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### 2018 PART II EXAMINATION PANEL

*Allen Mabry, Chair*

Currently the panel is working with the ABHP to create Part II of the 2018 exam. The chair starts the process by choosing questions from each subject area category and distributes them for review by members of the ABHP. Once the questions are reviewed and ranked, the chair tallies the results and finalizes the composition of the exam for additional review by the board. An independent review is then performed by a three-person panel of recognized health physics experts. They provide valuable feedback as to whether the proposed exam is reasonable and fair.

The panel is also preparing for the 2018 Part II workshop to be held on 14 and 15 July 2018 in Cleveland, Ohio. At this workshop, members will work hard to review and improve the exam databank, ensuring that the next several years of exams will be both fair and challenging.

Later in the summer, the exams will be transferred back to ABHP Headquarters for evaluation, recording, and distribution to the Part II Panel and ABHP Board members for grading. The members work in teams to grade each of the questions, by hand, as assigned by the chair. The individual grades for each question are then compiled and reviewed by a team leader to ensure grades from each of the three graders are reasonably consistent. Grading is usually completed by early fall. The candidates are informed of their examination results in November after the ABHP board meeting.

The panel members put in a tremendous effort. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the entire 2018 Part II panel for taking time out of their busy schedules to contribute to this valuable task: Vice Chair Wes Boyd, Past Chair Kathleen Dinnel-Jones, Matthew Arno, Steven Brown, William Bullard, Michael Campbell, Jeff Chapman, John Dixon, Daniel Evans, Milan Gadd, Gerald George, Andrea Geyer, Ninni Jacob, Gregory Jones, John Kinneman, Henry Lynn, William McCarthy, Joseph McDonald, Aaron Miaulis, Hans Oldewage, Jack Parry, David Rynders, Clifford Stephan, Andrew Thatcher, Johnafred Thomas, John Tomon, William Uhland, Latha Vasudevan, and Scottie Walker. Finally, a great big THANK YOU to Amy Wride-Graney, Program Director for the ABHP, for her valuable support of all Panel activities.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Part II panel for a four-year adventure, please do not hesitate to indicate your willingness when you submit your American Academy of Health Physics annual dues or let a current member know of your interest. While expertise in all disciplines are needed, right now we are especially looking for CHPs with Fuel Cycle/Waste, Non-ionizing, and Power Reactor experience.

### TITLE PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

*Richard Harvey, Chair*

The Title Protection and Professional Recognition (TP/PR) Committee's serves to protect the "CHP" title and fosters acceptance as well as recognition of our profession. Currently, it seems that many professions are attempting to increase their influence and scope in the workplace.

For example, the American Association of Physicists in Medicine/American Board of Radiology (AAPM/ABR) have expanded their role in the areas of radiation oncology, nuclear medicine, diagnostic radiological physics and even medical health physics. Instead of taking an inclusive approach, AAPM/ABR has attempted to make our disciplines exclusive to their members, via state licensure, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations, and Joint Commission (JC) standards. Many of these avenues have served to promote medical physicists and excluded health physicists. As an individual that is certified in both arenas and a member of both organizations, I believe there is a role in the disciplines mentioned for members of both organizations.

I am also certified as a nuclear medicine technologist by the Nuclear Medicine Technology Board (NMTCB) and American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). NMTCB is now offering a certification in radiation safety for nuclear medicine technologists, which transcends nuclear medicine and involves radiation safety for other ionizing radiation modalities. NMTCB may be attempting to fulfill roles that can be and have been staffed by health physicists.

I believe the issues of title protection and professional recognition are paramount to our professional health and viability. Fortunately others agree with me and Health Physics Society (HPS) has created a "Health Physics Title Protection Task Force". Moving forward, the TP/PR committee will work with the HPS task force to execute the joint vision of the American Academy of Health Physicists (AAHP) and HPS.

TP/PR has engaged in various activities to protect our profession and increase recognition. In New York State, the educational requirements for medical physics licensure were corrected to include health physicists. We also held discussions with JC regarding the exclusive nature of their standards, which we attempted to amend (to no avail). The NRC was approached regarding the definition of the term "medical physicist" to make the term more inclusive, but the proposal was denied.

The agreement between AAHP, HPS and American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) has been revisited and is currently under review by AAHP leadership. This arrangement included the CHP title and promoted our title at the state government level by AIHA. The CHP trademark renewal application has been submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.