

American Board Of Health Physics

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Dear Colleague:

The American Board of Health Physics has just completed the 17th year of business and thanks to the response of active Certified Health Physicists, the program continues to be financially stable and active.

The call for financial assistance through voluntary subscriptions last year was gratifying. Appreciation is expressed to all those who contributed. It is clear evidence of the fact that the majority of the Certified HP's recognize the need to support a program which contributes to the profession as a whole as well as to each individual.

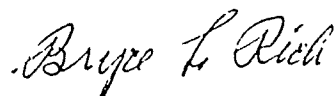
The continued efforts of the American Board to restrict expenses to a bare minimum has been successful as evidenced by the fact that the amount of money taken in through the examination fees has nearly met the expenses of the program during the past year. However, during the last Board meeting, it was recognized there are some increased expenses resulting from the need to build up the "store" of examination questions. The increased need results in part from the effort to change Parts I and II of the exam slightly, making it possible for specialists in the field to demonstrate knowledge in their specialty more directly. In any event, it was felt by the Board that it would be necessary to request financial assistance from the Certified Health Physicists once more in order to offset the additional expenses.

A summary of the highlights of the Board activities are attached for your information.

All the HP's who complete and return the enclosed form will be listed in the 1976 registry, which will be available by writing to W. C. Reinig, Chairman of the Board. A diplomat who does not return the form will be assumed to be inactive and will not be listed in the registry. He will retain his certificate and will continue to be designated as a Certified Health Physicist. However, CHP's not listed in the registry may be asked to certify that they are fulfilling the professional responsibilities of Certified Health Physicists, which is required for continuance of certification. The registry will in addition indicate those who have contributed the suggested ten dollars in financial support of the Board by asterisk by their name.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely yours,



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Bryce L. Rich
Secretary-Treasurer

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SUMMARY OF ABHP 1975 BOARD MEETINGS ACTIONS

1. Recertification

The Board approved a Recertification Program in concept and authorized W. Reining to poll the certified HPs for comments and develop a final draft of a program for implementation at the Board meeting in June 1976.

2. Panel of Examiners

Certification exams were given in June, 1975, graded and the results approved at the Board meeting in Washington in November, 1975. Of the 52 who took the full exam, 20 passed, 16 failed, 11 were requested to take an oral exam, 3 were requested to repeat Part I and 2 were requested to repeat Part II. This year's exam represented a significant expansion in the exam, designed to allow specialty groups to demonstrate competence in their area of expertise to a greater extent than in past years.

3. Technician Registry

Under the sponsorship of the ABHP the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists (NRRPT) was organized with D. Marshall of Aerojet Nuclear in Idaho as chairman and L. Morgan of G. E. in California as secretary-treasurer. This Board will function independently with ABHP representation. B. Rich and M. Terpilak are the initial ABHP representatives on the NRRPT Board. A panel of examiners has been appointed and funding is being sought in order to produce the first exam in October, 1976. The ABHP approved minimal funding (\$100 with a maximum of \$500) to assist the NRRPT with initial organizational and administrative costs.

4. Power Reactor HPs

Representatives of the Power Reactor HP group met with the Board in June, 1975, to discuss elements of the Certification Program of concern to them. The exchange was informational and should aid in improved understanding and program upgrade.

5. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report by B. Rich indicated assets have increased from \$14,425.20 to \$18,222.75 (as of June, 1975). The program was conducted within the funds derived from examinees, and the increase

represents the amount received in subscriptions from CHPs during the year. Due to the increased exam costs associated with the expanded exam and the need for a larger Part I "Bank", the Board decided to request support from the CHPs for at least one more year.

6. Part I - Eligibility Change

The Board approved changes in the eligibility requirements for those taking Part I only, eliminating the age requirement and allowing completion of an MS Academic Program to satisfy previous experience requirements.

7. ABHP Brochure

M. Terpilak and H. Greenhouse have completed an ABHP informational brochure which will be distributed to CHPs with this letter and be available to others on request.

8. NRC Standards for Power Reactor HPs

NRC Standards for Power Reactor HPs (as listed in Regulatory Guide 8.8) have been a topic of discussion of an ACRS subcommittee, the NRC, an ANSI Standards Committee, and the ABHP for some time. These discussions are continuing and should result in a satisfactory program, insuring a high level of competence in this important area of Health Physics.

9. Board Elections

Board elections resulted in the following appointments for CY 1976:

W. C. Reing	- Chairman
B. L. Rich	- Secretary-Treasurer
M. S. Terpilak	- Member
S. D. Vickers	- Member
D. S. Meyers	- Chairman, Panel of Examiners
N. A. Greenhouse	- Vice Chairman, Panel of Examiners