

# American Board Of Health Physics

## NEWSLETTER

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To: Diplomates  
From: Les Slaback

This 'Newsletter' will be brief due to the bulky attachment that comes with it. I urge you to study the AAHP by-laws and **mail your ballot today!** A great deal of work has gone into this and much of it reflects comments received in our last mailing.

The address above is the result of gentle nudging from Ron Kathern. Ron and his legal muscle have pointed out that there is nothing magic about the phrase C-H-P. That is any health physicist can become 'certified' in any number of ways. However 'Diplomate of the A-B-H-P' is a nomenclature that can be legally defended. To date the Board is not planning any actions in response to this observation other than having Ron review all our documents.

The **agenda** for our May meeting is being assembled. Anyone desiring to submit a proposal for consideration by the Board should get it to Nancy Johnson at the secretariat office asap. Ideally such submissions should be in the format of a succinct description followed by a discussion of the pro's and con's of the proposal. General discussion items that you would simply like to circulate for the Board's attention can be sent to me.

Our plea for **exam questions** has had some response but much more is needed. I am considering suggesting that the exit ticket from the C-H-P meeting in Chicago be a Part 1 question. The problem is that our parliamentarian tells me that the chairman cannot make motions. So much for off beat ideas. However, those who send Joe Sayeg at least one Part 1 question will reduce their time in purgatory, ie. meeting+question drafting time, to ALARA. So simply make drafting questions part of your ALARA program.

Those interested in slaving on any of the **ABHP committees** should contact a Board member or panel chairman asap. See your HPS handbook for names.

We will have a **booth** at the HPS meeting. Stop by to voice your opinions, get questions answered, etc. Ken Kase has completely revised and updated the ABHP procedures and policy manual. Ron Kathern updated the ABHP Propectus last year. These and other documents will be available for perusal. Renewal forms will be available!

About 25% of the CHP's received a '**role delineation**' packet. This is a major effort on our part, and on those who participated, to aid in defining the areas in which the ABHP should test for knowledge. This will have direct impact on the formulation of the exam in the future. I hope a synopsis of this will be provided in a future newsletter, once the project is completed.

I hope those who were interested responded to Mary Moore's call for nominee's to the ABHP. If not and you are interested I suggest an immediate phone call.

Our spring, 1984 newsletter gave some Part 2 statistics. To complement that I have provided some Part 1 statistics in this newsletter. The most notable fact is the strong upwards trend in the number of candidates. I will leave any extrapolations to the reader. My projection of Part 2 candidates for '85 was low by 30%. One major consideration of these numbers is grading the Part 2 exam. A written exam is very time consuming to grade. If these numbers were to continue to increase in a dramatic way a different type of Part 2 exam would have to be strongly considered. To supplement the '84 table the statistics for the 1984 exam were: 86 Part 2 candidates with 28 passing Part 2. Of these 26 were certified.

