

# The CHP Corner, January 2022

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



## The American Academy of Health Physics

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### **THE 2021 ABHP CERTIFICATION EXAM RESULTS ARE IN!**

*Michael Canino, AAHP Executive Director*

Congratulations to the following eight individuals who have completed the ABHP certification requirements and are eligible for certification:

Annie Backhaus

Emily Caffrey

Tyler Cantrell

Lainy Cochran

Jessica Joyce

Aidan Leach

Aure Stewart

Charles Wilson

The following individuals have successfully completed one part of the 2021 ABHP certification exam:

Andrei Belouossov

Florian Buhlman

Chad Burns

Samuel Cheek

Li-Yen Chen

Joseph Conner

Anthony Davila

Anna Deak

Danielle Donnelly

Michael Drelich

Chris Echterling

Elsayed Elfaragy

Kimberley Fernandes

Kent Fisher

Corey Ginetz

Anthony Honnellio

Shyam Lama

Bradley Loomis

Sara Mohammadi

Benjamin Morgan

Travis Murrell

Kevin Myers

Omar Nusair

Claire Papas

Alex Parker

Marcus Quinlan

James Ray

Philip Rowland

Matthew Rumick

Brianna Smiley

Lige Smith

Travis Smith

Carson Swanek

Matthew Torrico

Benjamin Williams

#### **NOTE OF THANKS:**

The ABHP appreciates the help of the many CHPs who have donated multiple hours of their time to mentor the above individuals, and to develop, proctor, and grade the exams.

Without their help, the examinations could not have taken place.

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## WANNA BE A BLOG STAR?

*Dan Sowers, CHP Corner Editor*

As part of the AAHP's contract with Creative Marketing Alliance (CMA), we will begin producing blog posts about once a month. That means we need CHPs to tell their story: share highlights of your interesting job, inspire the next generation to get certified by telling us why you got certified, and promote the benefits of committee/board/panel membership to those still on the fence about giving back to their profession and Academy. If you (Yes, YOU!) would like to be a part of this new and exciting initiative, please [reach out to me](#) or [Ken Hitchner at CMA](#). We look forward to hearing your story!

## JANUARY PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Gus Potter, AAHP President*

Happy New Year! I thank members of the AAHP for the confidence you have placed in me as your President for 2022; I'm full of optimism that we will work together to make the AAHP an even stronger organization this year. When I look at the list of those before me, I'm amazed and humbled to be a part of that august group of health physicists.

A little about me. I have been working as a health physicist at Sandia National Laboratories for over 29 years, completing my 30<sup>th</sup> in September of this year. For the first eight of those years, I was the lead for internal dosimetry. In 2000, management of external dosimetry was added to my existing responsibilities. Then in 2010 I moved to my current position that provides analysis of security of radiation sources and other radiological and nuclear security topics. I have been active in the AAHP and ABHP since 2004 when I became a member of the Exam Part II Panel. I remained on the panel until 2011 (serving as chair from 2007-2010) when I transitioned to the Board. I remained on the Board through 2017 with my term extended to replace a resigning Board member. Following my Board tenure, I was elected to the AAHP Executive Committee as a Director where I served until 2020, preceding my year as President-elect.

In addition to my Board and Academy work, I have taught internal dosimetry as an Adjunct Professor at the University of New Mexico since 1994. I have also been active in national and international health physics standards, participating on the ANSI/HPS N13 Accredited Standards Committee since 2007 as a section chair and later the vice chair as well as ISO working groups on dosimetry and dosimetry-related topics. I also serve as an Associate Editor and reviewer of Health Physics.

With the new year comes a new Executive Committee. The members for 2022 are:

- Past President: Scott Schwahn (2022)
- President Elect: Carolyn MacKenzie (2024)
- Director: Cheryl Olsen (2022)
- Director: Matt McFee (2023)
- Director: Edwin Njoku (2024)
- Past Secretary: Elaine Marshall (2022)
- Treasurer: Tracy Ikenberry (2023)
- Secretary: Willie Harris (2024)
- ABHP Chair, ex officio: Kyle Kleinhans (2022)

I echo Scott Schwahn's appreciation of the work of the outgoing members of the Executive Committee and wish them well.

Over the past several years, the AAHP and ABHP have gone through a lengthy modernizing process for exams, application processes, and recertification processes, as well as a change in the management organization. This year I am hoping that much of the upheaval caused by these needed efforts will calm down and we will have some relaxed normalcy. One initiative planned to begin this year will be a redevelopment of the website to make it easier to use on multiple devices and easier for you to find what you are looking for.

Lastly, please remember to pay your maintenance fees and provide your recertification information. The period to do this is October through December this year for those expiring before 2023. If you expired in 2021 and have not done this yet, please complete it ASAP so that you will remain active.

Best wishes to all in 2022!

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT THE 2022 IRPA NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL CONGRESS, FEB. 21 & 22**

*Michael Canino, Executive Director*

The AAHP Professional Development Committee is in need of Academy members to volunteer at the AAHP/ABHP booth throughout the week at the IRPA meeting in St. Louis. We are seeking members who can help share their experience and promote the value of AAHP membership and CHP certification. Each volunteer will be partnered with another member for two-hour time slots during exhibit hall as follows:

- Monday, February 21: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, February 22: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Professional Development Chair, Ian Lake ([iptlake@gmail.com](mailto:iptlake@gmail.com)) will be in charge of staffing. While we will have a sign-up sheet at the booth, it is best to get as many volunteers to commit to a time slot in advance as possible. Please reach out to Ian to sign up and volunteer. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## **WILLIAM A. MCADAMS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

*Allen Mabry, Vice Chair, ABHP*

The ABHP is soliciting nominations for this year's [William A. McAdams Outstanding Service Award](#). This award is presented annually by the ABHP to honor a Certified Health Physicist who has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of professionalism in health physics and to the certification process.

Nominees shall be CHPs who have served the health physics community through outstanding and extended work on the ABHP Examination Panels, ABHP Board, AAHP Continuing Education Committee, AAHP Executive Committee, other AAHP committees, teaching or other assistance in increasing knowledge of HPs, or other areas that

enhance the professionalism of health physics. This award may be bestowed posthumously.

Any member of the AAHP may submit a nomination. This nomination process is done online via the [AAHP Members Only](#) page. Nominations must be received by 1 March 2022 to be considered, so drop a nomination for that deserving CHP as soon as possible!

## **JOYCE P. DAVIS MEMORIAL AWARD: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

*Pradyot Chowdhury, Chair, Professional Standards and Ethics Committee*

The AAHP is soliciting nominations for the [Joyce P. Davis Memorial Award](#). The AAHP has established the award in recognition of Joyce P. Davis' dedication to the advancement of health physics and her humanitarian efforts to uphold the ethics of the profession. The recipient of this award should demonstrate excellence in professional achievement as well as being a champion for professional standards and ethics.

Those eligible for the award must be:

- (1) a member of AAHP for at least 10 years;
- (2) a demonstrated champion of professional standards and ethics, and;
- (3) recognized for exemplary professional practice of health physics.

Nominations for the award can be made by any member of the Academy. Nominations should include a brief biographical résumé of the nominee's career and service to the profession and the AAHP, a nomination letter describing how the candidate has championed professional standards and ethics during their career, and at least three reference letters in support of the nomination. This material should be submitted to AAHP Professional Standards and Ethics Committee Chair [Pradyot Chowdhury](#) on or before 1 April 2022. The award will be presented at the AAHP luncheon during the annual Health Physics Society meeting.