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1997 CHP Salary Survey

Gary Lautenschlager is compiling the annual CHP salary survey. You should have received your 1997 CHP Salary Survey form with your annual AAHP maintenance fee/dues notice in late August. If you haven’t done so already, please complete the survey form and return it as soon as possible. Your input and your dues are needed, so don’t delay! If you did not receive the survey and maintenance fee notice by now, or have misplaced it, please contact the AAHP Office.

Call for Vigilance

President Jerry Martin requests everyone’s assistance in the enforcement of the Standards of Professional Responsibility for Certified Health Physicists. There have been several instances recently of unauthorized individuals misusing the CHP and Certified Health Physicist designations. If you detect, or even suspect, any such misuse, please contact AAHP Program Director, Nancy Johnson, at 703-790-1745 immediately.

Well-Derived Thanks

The 1997 exam had a total of 531 applicants; 217 candidates took Part I exams and 143 candidates took Part II exams.

The Exam Site Selection Committee (Chair Stephen Duce, Harvey Goldberg, and William Kirk) arranged for the following exam sites and proctors. The Board appreciates all of the work done by the Committee and the proctors who donated their time to assist with the exam. Many of these colleagues have assisted with proctor duties year after year. Please let them know that their efforts are valued.

* Several other Academy Officers and Board members stopped by—after all-day meeting agendas—to offer their assistance at the San Antonio test site.

Exam Candidate Reactions

One of the agenda items which the ABHP considered in San Antonio was a compilation of the candidate feedback surveys from the 1996 Part II examination. Readers will probably relate to some of the comments which follow.

Regarding the test’s adequacy as a reflection of professional responsibilities: “I think the exam was very fair when compared with the 1995 Part II. I had a few minor problems understanding some of the questions but it is really difficult to write the perfect exam. On the whole it was an adequate test.”

Regarding the supporting information provided: “In real life, an HP would not rely on memory to solve an issue but rather would rely on memory to get the correct document to resolve the issue. A brute memory exam is not a real life situation and should be discontinued.”

Next Issue: Wild ideas for the future of credential examinations and what some other organizations are doing that the Academy might learn from. Highlights from the Academy strategic planning workshops held this past summer (promised in this edition) will also appear in the next issue of the *CHP News*.