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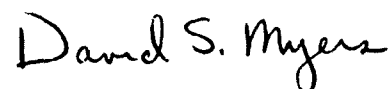
Dear Colleague:

The American Board of Health Physics has just completed its 23rd year of operation. There are 748 individuals holding Comprehensive Certification in Health Physics with the addition of 30 candidates certified during the past year. Also, there are 19 individuals certified in Power Reactor Health Physics, a specialty certification program begun in 1979.

This newsletter provides a summary of Board activities during the past year which should be of interest to all certified Health Physicists. The specific items discussed in the newsletter are as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,



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## 1. Recertification Information

THE DEADLINE FOR RECERTIFICATION FOR THOSE CERTIFIED HEALTH PHYSICISTS WHO WERE CERTIFIED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1978 HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM JANUARY 1, 1982 TO AUGUST 1, 1982. AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION IS ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

The board decided to grant the extension because it is the first recertification interval, there have been some delays in the past year in receiving approval from the Continuing Education Panel for courses and meetings, and because some Certified Health Physicists did not receive initial notification of the recertification program since the mailing list wasn't complete. Those individuals who are recertified during the extension period will be considered to be recertified as of January 1, 1982.

THE DEADLINE FOR RECERTIFICATION FOR THOSE CERTIFIED HEALTH PHYSICISTS WHO WERE CERTIFIED DURING 1978 IS JANUARY 1, 1983.

As noted in the last newsletter, the Board made three significant changes in the requirements for accumulating 16 Continuing Education Credits (CECs) which 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 until August 1, 1982. 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. The credit can be applied one time during each renewal period for each particular course.

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 a 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.

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 CECs every 4 years to remain active. This requirement can be met by attending or

teaching professional level courses and technical meetings approved by the ABHP. Responsibility for accrediting courses for CECs was delegated to the Continuing Education Panel. Courses may be sponsored by any organization and application for creditation may be made by the sponsor or any individual CHP. Recertification applications, applications for course and meeting approval, and requests for information regarding the Recertification program should be directed to the Executive Secretary of the ABHP. The mailing address and telephone number are:

American Board of Health Physics  
Michael S. Terpilak, Executive Secretary  
5010 Nicholson Lane, Suite A  
Rockville, Maryland 20852  
Phone (301) 984-1948

## 2. Results of 1981 Written and Oral Exams

### a. Possible compromise of Part II of the Power Reactor Speciality Certification Exam

The Board concluded that the security of Part II of the Power Reactor Health Physics Speciality Certification Examination given on June 22, 1981 may have been compromised. After careful consideration of all options, the Board elected to invalidate all questions on this examination. The decision was based on considerations of maintaining the integrity of the certification process. The 8 candidates who took this examination are offered the opportunity to retake Part II without having to pay the examination fee.

One of the questions used on Part II of the Power Reactor Health Physics Certification Examination was used on Part II of the Comprehensive Health Physics Certification Examination. The Board decided to exclude the results of this question in scoring Part II of the Comprehensive Examination. For most of the candidates who answered this question, there was no effect on their final standing. For those candidates whose final standing was lowered by excluding the question from their average score, the Board elected to offer them an opportunity to take an oral exam without having to pay the examination fee.

### b. Comprehensive Certification Written Exam

Of the 176 candidates who took Part I of the exam, 110 passed. Of the 69 candidates completing Parts I and II of the exam, 26 passed, 14 failed, and 29 will be recommended to take orals (or repeat Part I and/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. John O. Parry received Certification in Power Reactor Health Physics via this procedure this year.

d. Oral Exams

Ten candidates took the oral exam at the annual meeting in Louisville. Four of these candidates received Comprehensive Certification in Health Physics.

e. List of Health Physicists Certified in 1981

Barish, Robert J.  
Bihl, Donald  
Buhl, Thomas E.  
Cherry Jr., Robert N.  
Cunningham, David  
Daugherty, Nancy M.  
Frazier, John Ronald  
Giorgio, Herbert R.  
Hoffman, Robert J.  
Johnson, Nels R.  
Littleton, Michael L.  
Luetzelschwab, John  
Martin, John  
Masciulli, Steven  
McFadden, Yolán R.  
Nason, Thomas R.  
Otis, Mark D.  
Price, Kenneth W.  
Ricci, John L.  
Riel, Gordon K.  
Scott, L. Max  
Smith, James M.  
Sorber, Robert E.  
Sula, Monte J.  
Thompson, Donald  
Toy, Arthur J.  
Traub, Richard J.  
Watts, Richard J.  
Widman Jr., John C.  
Zeck, Otto F.

### 3. Updating of Mailing List

We have been unable to locate the current mailing addresses for the following Certified Health Physicists. Anyone having information on the current addresses of these individuals, please notify the Executive Secretary's Office. Also, the Executive Secretary's Office should be notified in the event of the death of any Certified Health Physicist.

Ball, James F.  
Byrnes, James P.  
Clark, Robert G.  
Clark, Robert K.  
Dudley, Horace C.  
Dunn, Arthur L.  
Ebright, D. F.  
Frisoli, Arturo  
Gill, William L.  
Green, Marvin H.  
Jackson, Howard W.  
Jefferson, M. E.  
Keene, A. R.  
Konn, Walter H.  
Levin, Lester  
Magill, Robert J.  
Meyer Jr., Alvin F.  
Morgan, G. W.  
Rochlin, Robert S.  
Schultz, Warner W.  
Selander, C. L.

