Continuing Education Update

Jim Willison, CHP, Chair

Preparations for the 61st Annual Meeting of the Health Physics Society (17–21 July 2016 in Spokane, Washington) are still ongoing. The Continuing Education Committee has arranged for two of the three eight-hour courses to be held on the preceding Saturday (16 July).

First, we have William Irwin presenting a course on the role of the radiological operations support specialist (ROSS).

Our second course, “How Randomness Affects Understanding of Radiation Risk Assessments and Decisions for Radiation Safety,” is being taught by Ray Johnson.

Soon the abstracts for all three courses will be available in the meeting’s preliminary program. I encourage you all to take the opportunity to attend one of these courses and perhaps learn something new. Each course is only $275 and earns the attendee 16 continuing education credits.

Please be reminded that the committee is also on the lookout for topics and instructors for two courses at the 2017 midyear meeting in Bethesda, Maryland, and three courses at the 2017 annual meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina.

This year’s committee consists of me, Keith Brown, James Cherniack, Janet Gutierrez, Robert Sitsler, and Glenn Sturchio.

Appeals Committee Activities

Sarah Hoover, CHP, Chair

The Appeals Committee evaluates any appeals that may be made regarding American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) decisions on candidate applications, examination results, certifications, and/or certification renewals. Appeals may be filed with Nancy Johnson, executive secretary of the ABHP.

The Appeals Committee determines whether or not the policies and procedures of the ABHP were properly followed. The Appeals Committee reports its findings to the affected individual, the ABHP chair, the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) president, and the AAHP program director.

In addition to my position as the committee chair, the current members of the committee are Henry Kahnhauser and Frank Costello.

Nominating Committee Update

Earl Fordham, CHP, Chair

The Nominating Committee is composed of nine plenary members of the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) whose primary task is to put together a slate of candidates for open positions on the AAHP Executive Committee, the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP), and the three AAHP representatives on the American Board of Medical Physics (ABMP). Nominating Committee members are drawn from a wide variety of geographical areas and health physics dis-
The committee contacts potential nominees for elected 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 potential candidates for open positions on the ABHP. The Nominating Committee is also charged with identifying qualified candidates for the academy positions on the ABMP.

Members who are continuing terms or beginning new terms on the Nominating Committee in 2016 include Kathleen Dinnel-Jones, Robert Morris, Morgan Cox, James Bogard, John Hageman, Nora Nicholson, Cheryl Olson, ABHP Vice Chair Jay Tarzia, and Nominating Committee Chair Earl Fordham.

The committee would like to thank outgoing committee members Tosh Ushino and Andy Miller (off-going ABHP vice chair) for their service.

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 is not a prerequisite. Your interest and enthusiasm are the lifeblood of the AAHP.

Have you been thinking about a job change? There are job opportunities listed in the Members Only section of the Health Physics Society website. Find health physics job postings at https://hps.org/membersonly/employment/jobs.

Announcements

NCRP Annual Meeting, 11–12 April 2016, Bethesda, Maryland

The 2016 National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) Annual Meeting—"Meeting the Needs of the Nation for Radiation Protection"—will take place 11–12 April 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bethesda, Maryland. The meeting will highlight the WARP—Where Are the Radiation Professionals?—initiative and address specific ways we can meet the needs of the nation for radiation protection professionals. Meeting chairs are Judy Bader, Kathy Pryor, and Dick Toohey.

IRPA14, 9–13 May 2016, Cape Town, South Africa

The 14th Congress of the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA14) will be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa, 9–13 May 2016. “Practising Radiation Protection: Sharing the Experience and New Challenges” celebrates IRPA's 50 years and offers:

- An excellent social program and a great opportunity to sample the delights of generous South African hospitality.
- A comprehensive scientific and technical program covering all aspects of radiation protection.
- The perfect opportunity for networking and continuing professional development.
- The first IRPA international congress to take place on the African continent.
- An indispensable event for all radiation protection practitioners.
- A well-rounded technical exhibition and technical visits program.
- A diverse selection of refresher courses.

This important meeting is just about a month away, thus you need to start your international travel plans since they can be more complex than domestic travel.