

# American Board Of Health Physics

## ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

(21 June 1966 - R.O. Gorson)

1. Of 91 Eligible candidates, 72 took Examination No. 9 on June 14 in six locations around the Country. 26 passed, 32 failed, and 14 were judged borderline and will be required to take an oral examination. Four persons were given oral examinations on June 14. Of these, two passed and were certified as of that date. 25 others were certified on February 28, 1966. Hence, 27 names were added to the official list of certified health physicists, bringing the total to date to 419.
2. As of June 18, 1966, 68 candidates were eligible to take the June 1966 written examination, to be given in Houston, Berkeley, and New York City. To date, 45 have registered to take the exam, and 9 have indicated they will not take it this year.
3. Since the date of the last annual report (9 June 1965), 67 applications were received. 14 of the applications were judged ineligible and their applications were either rejected or placed in abeyance for future consideration. Seven applications are pending the receipt of additional information.
4. Of the three candidates nominated by the Health Physics Society in 1965, Dr. Dade Moeller was elected to serve a 5 year term replacing John W. McCaslin whose 5 year term of office expired on 1 January 1966. Arthur R. Keene assumed the office of secretary-treasurer on that date.
5. Dr. Marvin M.D. Williams who was elected as the representative of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine at the last ABHP Board Meeting assumed office as the first AAPM representative on 1 January 1966.
6. William C. Reing was reappointed chairman of the Panel of Examiners as Dr. Moeller's replacement, effective 1 January 1966. New members of the Panel of Examiners taking office on January 1, 1966 were Dr. John Hale (alternate to Loevinger who could not accept nomination), Dr. Donald E. Barber, Charles L. Weaver and B.L. Rich. Former members retiring at the same time were: A.P. Sanders, W.C. King, E.W. Webster, and F.E. Hoecker.
7. On behalf of the Board, the Chairman wrote to the members of the Education Committee of the New York State Legislature and to Governor Rockefeller opposing a bill to license "safety engineers". The bill was introduced again this year after having been vetoed by the Governor last year. The HPS and AAPM took similar action in protesting the bill.
8. The Chairman engaged the services of Mr. J.F.H. Robinson of Strong, Golden & Robinson to represent the Board in the preparation of amended articles of incorporation to provide for the disposition of the Board's assets in the event the Board is dissolved. This action was taken to satisfy the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service so that the Board may continue to enjoy a tax free status.

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9. The Chairman arranged with Russell F. Cowing, Executive Secretary of the Health Physics Society, to store some of the files of the ABHP. The Board purchased two filing cabinets in which Russ will keep the files. The files turned over for safe keeping include the files of those certified through February 1965 (four drawers) and miscellaneous files through 1962 (two drawers) to the end of Healy's administration. About five drawer's of files remain in the Chairman's possession.

10. Dr. Frederick P. Cowan represented the Board in the American Public Health Association Session on Certification at the Association's last annual meeting in Chicago, October 18, 1965.

11. Preliminary informal discussions have been held with representatives of the Environmental Engineering Intersociety Board concerning the possibility of representation on the ABHP and the discontinuance of the EEIB's own examination in the field of health physics. The possible advantages are to be investigated further by both Boards.

12. 180 letters dealing with various aspects of ABHP business were sent out since the last meeting in addition to some 500 form letters pertaining to processing of applications, scheduling examination, and distributing plaques.

13. Petty cash expenditures by the Chairman since the last meeting totaled \$110.23.

Respectfully submitted,

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