#### 4. ABHP WORKSHOP IN LAS VEGAS

The ABHP is planning a workshop at the annual Health Physics Society meeting in Las Vegas. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss Board activities and proposed Board actions and to elicit response from Certified Health Physicists.

One of the important items to be discussed is one that was raised in the last newsletter. The Board has been considering various alternatives for the organized involvement of Certified Health Physicists in the programs and activities of the Board. One possible option is the establishment of an Academy of Certified Health Physicists. Such an Academy might have the following functions:

- a. Provide a broad base of input for the development of the certification program,
- b. provide an organized resource for committee functions. For example, a "nominating committee" might develop personnel resource lists from which nominees for Board member replacements could be selected. It also might create a resource pool of volunteer CHP's for panel replacements, and
- c. Local chapters of the Academy could function as a resource of professional expertise for state and local governments, public interest groups, etc. The Committee of Minnesota Certified Radiation Protection Professionals is an example.

Another important item to be discussed at the workshop is that the Board plans to initiate an annual fee for Certified Health Physicists starting in September, 1982. The Board's activities have grown considerably more complex and expensive in recent years with the addition of the Continuing Education Program, Specialty Certification in Power Reactor Health Physics, the Executive Secretary's Office, the retention of legal counsel, and the purchase of liability insurance for the Board. Also, with the general trend towards tighter budgets, employers are much less willing to fund Board and panel member travel than in previous years. Exam fees have been increased in recent years, but the Board feels that it is necessary to institute an annual fee in 1982.

These and other issues will be discussed at the workshop and all Certified Health Physicists are encouraged to attend and voice their opinions and ideas.

#### 5. Board and Panel Appointments

##### a. Board Appointments

Bob Casey and Lester Slaback have been appointed to fill the vacancies created by outgoing Board members David Myers (1981)

and Mike Terpilak (1980). Bob's term will run through 1986 and Les' term will run through 1985. Joel Lubenau resigned from the Board and Ron Kathren was appointed to fill the remaining 3 years of Joel's term. All appointments were selected from nominations made by the Board of Directors of the Health Physics Society according to procedures spelled out in ABHP by-laws.

Chuck Roessler, whose position on the Board is sponsored by the American Public Health Association, completes his term at the end of 1981. As this newsletter goes to press, no appointment has been made to fill Chuck's position.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the outgoing Board members for their contribution to the Board.

The Board elected the following officers for 1982:

Nathaniel A. Greenhouse - Chairman  
Neil A. Gaeta - Vice Chairman  
Kenneth R. Kase - Secretary-Treasurer

b. Panel Appointments

Comprehensive Certification Exam Panel

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

Anthony LaMaestra  
Michael L. Miele  
Larry A. Cross  
Ibrahim B. Syed

The Board wishes to express its gratitude to the outgoing members of the Comprehensive Examination Panel. They are:

W. Robert Casey  
Ronald L. Kathren  
Margaret A. Reilly  
Paul E. Ruhter

The Board appointed the following Comprehensive Examination Panel Officers:

R. Jerrel Everett - Chairman  
Lee F. Booth - Vice-Chairman

Power Reactor Examination Panel

The following individuals have accepted their 4 year terms on the Power Reactor Panel of Examiners:

Thomas O. Meek  
John J. Kelly

There are two individuals finishing their terms on the Power Reactor Panel of Examiners. They are Richard Bowers and Roy Carroll. The Board wishes to thank them for their service. (See Item #7)

The officers for the Power Reactor Exam Panel for the coming year are:

William D. Allen - Chairman  
John R. Mann - Vice-Chairman

Continuing Education Panel

The following individuals are leaving the Continuing Education Panel:

Donald E. Barber  
T. Jordan Powell  
Jack W. Lentsch

The Board wishes to thank these individuals for their service. As this goes to press, all the replacements on the Continuing Education Panel have not been selected.

The officers for the Continuing Education Panel for the coming year are:

Jean St. Germain - Chairman  
Bernard Shleien - Vice-Chairman

6. 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 Continuing Education Panel are encouraged to contact any member of the Board or the respective Panel Chairman (See Item #5)

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 function of the Continuing Examination Panel is to review courses submitted for continuing education requirements and assign appropriate continuing education credit.

7. Expression of the Board's Appreciation to Richard R. Bowers

The Board would like to express its appreciation to Richard R. Bowers, the outgoing Power Reactor Exam Panel Chairman. Dick has been Chairman of the Power Reactor Exam Panel for the first 3 years of its existence. Prior to that, Dick was a member of the Comprehensive Exam Panel for 8 years and was Chairman of the Panel during the last year of that assignment.

Dick has made large contributions to the operations of the Board as a member and Chairman of both panels. The job of Chairman of an exam panel is a demanding one. It is the kind of job that requires a lot of effort and gets little publicity.

8. Contract for Executive Secretary Services

The Board voted unanimously to renew its contract with Mike Terpilak to provide Executive Secretary Services for the Board in 1982. The basic cost of the contract is \$12,000 which includes \$1,500 for professional services, \$5,000 for an administrative assistant and \$5,500 for office expenses (rent, utilities, insurance, travel, etc.).

The Administrative Assistant to the Executive Secretary is Beth Taschner. She has labored long and hard to organize the Board's accumulation of records.

9. Contribution from the Health Physics Society

During the past year the Board received a contribution of \$1,000.00 from the Health Physics Society. The contribution was appreciated given the expanding programs and financial commitments of the Board.