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## 2010 American Board of Health Physics Activities

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*Jack Higginbotham, CHP, 2010 ABHP Chair*

The American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) held its fall meeting in McLean, Virginia, 19-20 November 2010. The Board applauded the efforts of the panel chairs and members for their contribution to the preparation and grading of the examinations. Special thanks were given to Part I Chair Mike Stabin and Part II Chair David Burkett.

The 2010 Certification Exam was administered 12 July 2010 at several locations, including the

Health Physics Society Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. One hundred seventy-five candidates sat for one or both parts of the exam, slightly less than the average of 177 candidates over the previous six years.

The ABHP granted 26 additional certifications in 2010. One hundred twenty-two candidates took the Part I exam and 57 passed for a passing rate of 47 percent. This is compared with the statistics for the 2009 exam, where 118 candidates

took the exam and 36 percent (43) of them passed.

Eighty-two candidates took the Part II exam this year and 26 passed for a passing rate of 32 percent. This is compared with the 2009 exam where 64 candidates took the exam, and 28 percent passed. The 2010 exam questions covered all the domains of practices, no questions were ignored by the candidates, and the questions adequately discriminated between passing and failing candidates.

Looks like we are finally getting some recognition!



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## Nominating Committee

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*Earl Fordham, CHP, Chair*

The Nominating Committee is composed of nine plenary members of the American Academy of Health Physics whose primary job is to put together a slate of candidates for open positions on the Academy Executive Committee, the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP), and the Academy representation on the American Board of Medical Physics. Nominating Committee members represent a wide variety of geographical areas and disciplines of health physics. It is this diversity on the committee that helps in identifying a larger and more diverse pool of candidates for elective office.

The Nominating Committee contacts potential nominees for elective office, reviews their

eligibility and willingness to serve, ranks the candidates, and forwards the slate of candidates to the Executive Committee. Working closely with the ABHP, the committee also selects and ranks candidates for open positions on the Board. The Nominating Committee identifies candidates for the Academy positions on the American Board of Medical Physics.

Members who are continuing terms or who were reappointed to new terms on the Nominating Committee in 2011 are Morgan Cox, Steven King, Kyle Kleinhans, Glenn Sturchio, and Bruce Zibung. New members are Kurt Geber, Gary Kephart, and Govind Rao (2011 ABHP vice chair and ex officio member). Earl Fordham

was reappointed to the position of chair of the committee after he finished Kathy Pryor's term when she was elected Health Physics Society president-elect. The Nominating Committee would like to thank those members who concluded their term this past year for their service: outgoing members John Hageman and ex officio member Nora Nicholson (2010 ABHP vice chair).

The Nominating Committee strongly encourages Academy members to submit names of potential candidates for elected office or to volunteer to be considered themselves. Past service on the ABHP Examination Panels, Academy standing committees, or the ABHP is helpful but not required.

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## Continuing Education Update

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*Jim Willison, CHP, Chair*

The American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Executive Committee met at the 2011 Health Physics Society (HPS) Midyear Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, and adopted some procedure changes regarding the way that continuing education credits (CEC) are granted. These changes are now in effect and apply to all recertification applications.

CECs awarded for college courses related to American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) examination topics have

been increased to 24 credits per credit hour. CECs for college courses in related engineering, science, or medical topics have been increased to 12 credits per credit hour. No distinction is made between semester- and quarter-based systems. The 32-credit limit for a single activity still applies. This change brings the CECs for college courses more in line with other activities.

Three courses have been arranged for the 2011 HPS meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida, in June. Dan Strom will

be teaching a course tentatively titled "Statistical Methods for Health Physicists." Dick Toohey will be teaching a course tentatively titled "MARSAME Methodology Training Course." Ray Johnson is teaching a course tentatively titled "Worker Counseling."

Abstracts for all of these courses are listed in the meeting Preliminary Program. The price for these sessions has not changed for some time, so come on down to Florida and see if you can't pick up some new ideas. ☒