September 1, 1987

Dear Colleague;

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. The summer is a busy time for the ABHP. Both Panels of Examiners (Comprehensive and Power Reactor) have spent a productive spring getting potential exam questions ready. A balloting process by the Board and Panel members then selected the final questions out of the three candidate questions for each topic. Each potential question was ranked in order of preference, validated in each of four areas, and scored as to the Health Physics Domains of Practice. All of these criteria were used by the respective panel chairmen to determine the final questions. The Panel members then took a short but well deserved break.

The Board met for two days at the HPS annual meeting in Salt Lake City. A workshop was also held on the Part I exam. (Both will be discussed in more detail, later on.) Now that the 1987 exam has taken place, the Board and Panel members are now grading each candidate's exam. Each question is triple graded, which means the Board and the Panel members are all involved. By the October Board meeting, the Panels' work will be done, the Board gets to relax for a month or so, then the cycle starts over again.

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This newsletter reports to Certified Health Physicists the items of interest that have occurred since our last newsletter in January. If you have comments about the items addressed here, please write. The Board tries its best to represent the needs of CHPs, and needs your input and help.

Sincerely,

Frazier L. Bronson
Secretary, ABHP

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1) REPORT FROM THE JULY 5 AND 6 MEETING OF THE ABHP

Transcripts from accredited schools are now required from each candidate applying for the ABHP exam.

A specific set of criteria were developed to assist the Board in approving comprehensively certified HPs for the Power Reactor Certification via the exemption process. These criteria reflect a strict definition of "responsibility for a major portion of the Health Physics program at an operating nuclear power plant." These criteria make the exemption automatic if the Comprehensive CHP is the Radiation Protection Manager, possible if he is at the plant in a line management position, and difficult otherwise. The criteria, with some revisions, was approved by the Board.

Dick Burk, from the Secretariat office, reported that he thinks he found a liability insurance carrier for the Board. (Secretary's note: The Board has been without insurance for about a year. No carriers want to cover certification bodies.)

Hard working prospective CHPs can slow down now. Only one year experience per calendar year will be granted, no matter how many hours overtime you work.

The following Comprehensive CHPs were granted Power Reactor Certification via the exemption process. CONGRATULATIONS!!

   Joseph J. Bevelacqua       Michael L. Braun
   Linda G. Bray              Steven M. Garry
   Henry F. Kahnhauser        Larry R. McKay
   Mark L. Miller             Jayalakshmi Ramanuja

A procedure manual for the two examination panels was approved.

Discussion was held on the results of the Serial Multiple Choice questionnaires (given to examinees last year) and the scores on those questions. The candidates responses both to the questionnaire and the exam questions appear to be neutral, when compared to the traditional question type. The Board plans to continue both the Serial Multiple choice format for some questions, and the post-exam questionnaires.

The Board appointed the following new Panel of Examiners members and Officers for 1988, and wishes to thank the retiring members.

Comprehensive Panel of Examiners

Nancy Kirner, Chair
Dean Broga, Vice Chair

New Members
Lester Aldrich, II
Joe Bevelacqua
John Buchanan
Thomas Martin
Christine Pollard

Retiring Members
Roger Brown, 1987 Chair
Jerry Allison
Bill Endres
Michael Slobodien
Gary Warren
Power Reactor Panel of Examiners

Joseph Beer, Chair
Scott Medling, Vice Chair

New Members
Dave Mohler
Michael Sullivan
George Vargo

Retiring Members
Frank Rescek, 1987 Chair
Francis Roddy

The Board elected the following officers for 1988.

Frazier Bronson-----------------Chairman
Howard Dickson------------------Vice Chairman
Bob Quillin---------------------Secretary, AAHP Financial Liaison
Glenn Glasgow-------------------Parliamentarian

2) MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF JULY 6, 1987

Comprehensive Certification................607
Power Reactor Certification................48
Dual Certification.........................42
Total CHPs with current Certification...697
Emeritus Status.............................43
Inactive Status (by choice)...............22
Not Active (by failure to respond)......222

3) 1987 EXAM STATUS

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4) ADMINISTRATION OF THE 1987 EXAM

The Board wishes to gratefully acknowledge the following proctors who generously gave their time to administer the 1987 exam program. Without their help, the many regional exams would not be possible.

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5) **PART I PASSING POINT DETERMINATION**

Joe Sayeg, the Part I examination coordinator, spends a lot of time keeping the Part I exam questions and process in order. As an example, he organized a workshop on July 8 to determine the passing point for the Part I exam, which was significantly revised this year.

The workshop was conducted by Professional Examination Service, NY, the Board's subcontractor for the Part I exam maintenance and scoring. The objective was to establish what percentage of the 150 questions the examinees should be expected to correctly answer, in order to pass Part I.

The Board gratefully acknowledges the help of the following CHPs who spent the full day on this process.

- Joe Sayeg, Chairman
- Ruth Birney
- Dale Denham
- Howard Dickson
- Ron Kathren
- Jerry Martin
- Ed Watson
- Gordon Williams

6) **ABHP FINANCIAL STATUS**

The Board income minus expense balance was -$4,774 for 1985, $1,100 in 1986 and the projected balance for 1987 is -$5,000. Based on the figures below the 1988 budget looks close to break even. The Board's net worth as of 9/1/87 is estimated to be $4,000 although there is some uncertainty in estimating the actual deferred fees for 1985-6.

