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WANTED:

HPs & CHPs for Standards of Qualification/Practice Writing Effort

Thomas H. Essig, CHP
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As was discussed in the June 1997 issue of the *CHP News*, the AAHP's Professional Development Committee (PDC) will be soliciting interest regarding participation in writing groups for Standards of Practice (SPs) for certain health physics positions and activities. The PDC has since renamed these SPs to Standards of Qualification/Practice (SQ/P) to reflect an anticipated broader use of such documents. This notice constitutes the first of perhaps several such solicitations. The AAHP, through its PDC, is undertaking this effort as a service to the HP community. Soon, the PDC will be developing a standard operating procedure that will guide the process used by the writing groups to draft the requested SQ/Ps.

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit interest in the first two working groups that will prepare SQ/Ps for Hospital Radiation Safety Officers and University RSOs, respectively. The standards will address academic degree requirements, post-graduate training, and experience requirements, as well as other pertinent considerations.

Activities of the first two writing groups, as well as oversight activities by the PDC, must be completed by mid-January 1998 so that draft SQ/Ps may be presented to the AAHP Executive Committee at the February 1998 HPS Midyear Meeting in Mobile, Alabama. Assuming that these writing groups are constituted in the August-September time frame, they will have approximately four to five months to complete drafts of the assigned SQ/Ps and have them reviewed by the PDC.

Since this is an AAHP activity, the selection procedure for writing group membership mandates that the group chairperson be a plenary member of the AAHP (i.e., a CHP) and that at least 50 percent of the group membership consist of CHPs. Writing group members will be selected in consideration of the applicant's experience and/or technical background in the area of the proposed standard, the applicant's lack of a financial or other conflict of interest in the outcome of the SQ/P, and an appropriate representation of affected parties on the writing group. In an effort to broaden the involvement of HPs and CHPs in this project, the PDC encourages applicants who have not previously participated extensively in AAHP activities.

If this challenge appeals to you and you are interested in membership on a writing group for Hospital or University RSO SQ/Ps, please contact the PDC Chair, Tom Essig, by telephone at 301-415-2910 or by email: <THE@NRC.GOV>.

Also, please let Tom know of your interest in writing group membership for other SQ/Ps to be undertaken in the future so that we may have a few candidates in the pipeline.

AAHP CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee of the AAHP is soliciting nominations/applications for the Academy offices of **President-Elect, Treasurer, and Director**. Names of proposed candidates will be submitted to the AAHP Executive Committee at the 1998 Midyear Meeting; terms of office would begin at the 1999 Midyear Meeting.

Nominees must be Plenary Members of the Academy and should be able to attend the AAHP Executive Committee meetings held at the HPS Annual and Midyear Meetings. Incumbent members of the ABHP are not eligible to hold Academy offices. Professional diversity and self-nominations are encouraged.

Nominations should be submitted by 30 September 1997. Please include a résumé with your nomination and send to:

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