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AAHP Nominating Committee Activities

Jerry Martin, CHP, Chair

The Committee recently completed the nominating process for the next election of American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) officers. Candidates are for President-elect, Tom Buhl and Dan Strom; for Treasurer, Ken Eger and Gary Kephart; and for Director, Regis Greenwood and Brian Methe. Academy members will be receiving ballots soon—don't forget to vote!

The Committee also recently submitted recommended nominees to the Selection Committee for the Joyce P.

Davis Memorial Award.

The Committee is currently considering nominees for an American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) replacement member for the 2003-2007 term. Any Academy member who is interested in serving on the ABHP should contact one of the following Nominating Committee members: Ed Bailey, Tom Crites, Bob Feinberg, Steve Gebers, Dave Kent, Joel Lubenau, Larry McKay, or Jonafred Thomas.

Accreditation of the ABHP by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards

Robert Miltenberger, CHP

Several years ago the ABHP, acting in response to the SAAHP's long-range plan, made application for accreditation by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB). Accreditation by the CESB brings the ABHP in line with other Specialty Boards that issue certifications such as those of the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and the Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH). At its February 2001 meeting, the CESB unanimously approved our application for accreditation. The accreditation is valid through 2004.

Renewal of accreditation is conditional on two changes to the current ABHP policy and procedures:

1. Adding a board member to represent the public interest.
2. Changing the procedure for selection of Board members such that no more than one-third of the members are chosen by the Academy. (Note: We believe that the CESB Policy states that no more than one-third of the members may be chosen by the Board. This would not preclude the members being selected by the Academy.)

In July of 2001, the ABHP petitioned the CESB to

examine in detail the current ABHP Board selection mechanism because we believe that, since the Academy selects the members of the Board, we already comply with the CESB accreditation standards. The CESB is reviewing that matter and will decide the issue at a future meeting.

The CESB also made a recommendation to shorten the time between the examination date and reporting of candidate results. The requirements for accreditation renewal and the recommendation are topics that were discussed at this summer's Board and Academy meetings. The Board believes that a possible reengineered Part II exam, which is currently being developed, will allow the Board to provide results of the exam in a more timely fashion.

The addition of a public interest member to the Board is a reasonably easy modification, one that members of other Boards have informed us has added greatly to their programs.

The issue of Board member nomination and selection is a sensitive one. It is hoped the CESB will agree with the Board's interpretation of the CESB accreditation standards and determine that our existing process is adequate. ■