hour courses at the midyear. The first was related to the principles and applications of operational health physics and radiological engineering. The second related to stakeholder engagement and to the International Radiation Protection Association guiding principles.

The committee is looking for courses that the AAHP can sponsor for the annual HPS meeting in Salt Lake City this summer. Hopefully, by the time this is published we will already have three courses lined up. Please don't let this stop you from

contacting us if you have a good idea for a course or, even better, would like to put a course together and enlighten your fellow health physicists with an interesting topic. Instructors receive 20 CECs for their efforts in putting together an eight-hour course. In addition, there is a \$1,000 honorarium for each course.

The members of the committee for 2010 are me as chair along with Louise Buker, James Cherniak, Joe Greco, and Joel Rabovsky. Information about the committee and listings of activities that have been approved for credit are available at the Academy Web site (www.aahp-abhp.org). The Web site also contains a complete listing of the guidelines for granting continuing education credit.

Call for 2010 McAdams Award Nominations

Nora Nicholson, CHP, Secretary, ABHP

Nominations for the William A. McAdams Outstanding Service Award are due by 2 March 2010. This award is presented annually by the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) and the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) to honor a certified health physicist who has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of professionalism in health physics and to the certification process. Any member of the AAHP may submit a nomination.

More details and information on the history of the McAdams Award may be found at <http://www.hps1.org/aahp/McAdams/McAdams.html> and the nomination form at http://www.hps1.org/aahp/McAdams/McAdams_Nomination.pdf.

Looking for a Picture

Jim Willison, CHP, Associate Webmaster

Since the effort to post all of the McAdams Award citations on the American Board of Health Physics Web site, one thing has been missing to make the display complete. This one thing has eluded all efforts to track it down. That one thing is a picture of the award namesake, William McAdams. This is a request to anyone for

a picture of William McAdams that we can post on our Web site. If you don't have a picture, but have some ideas about where we might be able to find one, that is appreciated as well. Any correspondence can be sent either to the Secretariat or to aahpcec@burkinc.com. Thanks.

Part I Panel of Examiners Activities

Michael Stabin, CHP, Chair

Every November, the Part I Examination Panel meets for two days near Washington, DC, to discuss the performance of the current year's exam and prepare a new exam for the following year. The panel met in 2009 on 22-23 November.

During the meeting, members submit a number of questions for panel review within their area of expertise. The proposed new questions are reviewed and, if approved by the panel, are added to a bank of existing questions for possible use on future exams. Existing questions are also reviewed for past performance, clarity, and appropriateness and may be modified or removed from the bank. Throughout the year, members prepare new questions, analyze performance data on old questions, edit draft and final versions of the exam, and wait for the results of the current year's exam performance.

The panel is comprised of 12 CHPs from locations throughout the United States with expertise in different

areas, including academic/research applications, accelerators, dosimetry, environmental and fundamental health physics, fuel cycle/waste management, power reactors, and regulations. Members are appointed by the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) for a four-year term.

If you would like to make a significant contribution to our profession and enjoy working in a collegial atmosphere with fellow CHPs with a wide range of expertise, please indicate your interest in serving on the Part I Examination Panel when you submit your ABHP annual dues. You can also contact the panel chair or vice chair at any time. Work on the panel is voluntary and can be very rewarding. Besides frequent review of many areas of health physics, understanding of and providing input on the examination preparation process is always interesting. Although not a requirement for membership, Hawaiian shirts and sunglasses are always welcome.



2009 Part I Panel, left to right, Chair Jerry Hensley, Vice Chair Mike Stabin, Jay Tarzia, William Rhodes, Past Panel Chair Tony Huffert, Nicolas Bates, Cindy Flannery, David Medich, Jim Willison, Beth Hilt, Scott Nickelson, and Jackson Ellis