

# American Board Of Health Physics

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Dear Colleague:

The American Board of Health Physics has just completed its 22nd year of operation. There are 718 individuals holding Comprehensive Certification in Health Physics with the addition of 35 individuals certified during the past year. Also, there are 16 individuals certified in Power Reactor Health Physics resulting from the specialty certification begun in Power Reactor Health Physics in 1979.

This Newsletter is intended to keep Certified Health Physicists current regarding the activities of the Board during the past year. A summary of the items discussed in the Newsletter that should be of interest to all Certified Health Physicists is follows:

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## 1. Recertification Information and Procedures

HEALTH PHYSICISTS WHO WERE CERTIFIED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1978 AND HAVE NOT YET MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUING THEIR CERTIFICATION MUST RENEW THEIR CERTIFICATION PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1982 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ACTIVE STATUS. AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION IS ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

To continue being classified as an "active" CHP each diplomate is required to: 1) remain involved in the profession, and 2) participate in ABHP-approved continuing education activities. The extent to which the CHP remains active is demonstrated in the application for recertification by summarizing all his or her professional activities and including other relevant documentation such as a list of papers written, honors received and consultantships. The continuing education requirement is separate and distinct from the necessity to remain professionally active and can not be satisfied by professional activities such as teaching or research.

At its meeting in June 1976, the Board formally endorsed guidelines for a continuing certification program which requires that all certified health physicists accumulate at least 16 continuing education credits (CECs) every four years. This requirement can be met by attending professional level courses and technical meetings approved by the ABHP. Responsibility for accrediting courses for CECs was delegated to the Continuing Education Panel (CEP). Courses may be sponsored by any organization and application for creditation may be made by the sponsor or any individual CHP. An application for course approval is enclosed in this Newsletter.

At the Board meetings in Seattle and Hyannis, three significant changes were made in the requirements for accumulating 16 CECs which will make recertification easier to obtain. They are:

- a. The restriction that only 8 of the 16 CECs could be obtained at technical meetings has been dropped. It is now possible to accumulate all 16 CECs by attending technical meetings approved by the ABHP. Approval of technical meetings going back to 1977 will be accepted up to July 1981. This will permit individuals to submit technical meetings for approval which they didn't previously because of the 8 credit limit.
- b. It is possible that a single course may meet the 16 CEC requirement if the appropriate criteria are met.
- c. Continuing education credit can be received by instructors who teach ABHP-approved courses. This credit can be applied one time during each renewal period for each particular course.

The Board reiterated its policy that in general 1 hour of class time or 1 day at a technical meeting in a subject directly related to health physics shall receive 1 credit.

Requests for a list of courses and technical meetings approved for CEC by the Continuing Education Panel are available from:

Lester Siaback, Jr.  
Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute  
Defense Nuclear Agency  
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

or

Jean St. Germain  
Department of Medical Physics  
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center  
1275 York Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

An application for renewal of certification is enclosed in this Newsletter.

## 2. Results of 1980 Written and Oral Exams

### a. Comprehensive Certification Written Exam

One hundred and eleven candidates took Part I of the Exam and 54 passed. Of the 45 candidates completing both Parts I and II of the exam, 27 passed, 5 failed, and 13 will be recommended to take the orals (or repeat Part I and/or Part II as appropriate).

### b. Power Reactor Certification Exam

There were 12 candidates taking the exam. Five candidates passed, 5 failed, and 2 will be recommended to take the orals (or repeat Part I or Part II as appropriate).

