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AMERICAN BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICS
NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 1985

Dear Colleague:

This newsletter summarizes Board activities to December, 1985, and includes items from the Board meeting held in McLean, Virginia in September 1985:

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Sincerely,

R. Jerry Everett
Secretary-Treasurer

1. Highlights from the September 1985 Board Meeting

* The Board decided to eliminate the oral exam format after the 1986 exam. It was agreed that the Board's time and talents would be best used by concentrating on improving the Part I and II exams. The Professional Examination Service also recommended to the Board that the oral format not be continued in its present form. Rather than changing and improving the oral format, the Board decided to discontinue the exam.

* The Board accepted the role delineation model under study and development by PES. As you may know, the model attempts to describe tasks that HPs normally perform. The comprehensive panel chairman was instructed to structure the 1986 exam according to this model. Future discussions will concentrate on how best to test competence in the tasks of the model.

* Most of the questions on the 1985 Part II exam (comprehensive and power reactor) were multiple graded, a considerable under taking by the panels and Board. The Board plans to continue this practice in the future, resources permitting. This practice should counteract any individual grader bias.

* The Board accepted equivalence statements for candidates for certification that do not have the education requirements stated in the prospectus. The statements are:

1. In lieu of a minor in a physical science or engineering a candidate for certification may submit evidence of credit from an accredited college or university for course work in physical sciences, engineering or mathematics equivalent to 20 semester hours.
2. In lieu of the required baccalaureate degree a candidate for certification may submit evidence or credit from an accredited college or university for course work in physical or biological sciences, engineering or mathematics equivalent to 60 semester hours of which 20 hours must be physical sciences, engineering or mathematics.

* The application fee for any ABHP exam will be increased to \$175.00 effective in 1987.

* The ABHP will execute a contract with SASC (Secretariat) in December, 1985 for a term of three years with a six months termination clause.

* The Board granted automatic Continuing Education Credits (CEC) for Congress of Radiation Control Program Directors and RSNA Meetings at a rate of 1 credit per day up to a total of 3 CEC's.

* The Board decided to refer items related to the Continuing Education Program to the Academy Executive Committee.

* The Secretariat was directed to start assessing the \$25.00 fee for postponing an exam, including those in 1985 who postponed.

* The Professional Examination Service will be asked by the Board to submit proposals for two projects. One would be a workshop to assist the panels and Board in preparing proper multiple choice and serialized multiple choice questions for the Part I and Part II exams, respectively and to attend an early 1986 meeting of the panels to provide guidance on proper question preparation.

2. Membership Report

565 Comprehensively Certified
25 dual certified
24 emeritus
21 inactive
187 nonactive
31 Power Reactor
17 deceased

In 1985, 95 renewal applications and 140 CEC requests have been received.

3. 1986 ABHP Schedule

June 28, 1986 - ABHP Board Meeting
June 29, 1986 - Oral Exams
June 30, 1986 - Written Exams

4. 1985 Exam Results

The following were granted Comprehensive Certification in 1985:

Rock E. Aker	Charles J. Kalter
Edgar D. Bailey	Eric Kearsley
John A. Bauhs	Gary S. Kephart
Gary A. Benda	Roger Kloepping
Joseph Bevelacqua	Alan S. Klotz
Paul K. Blake	Susan M. Langhorst
Gerald C. Bowman	Kent H. Larsen
Edward Branagan, Jr.	Marc Lupien
Stephen L. Bump	William Mansfield
Robert A. Burkhart	David Oatley
Milton W. Chilton	Timothy Osborne

Jack L. Coffey
Mark Coombs
William J. Cooper
Eric L. Darois
Gerald R. Davidson
Paul C. Desjardins
Richard L. Dickson
Elizabeth Donnelly
David A. Dooley
Erich W. Dreyer
David E. Drum
Paul W. Frame
Charles B. Galley
Cornelius Gannon
Wayne M. Glines
Stuart Hinnefeld
John G. Hodgson
Stanley Jaeger

Christine Pollard
Robert Pollack
Eugene Potter
James A. Roberts
Norman Rohrig
Gary M. Sandquist
Paul Skierkowski
David L. Smith
Keramjit Thind
Bruce Thomadsen
Jerry Thomas
Tham D. Tran
Paula Trinoskey
Toshihide Ushino
Joseph C. Wang
Janet Westbrook
Mark Whittaker
Thomas E. Widner
Peter Wildenborg

The following were granted Power Reactor Certification in 1985:

Victor E. Anderson
Arthur Desrosiers
Bruce J. Dionne
William Homyk
Glenn Mathiasen
E. Scott Medling
Eric A. Mulcahey
John T. Pavel
Mark C. Simpson
David Snellings

Congratulations!

5. 1986 ABHP Budget

The Board discussed estimated income and expenses in some detail. Travel and PES expenses have become significant items in the budget. A 1986 budget of \$73,425.00 was approved which is slightly in excess of estimated income. SASC will look at potential candidates for certification in future years to better predict income.

6. Outgoing Members

The Board expressed their appreciation for the dedicated work and contributions of outgoing Board members Ken Kase and Les Slaback.

7. Election Results - American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP)

Over 400 CHPs voted in the recent election of AAHP officers. An excellent response showing interest and concern by the CHPs community. The results are as follows:

Paul Ziemer, President Elect
Ken Skrable, Secretary
Robert Yoder, Director

The academy will conduct its first meeting in January 1986. If you have topics you wish discussed, contact one of the AAHP members.

8. Renewal of Certification

Just a reminder that the next renewal deadline is January 1, 1986 for those CHPs certified before January 1, 1978 or during the period January 1, 1978 to January 1, 1982.

9. Summary Results of Chairman's Questionnaire

Chairman Slaback has summarized the results of a questionnaire mailed to all CHPs. The results are attached to this newsletter.