

CHP Corner



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Professional Standards and Ethics Committee

Timothy D. Taulbee, CHP, Chair

The purpose of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee is to define the standards of professional responsibility for certified health physicists (CHPs) and to review all complaints about ethical practice that are referred to this committee by the Executive Committee. During the past year there have been no complaints about CHPs acting unethically that have been forwarded to this committee for evaluation. This suggests that our colleagues are continuing to conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner.

Another responsibility of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee is to select the Joyce P. Davis Memorial Award winners. The Davis Award is given in memory of Joyce P. Davis, in recognition of her dedication to the advancement of health physics and her humanitarian efforts to uphold the ethics of the profession. The recipients of this award demonstrate the extraordinary qualities exemplified by Joyce P. Davis by distinguishing themselves for excellence in professional achievement as well as being admired for ethical behavior and interpersonal skills.

This year the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee *did not receive a single nomination for the Joyce P. Davis Award*. Surely there are many deserving candidates for this award. The committee respectfully requests that all CHPs take a moment to consider the work of their colleagues and consider nominating those who are deserving of this award. A call for nominations will appear again in the December issue of *Health Physics News*—it is never too early to start preparing a nomination.

The current Professional Standards and Ethics Committee members (in addition to the chair) are Jack Buddenbaum, Bob Cherry, Danny Rice, and Neil Stanford.

AAHP Committee Appointments

Kent Lambert, President-elect

In the first half of the president-elect's term, the paramount responsibility is identifying and recommending committee chairs and new committee members for those rotating off committees at the end of the year. This process begins after the Health Physics Society (HPS) midyear meeting and concludes prior to the annual meeting of the HPS. This timing is important because the incoming chairs and new committee members need to be approved by the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Executive Committee at its meeting (which is held in connection with the HPS annual meeting). For the AAHP, the terms of office run on a calendar-year basis, so those selected have about six months after their selections to prepare.

Each current committee chair was contacted, and those whose terms will expire were asked to recommend someone to succeed them as committee chair for 2016. Remaining committee chairs were asked whether they would like to continue as the chair for 2016.

New committee appointments were made to replace members whose terms are expiring. These appointments were based on a list of the people who had volunteered (on their dues statements) to serve on AAHP committees.

At the meeting of the AAHP Executive Committee on 12 July 2015 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the following committee chairs were approved for 2016.

COMMITTEE	2016 CHAIR	2015 CHAIR
Appeals	Sarah Hoover (reappointed)	Sarah Hoover
Continuing Education	James S. Willison (reappointed)	James S. Willison
Exam Site	Christopher Graham	Anthony Williams
Nominating	Dale Thomas (reappointed)	Dale Thomas
Professional Development	Janet Johnson (reappointed)	Janet Johnson
Professional Standards & Ethics	Tim Taulbee (reappointed)	Tim Taulbee
Title Protection/Professional Recognition	Jay Maisler	Steven Frey

NOTE: The chairperson and membership of the Finance Committee is set in the AAHP bylaws.

At the same meeting, the following new committee members were also approved. Each of the new appointments is for a term running through 2018.

COMMITTEE	2016 APPOINTMENT	REPLACING
Appeals	Frank Costello	Duncan White
Continuing Education	Keith Brown	Mark Hogue
	Glenn Sturchio	Alan Jackson
	Janet Gutiérrez	Scott Schwahn
Exam Site	Adel Baryoun	Christopher Graham*
Nominating	Nora Nicholson	Toshihide Ushino
	John Hageman	<i>vacant</i>
	Cheryl Olson (alternate)	-----
Professional Development	Jim Herrold	Richard Granberg
	Allison Wilding	Tom Johnson
	Dennis Clum	Maya Keller
	Jeffrey Kotsch	<i>vacant</i>
Professional Standards & Ethics	Kathy Pryor	Dan Rice
	John Keklak	Neil Stanford
Title Protection/Professional Recognition	Paul Ward	Travis Beard
	Richard Harvey	Jay Maisler*

*Rose from committee member to committee chair.

I thank all those who are currently serving on committees for their service to the Academy!

Activities of the American Board of Health Physics

Patrick J. LaFrate, ABHP Chair

The American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) held its summer meeting on 11 July 2015 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The board members (with term expiration dates in parentheses) for calendar year 2016 are:

- Wayne Gaul (2020)
- Andrew Karam (2017)
- Robert May (2017), parliamentarian
- Mark (Andy) Miller (2016), chair
- Victoria Morris (2019), secretary
- William Rhodes (2019)
- Glenn Sturccio (2020)
- Jay Tarzia (2018)

The board decided to table the appointment of the vice chair until a later date, due to the unavailability of some of the board members at the meeting.

The Exam Panel officers for 2016 are:

- Part I Panel Chair Chris Martel (2018)
- Part I Panel Vice Chair Karen Barcal (2018)
- Part II Panel Chair Wei-Hsung Wang (2019)
- Part II Panel Vice Chair Kathleen Dinnel-Jones (2019)

One of the primary missions of the board is the preparation, administration, and grading of the certification examination each year. The task can be accomplished only because of the dedicated work of Part I and Part II Exam Panel members and their respective chairs and vice chairs: Paul Jones (2015 Part I Panel chair), Chris Martel (2015 Part I Panel vice chair), Richard Adams (2015 Part II Panel chair), and Wei-Hsung Wang (2015 Part II Panel vice chair). I would like to acknowledge their contributions and express my sincere gratitude for their hard work. I would also like to thank all board members for their part in reviewing exam questions.

One aspect of exam preparation is the “wise-person” review of Part II of the exam. The process is fairly straightforward: the ABHP chair solicits three volunteer certified health physicists (CHPs) as wise persons to review a draft of the Part II exam. The review covers a wide spectrum to ensure that the domains of practice are fairly represented, the premise of the question is clear, the question is unambiguous, grammar and spelling are correct, references are up to date, units are consistent, and the question includes all expected information that would be needed to answer the question. The board expresses its sincere gratitude to the 2015 wise-person panel: Kent Lambert, Govind Rao, Jerry Hiatt, and George Chabot (alternate).

The ABHP certification exams (Parts I and II) were offered on 13 July in Indianapolis, Indiana, and at 18 other sites. Of the 347 total applicants (334 in 2014), 48 candidates in Indianapolis took the Part I exam and 28 candidates took the Part II exam (candidate numbers at the other sites were not available at the time of this report). I want to personally thank all the CHPs who volunteered their time to proctor the exams. Without their support, it would not have been possible to host the exams at other locations.

Also, I want to offer a very special thanks to Executive Secretary and Program Director Nancy Johnson for her leadership and unwavering support in organizing all exam-related activities.

Working on the exam panels is a rich and rewarding experience. In addition to the benefits of networking with experienced CHPs and exchanging ideas on current topics, it also awards a very generous portion of the continuing education credits needed for recertification. I strongly urge all CHPs, if they have not already done so, to seriously consider volunteering to serve on an exam panel.

The following CHPs have been added as replacements for outgoing panel members:

- Part I Panel: David Medich and Tom Mohaupt
- Part II Panel: John Kinneman, Daniel Evans, Matthew Arno, and Mark Krohn

Prospective applicants should check the [ABHP Prospectus](#) for the academic and experience requirements and should look at the [study guide with sample questions](#).