The budget for 1988 in round figures is:

**Income**

- Exam Fees ($200 x 250 examinees) $50,000
- Maintenance Fees ($25 x 720 CHPs) 18,000
- Other Income 6,900
- **Total** $74,900

**Expenses**

- Professional Exam Service Fees (PES) $11,500
- Exam Preparation Fees/Expenses 9,700
- Printing/Postage 7,000
- Board Operations (Management, Computer, Travel, Telephone, Audits, Insurance and Bonds, AAHP expenses, etc.) 46,300
- **Total** $74,500

The Board's goal has been to accumulate (and invest) at least one year's expenses. Due to rising costs, we have not been able to accomplish the goal. This problem will not go away when the Academy becomes incorporated and assumes this role. Anyone with budget ideas as to where we can reduce costs or how we can raise income please jot them down and send to the Board.
7) CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT SASC

The Board learned with regret that Nancy Johnson was moving to Delaware, and
would no longer be the Associate Administrator for the Board. Nancy has
been in this position since 1983 when the ABHP contracted with SASC as the
Secretariat. She has been extremely efficient at processing the large
amount of paper work that is necessary for the Board operations. She always
knew what tasks needed to be done, how they were done, and did them on
time. The hardest part of her job, however, was training a new Board Chair­
man each year. And, all the time, she was always so cheerful. We will miss
her.

Dick Burk seems to have a good recruiting program, as he found a very
capable replacement in Dianne Webber. Dianne was at the Board's summer
meeting with Nancy, and is learning fast. Please welcome her.

8) NEXT BOARD MEETING

The fall Board meeting is scheduled for October 5 and 6, 1987, Tysons
Corner, VA. Send any items for the Board's consideration to the Chairman.

9) NEW ABHP BOARD MEMBER

The AAHP has appointed Leroy F. Booth to a 5-year term on the Board, begin­
ning in 1988. Lee has been Chairman of the Comprehensive Panel of Exami­
nees, and is currently Chairman of the AAHP Exam Site Selection Committee.

10) CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS FOR 1987

R. Jerry Everett----------------Chairman
Howard Dickson-------------------Vice Chairman
Frazier Bronson-----------------Secretary
Bob Quillin---------------------Parliamentarian
Joe Sayeg----------------------Part I Coordinator
Dick Bowers
Dale Denham
Glenn Glasgow

Please contact any of the above if you have any complaints, comments, sug­
gestions, are volunteering for work, or want general information.

11) HPS HANDBOOK

All CHPs are reminded that the ABHP retains its own independent computerized
address listing. It is therefore necessary to notify the ABHP, in addition
to the HPS, if applicable, of any address change.
12) PHOTO'S

The following photographs of Nancy Johnson and Jerry Everett, Dale Denham and Ron Katherm hard at work, and the candidates hard at work at the exam, were taken by Joe Sayeg. (Those with the smiles have already passed, those too busy to even look up are the candidates.)
12) AAHP ITEMS OF INTEREST

In the spirit of cooperation, and in light of our precarious financial condition, we are saving mailing cost by combining the two newsletters.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF HEALTH PHYSICS

Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairpersons of the Academy for 1987

Paul L. Ziemer------------------President
John R. Horan-------------------President-Elect
Kenneth W. Skrable-----------------Secretary
Joyce P. Davis-------------------Treasurer
R. Jerry Everett-------------------Director (Ex Officio as ABHP Chair
Bryce L. Rich-------------------Director
William C. Reinig-------------------Director
David S. Myers-------------------Director
Lester A. Slaback, Jr.------------Director
Robert E. Yoder-------------------Director
Richard J. Vetter--------------------Appeals Committee Chair
Robert Heublein--------------------Continuing Education Committee Chair
Lee Booth---------------------------Exam Site Selection Committee Chair
Lester A. Slaback, Jr.------------Finance Committee Chair
Wade Patterson----------------------Nominations Committee Chair
Charles Meinhold-------------------Professional Standards and Ethics
Committee Chair

Nominees for Upcoming Election (positions beginning Jan. 1988)

Otto Raabe and Jack Selby President-Elect
Al Baietti and Mike Terpilak Secretary
J. W. Thiessen and Edwin Watson Director

Official ballots and biographical information on the candidates will be distributed to Academy members early this fall.

Nominees for Next Year's Election

Early in 1988 the Nominations Committee will begin work to develop a slate of candidates for the fall 1988 election. The positions to be filled will be President-Elect, Treasurer, and Director. Also there will be a vacancy on the American Board of Health Physics for which the committee will consider nominees. Academy members are invited to submit to the Nominating Committee the names of potential nominees. Submissions should be sent to the incoming President, John Horan, and must be received by January 1, 1988, in order to be included in the deliberations of the Committee.

Meeting of Academy Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the American Academy of Health Physics will meet in Miami Beach on December 13, 1987, in connection with the Midyear Topical Meeting of the HPS. Academy members who have agenda items they wish the Executive Committee to consider should submit them to incoming Academy President John Horan.