

# The CHP Corner, January 2021

For CHPs, aspiring CHPs, and anyone else on the bell curve.



## The American Academy of Health Physics

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Scott Schwahn, AAHP President*

I would like to start off the New Year with thanks! Thanks especially go to all of you who have volunteered, some of whom worked tirelessly in your "spare" time this past year on committees and other activities within the Academy. At the end of this letter, I will call out those volunteers who are rolling off of service for a well-deserved rest... or in some cases, even more service! Please take time to offer them your personal thanks as well.

There have been several enormous changes in 2020 that have affected our members/future members:

- On January 1, 2021, we transitioned our Secretariat from Burk and Associates (BAI) to [Creative Marketing Alliance](#) (CMA), located in Princeton Junction, NJ. After many decades of a relationship with BAI, you might imagine that the transition was quite a bit of work. The transition Task Force was headed by **Wayne Gaul** who was assisted by **Pat LaFrane**, **Andy Miller**, **Gus Potter**, and **Wei-Hsung Wang**. The primary goals were to ensure that in-progress American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) testing applicants were supported and their information was accurately transferred, all assets of the AAHP/ABHP were accounted for and moved, and to minimize disruption to our members. CMA is an Association Management Company with triple-accreditation by the Association Management Company Institute (AMCI), the Advertising Specialty Institute (ASI), and the International Airlines Travel Agent Network (IATAN). Keep an eye out for a brief self-introduction by CMA in the near future! You can contact CMA at [director@aahp-abhp.org](mailto:director@aahp-abhp.org) or call (888) 282-3446.

- Our website and database management company, [Prolydian](#), keeps track of our ABHP application process, membership database, and our

website. Again, this is a case of changing the way we do business that has been around for decades. In 2020, the recertification process went electronic, but there were some stumbles along the way. The system that was intended to make your life easier for recertification actually made it somewhat harder for you, and much harder for the Continuing Education Committee. We had a major shift mid-year, and in the last week of December were able to release the next version of the Continuing Education Credits tracking system. If you have not had a chance to check it out, [please do so!](#) CHPs can now continuously update their CECs online and apply for CECs throughout their 4-year recertification period, so I encourage you to record/apply for your CECs as they come.

- "The COVID." Although we're all tired of talking about it, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the FABULOUS job the Board did in arranging for those who wanted to take the exam as scheduled in the summer of 2020 to take it, and for those who wanted to take it next year to be allowed the opportunity to do that. The Exam Site Committee [**Jeff Bruner** (Chair), **Kara Beharry**, **Dan Menchaca**, and **William Uhland**] were presented with a surprising challenge to find places for those who wanted to take the test that were geographically appropriate, open and available, and safe. WELL DONE, colleagues! Regarding CECs in 2021, making them available to Academy members will be one of my top-level goals.

There will be plenty of time for me to communicate more throughout the year, so I will stop there for now. I look forward to serving you as President this year.

CHP volunteers rolling off of service:

**Wayne Gaul**, ABHP Chair  
**Mark A. "Andy" Miller**, Past President  
**Janet M Gutiérrez**, Past Secretary

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**Charles A. "Gus" Potter**, Director

Appeals: Chair **Rodney Bauman, Larry Daur**

Continuing Education: Chair **Curtis Kwasniewski, Brandon Boswell, Erin Nivin, Mike Stabin, Duncan White**

Exam Site: Chair **Jeff Bruner, William Uhlán**

Nominating: Chair **Ed Bailey, Elizabeth Algutifan, Kent Lambert, Myra Long, Tim Taulbee**

Professional Development: Chair **Jeff Kotsch, Dustin Miller, Mutty Sharfi, Allison Wilding**

Professional Standards & Ethics: Chair **Todd Davidson, Pradyot (Peter) Chowdhury, Tom Morgan**

Title Protection/Professional Recognition: Chair **Steve Frey, Chris Comfort, Lakshmi Sivasubramanian, Ken Veinot**

Happy New Year to all of you!

## CALL FOR AAHP NOMINATIONS

*Kyle Kleinhans, AAHP Nominating Committee Chair*

The American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to run for Academy offices on the 2021 ballot. Successful candidates will take office on January 1, 2022. We need nominees for the offices of President-elect, Secretary, and Director. All three positions are three-year terms.

Nominees must be:

1. Current plenary members of the Academy (either active or emeritus); and
2. Not serving an appointment to either of the Exam Panels, or as a member of the ABHP, at the time that they take office.

The Executive Committee meets twice per year, during the winter and at the HPS annual meeting. The President-elect serves one year followed by one year as President and a third year as Past-President. The President-elect is responsible for filling Academy Committees, and as President, presiding over the AAHP meetings. The past-President is responsible to organize and host the AAHP Special Session at the annual HPS meeting. The Secretary serves two years as Secretary and a third year as Past Secretary. The

Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes of the AAHP Executive Committee and Business meetings and coordinating the election for officers with the Secretariat. The Directors attend the AAHP Executive Committee meetings and perform duties as requested by the President.

**Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee to volunteer or nominate someone for service.** Committee members are listed below with the year that their term expires. You may also contact me directly at [klink17@tds.net](mailto:klink17@tds.net) or at 865-919-8525.

[Kyle Kleinhans](#) ('22)

[David Medich](#) ('21), [James Powell](#) ('21),

[Krishnendu Saha](#) ('21)

[Sam Keith](#) ('22), [Angela Leek](#) ('22)

[Tim Barvitskie](#) ('23), [Jason Flora](#) ('23),

[Andy Miller](#) ('23)

## THANK YOU TO THE PART II PANEL, AMERICAN BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICS

*Jeff Chapman, Chair, Part II Panel*

It has been a great pleasure this past year chairing the Part II Panel. We overcame the challenges brought about by the March 2020 lockdown from the COVID-19 pandemic, cancelling travel for the year, and moving to the virtual platform, as so many colleagues had done. The part II exam was administered without a hitch. The Part II Panel members for the year 2020 are acknowledged for their contributions to the success in the administration of this year's exam, and for their efforts in initiating the migration of the question bank to the Prolydian system:

**Wes Boyd** (Past Chair), **John Dixon** (Vice Chair), **Steve Brown, Robert Buchheit, Duriem Calderin, Michael Campbell, Bill Fitzgerald, Milan Gadd, Gerald George, Andrea Geyer, Christopher Helstern, Ninni Jacob, Janine Katanic, John Kinneman, Henry Lynn, William McCarthy, Joseph McDonald, Aaron Miaullis, Dan Miron, Hans Oldwage, Jack Parry, David Rynders, Cliff Stephan, Andrew Thatcher, John Tomon, William Uhlán, Latha Vasudevan, Scottie Walker**

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New members to the Part II Panel began their four-year term January 1, 2021, but are acknowledged for their efforts to grade the 2020 exam: **Britt Edquist, Daniel Evans, Jonathan Hanni, Jennifer Mosser, Michael Moyer, and Tosh Ushino.**

As I look forward to 2021, I will continue to help **John Dixon** (Chair, 2021), **John Kinneman** (Vice Chair, 2021) and the entire Part II Panel make the full transition to the Prolydian system, as well as prepare for the administration of the 2021 exam.