

American Board Of Health Physics

ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

June 1, 1964 - F. P. Cowan

Of the 36 individuals who took Examination #7 in June of 1963, 24 were certified, 4 will be required to take oral exams, and certification was refused for 8. Three oral exams were given in June 1963. Certification was granted to one and not to the other two.

38 applications have been given a preliminary review during the last twelve months and forwarded to referees. Five other applications were reviewed and returned to the applicants because they did not meet ABHP requirements.

A total of 365 American Board of Health Physics certificates have now been granted. 52 individuals are eligible to take the 1964 examination.

The possibility of securing representation on the American Board of Health Physics from the American Board of Radiology and the American Industrial Hygiene Association was explored by correspondence with the two organizations. No specific action has been taken as yet by either group.

The Chairman's petty cash account contained a balance of \$120.89 as of June 1, 1964.

141 letters dealing with various aspects of ABHP business were sent, in addition to approximately 220 form letters having to do with the routine processing of applications.

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ABHP Examination #7 was given in New York City in June 1963 to 36 applicants. Papers were graded by the Panel and sent to the Chairman of the ABHP early in September.

The 3rd edition of the Examination Preparation Guide was printed in August 1963. As a result of the notice of its availability in the HPS Newsletter, over 30 individuals and organizations requested copies. The requesters included 1) individuals interested in certification (not applicants since they received the Guide directly from F. P. Cowan); 2) universities and medical schools which use the Guide in their curricula; 3) federal, state and industrial organizations for on-the-job training; and 4) other certifying agencies.

In January 1964, the Panel Chairman wrote to the HPS Chapters and pointed out that they can assist the certification program by encouraging qualified members to apply for certification, helping members to prepare for the exam, and arranging for the exams to be held locally. I also indicated the resources available to chapters and individuals (Exam Preparation Guide and Preparatory Manual for Certification issued by the Columbia Chapter).

A subcommittee of the Panel met at the Savannah River Plant in April 1964 and prepared Exam #8. A new examination format was used which should more clearly indicate the examinees' knowledge of health physics.

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