### c. Requests for Exemption From the Power Reactor Certification Exam

The Board permits individuals who hold Comprehensive Certification in Health Physics and have appropriate power reactor health physics experience to apply for Certification in Power Reactor Health Physics without taking the exam. The three individuals receiving Certification in Power Reactor Health Physics via this procedure last year were John C. Allingham, Dennis M. Quinn, and Peter Collopy.

d. Oral Exams

Seventeen candidates took the oral exam at the annual meeting in Seattle. Eight of these candidates passed the exam and received Comprehensive Certification in Health Physics.

e. List of Health Physicists Certified in 1980(1) Comprehensive Certification

Broga, Dean W.  
Coffman, John H.  
Elleman, Thomas S.  
Entwistle, Fred B.  
Evdokimoff, Victor N.  
Forbes, Jerre L.  
Fraley Jr., Leslie  
Friedman, Lawrence F.  
Gardner, Fredrick W.  
Gardner, Robert L.  
Gooden, Daniel S.  
Hess, David O.  
Heublein Jr., Robert M.  
Holley, Wesley L.  
Homan, Steven G.  
Horner, Jack W.  
Jenkins, Phillip H.  
Logan, K. William  
McKown, Donald A.  
McNees, James L.  
Midkiff, George N.  
Miele, Michael L.  
Nickoloff, Edward L.  
Oliver, George J.  
Olsher, Richard H.  
Parry, John O.  
Roberts, Mark C.  
Schaub, John R.  
Shank, Kenneth E.  
Smokowski, Richard T.  
Stevenson, Dennis A.  
Strom, Daniel J.  
Thelin, Lowell C.  
Williams, Gordon E.  
Yusko, James G.

(2) Power Reactor Health Physics

Allingham, John C.  
Chang, Chi-Mei  
Collopy, Peter  
Meek, Thomas O.  
Quinn, Dennis M.  
Rescek, Frank  
Roddy, Francis M.  
Troup, Gerald L.

3. Establishment of an Executive Secretary

The activities of the Board have grown considerably more complex during the past several years with the addition of the Continuing Certification Program and Special Certification in Power Reactor Health Physics. As a result, the Board has contracted for a part-time Executive Secretary.

The Executive Secretary will provide a national office for the ABHP similar to the arrangement the Executive Secretary provides for the Health Physics Society. The Executive Secretary will handle normal correspondence, accounting, bookkeeping, financial reporting, recordkeeping, application and recertification renewal processing, and other administrative functions spelled out in the contract.

The Board has contracted with Mike Terpilak (the outgoing Chairman of the Board) to provide Executive Secretary service for 1981. The fee for this service for the first year is \$7000 plus approved amounts for necessary printing, postage, telephone and computer services.

The mailing address and phone number for the Executive Secretary's office are:

American Board of Health Physics  
Michael S. Terpilak, Executive Secretary  
5010 Nicholson Lane, Suite A  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Phone (301) 984-1948

#### 4. Updating of Mailing List

We have been unable to locate the current mailing addresses for the following Certified Health Physicists. Anyone having any information on the current locations for any of these individuals, please notify Dave Myers, L-383, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, P. O. Box 5505, Livermore, California 94550, or phone (415) 422-5128, FTS 532-5128. Information can also be directed to the office of the new Executive Secretary for the ABHP.

Ball, James, F  
Byrnes, James P.  
Clark, Robert G.  
Clark, Robert K.  
Dauer, Lt. Col. Maxwell  
Dudley, Horace C.  
Dunn, Arthur L.  
Ebright, D. F.  
Evans, Winfield W.  
Frisoli, Arturo  
Gill, William L.  
Goeke, Roscoe H.  
Green, Marvin H.  
Jackson, Howard W.  
Jefferson, M. E.  
Johnson, Blair D.  
Keene, A. R.  
Konn, Walter H.  
Levin, Lester  
Magill, Robert J.  
Meyer, Alvin F., Jr.  
Moos, Walter S.  
Morgan, G. W.  
Owens, Robert J.  
Rochlin, Robert S.  
Rose, J. E.  
Rosen, Stanley S.  
Schultz, Warner W.  
Selander, C. L.  
Servis, John D.  
Story, E. Jack  
Tabb, Frank G.

## 5. Increase in Examination Fees

As the result of rising costs and increasing commitments, the Board increased the examination fees from \$75 to \$125 for each separate part of the exam. Effective January 1, 1981, the fees for Part I, Part II - Comprehensive, Part II - Power Reactor, and the oral exam will be \$125 each.

