

# American Board Of Health Physics

ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

(9 June 1965 - R. O. Gorson)

1. Of 54 eligible applicants, 38 took the June 1964 Examination. 24 passed the exam, 9 failed, and 5 borderline cases were notified that they would have to take an oral exam. The 24 who passed were certified on 12 February 1965. Of the 4 candidates who took oral exams on 16 June 1964, 3 passed and were certified on 25 June 1964. Hence 27 names were added to the official list of certified health physicists, (published in June 1965 issue of Health Physics) bringing the total to date to 392. Of these, the following are known to be deceased: Elda Anderson, G. Failla, Otto Glasser, Edward Kuna, Gordon Locher, Louis Silverman, and Charles Williams.
2. As of 8 June 1965, 91 candidates were eligible to take the June 1965 written examination, to be given at six different locations in the United States. Of these, 68 have registered to take the examination this year and 15 have decided to take it later. The remaining 8 have not replied to the questionnaire.
3. Since the incumbent chairman took office, replacing Cowan on 1 January 1965, 73 new applications for certification were received. Of these, 9 applicants were judged ineligible and 12 others are in various stages of processing.
4. The Board concluded negotiations with the American Association of Physicists in Medicine whose Executive Board voted on 24 May 1965 to accept the invitation to become the second group to be represented on the ABHP. Official notification of acceptance was received on 7 June 1965 in a letter from Dr. John Laughlin, AAPM Chairman, dated 2 June 1965. The AAPM nominated three candidates of whom one is to be elected as the AAPM representative by the present ABHP members.
5. Of the three candidates nominated by the Health Physics Society in 1964, Arthur R. Keene was elected to serve a 5 year term replacing John W. Healy whose 5 year term expired on 1 January 1965. The Health Physics Society has been requested to nominate three more candidates, one of whom will be elected to replace John W. McCaslin, incumbent Secretary-Treasurer, whose 5 year term expires on 1 January 1966.
6. Dr. Dade Moeller assumed chairmanship of the Panel of Examiners as William Reing's replacement on 1 January 1965. J.F. Sommers and R. Wallace finished their terms on the Panel and E. Dale Trout, J.S. Handloser, R.L. Junkins, and W.C. Reing began serving three year terms on the Panel. A.P. Sanders, W.C. King, E.W. Webster, and F.E. Hoecker will complete their three year terms on 1 January 1966.
7. The Board agreed to present a refresher course on it's certification at the Health Physics Society Meeting, June 14, 1965. Fred Cowan to present course.
8. The Board agreed to participate in the APHA Session on Certification during

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the Annual Meeting of the APHA in Chicago, October 18, 1965. Fred Cowan will represent the Board at the Meeting.

9. The Board wrote to the Education Committees of the New York State Senate and Assembly taking the stand that "Health Physics" should be explicitly excluded from the definition of "Professional Safety Engineer", in proposed Acts. (Chairman notes that similar action was subsequently taken by the HPS Radiation Regulation Committee and by the American Association of Physicists in Medicine).
10. 136 letters dealing with various aspects of ABHP business were sent out since January 1 in addition to approximately 400 form letters having to do with processing of applications and scheduling examination.
11. Expenses incurred by the Chairman to date amount to \$ 128.72, leaving a balance of \$ 71.28 in the petty cash fund.

Respectfully submitted,

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