## 6. Board and Panel Appointments

### a. Board Appointments

A new Board member has been appointed to fill the vacancy of outgoing Board member Shirley D. Vickers. Ken Kase will replace Shirley Vickers as the American Association of Physicists in Medicine representative to the Board. At the time this Newsletter goes to press, a replacement for Mike Terpilak, who is the outgoing Chairman of the Board, has not yet been selected.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to Shirley and Mike for their contributions to the Board during the past 5 years (see item 8).

The Board elected the following officers for 1981:

Nathaniel A. Greenhouse - Chairman  
Charles E. Roessler - Vice Chairman  
David S. Myers - Secretary-Treasurer

### b. Panel Appointments

The following individuals have accepted 4-year appointments to the Comprehensive Examination Panel:

William H. Carleton  
Carl H. Distenfeld  
Michael J. O'Brien  
Joseph A. Sayeg  
K. D. Steidley  
William P. Swanson

Margaret A. Reilly and Robert A. Phillips were re-appointed to 4 year terms. The Board wishes to express its gratitude to these two individuals for their past and continuing service.

The Board wishes to express its gratitude to the outgoing members of the Comprehensive Examination Panel. They are Roscoe Hall, Chairman; Raymond A. Carroll; James P. Denovan; Francis J. Haughey; Kenneth R. Kase; and H. Wade Patterson.

The Board wishes to thank outgoing members of the Continuing Education Panel. They are Lester A. Slaback, Jr., Chairman; and Robert L. Jenkins. Les in particular did an extraordinary job as Chairman of the panel in getting the new Continuing Education Panel established.

At the time this Newsletter goes to press replacement members for the Continuing Education Panel have not been selected.

7. Request for Volunteers for Panel of Examiners and Continuing Education Panel

Any Certified Health Physicist who is interested in serving on the Comprehensive Panel of Examiners or the Continuing Education Panel are encouraged to contact any member of the Board or the respective Panel chairman. W. Robert Casey is Chairman of the Comprehensive Panel of Examiners and Jean St. Germain is Chairman of the Continuing Education Panel.

The function of the Comprehensive Examination Panel is to revise and update Part I of the exam and generate and grade Part II of the exam. Occasionally panel members also serve on the oral examination panels.

The primary function of the Continuing Education Panel is to review courses submitted for continuing education requirement and assign appropriate continuing education credit.

8. Expression of Board's Appreciation to Michael S. Terpilak

The Board would officially like to express its gratitude to outgoing Board Chairman Michael S. Terpilak. Mike has been Chairman of the Board for the past two years and he served as the Board's Secretary/Treasurer for the two years before that. Prior to his term on the Board Mike served 8 years on the Comprehensive Examination Panel, the last two years of which he was Chairman.

The positions of Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Panel of Examiners are extremely demanding ones and Mike has carried out his duties with extreme dedication and professionalism. It is only because of the largely unheralded efforts of individuals like Mike that the Health Physics Certification Program is as successful as it is.



### 9. Increased Involvement of Certified Health Physicists in ABHP Operations

The American Board of Health Physics recognizes that its activities may have an impact on previously certified health physicists in the practice of their profession. As a result, the Board is considering the need for increased involvement of its diplomates in its operation through some type of democratic process. Various options for accomplishing this are under consideration. Your ideas and suggestions in this matter will be appreciated.

### 10. Future Funding for ABHP Operations

The activities of the Board have grown considerably more complex with the addition of the Continuing Certification Program, Specialty Certification in Power Reactor Health Physics, and Executive Secretary, legal counsel, and liability insurance for Board members.

As a result, the Board is considering several options for additional funding. Three of the most likely options are:

- a. To increase examination fees as needed to cover the cost of the Board operation.
- b. To reinstate an annual fee for certified health physicists. This had been done in past years on a voluntary basis.
- c. To increase recertification fees substantially from the present amount of \$20.

Of course, another option would be the combination of two or more of the above options. The Board would like comments from CHPs regarding the above proposals.