

# The CHP Corner, August 2022

For CHPs, aspiring CHPs, and anyone else on the bell curve.



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### AAHP AWARDS LUNCHEON RECAP

*Dan Sowers, CHP, CHP Corner Editor*

Dr. Wei-Hsung Wang is the recipient of the 2022 William A. McAdams Outstanding Service Award. This award is presented annually by the ABHP to honor a certified health physicist who has made significant contributions toward professionalism in health physics and to the certification process. In conferring this award, the ABHP Selection Committee especially recognizes Dr. Wang's commitment to the missions and objectives of the ABHP. He served as a member of the Part II Panel of Examiners from 2008 to 2018, including serving as Vice Chair in 2015 and Chair in 2016, and the AAHP Professional Development Committee from 2009 to 2012. He also chaired the HPS Academic Education Committee (2018-2021), served as Co-Academic Dean of the 2014 HPS Professional Development School on *Radiation Safety in Medicine*, and was President of the Deep South Chapter of the HPS for four years. In addition, he has served on the Certified Laser Safety Officer Review Board. Currently, he is a member of the ABHP through 2023, serving as Vice Chair in 2020 and Chair in 2021.



*Photo courtesy of  
Dr. Wei-Hsung  
Wang.*

Congratulations to Dr. Wei-Hsung Wang for receiving the William A. McAdams Outstanding Service Award!

Dr. Samuel Baker is the recipient of the 2022 Joyce P. Davis Memorial Award. Dr. Baker is likely the longest-serving health physicist in the nation, with an active career spanning nearly six decades. Soon after earning a Ph.D. in nuclear physics from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1967, he enjoyed a long, productive career in health physics. His career achievements include a stay at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (1972 - 1989), where he managed the Nuclear Counting Laboratory while also serving as the environmental officer. Over the years, he became a well-respected health physicist in the particle accelerator community. He joined Argonne National Laboratory in 1994 until the present time. At Argonne, Dr. Baker has served in numerous capacities, most of which were associated with radiation safety and management. These were exemplified by several key positions, including serving as Manager of Radiological Safety Services, Safety Planning and Compliance, ALARA Coordinator, Nuclear Safety Review Committee, to name a few. His contributions to radiation safety are truly unparalleled and remarkable that his insistence on a hands-on approach offered assurance to his projects' eventual success.



*Photo courtesy of Dr. Samuel Baker.*

His practice exemplified the highest professional standards in radiation safety. His integrity has inspired many of his colleagues throughout his career. Dr. Baker has been a CHP since 1997. He has served the ABHP in many capacities including the Part II exam panel and proctored several CHP exams in the Chicago area. Dr. Baker has maintained his involvement with the local Midwest Chapter Health Physics Society. Lastly, Dr. Baker has published numerous papers (>80) in the

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field of Nuclear Engineering, Particle Physics, and Health Physics.

In essence, Dr. Baker has championed high professional standards and ethical behavior in all scientific and professional interactions during his exciting and diverse career.

Congratulations to Dr. Samuel Baker for receiving the Joyce P. Davis Memorial Award!

James Nunn is the recipient of the 2022 Nancy K. Johnson National Service Award. Although unable to attend the Luncheon and receive the award in person, James has provided reflection on being a recipient of such a prestigious award.

“My Fellow CHPs, it is with a heavy heart that I am not able to join you all in person at this year’s annual meeting. Having recently assumed a new position, my time during this year’s meeting was scheduled elsewhere. I am deeply appreciative of the Past President’s thoughtfulness in finding my work for the Academy, in particular with the Continuing Education Committee, worthy of such a prestigious award. The only response I have for being honored for my service to the Academy is that I tried my best to fulfil my obligations to the appointment of Chair according to the duties of the role. I would take this time to remind not only current committee members and executives, but every member of the Academy to, at some time during your professional career, volunteer for committee service. During my time on the CEC, especially when functioning as Chair, I had the opportunity to interact with, meet, and help fellow CHPs from across the world! I was introduced to and was able to provide assistance to many of the luminaries in our field who I would have otherwise probably never been able to interact with personally. I think the level of professional interaction afforded by committee membership and participation, at any level, is not only useful for seasoned professionals, but also to younger members in establishing a strong and collegial bond with fellow Health Physicists. It has always been my belief that the responsible and professional practice of Health Physics is a “team sport” and that no CHP should be without a strong network of colleagues that can be called upon for advice when the need arises.

In summary: volunteer, take part, and give whatever role you are assigned the time and effort it deserves. I promise it will make you a better Health Physicist.

I am honored to be listed among the past recipients of this award, primarily Nancy Johnson. I remember well the initial certification process and subsequent renewals of my certification, and every time I had a



question or issue, I knew that Nancy was a phone call or email away waiting to help. Her dedication to this organization over her tenure with the Academy is an example that should be emulated by all members.

*Photo courtesy of James Nunn.*

In closing, I would like to thank the Past President and Academy for finding me worthy for this great honor and look forward to seeing you all in the future!”

Congratulations to James Nunn for receiving the Nancy K. Johnson National Service Award!

## CEC SUBMISSION GUIDANCE

*Jennifer Cerecero, CHP, Chair, Continuing Education Committee*

To record your CECs for the recent HPS meeting, please complete the following steps:

1. Logon to <https://app.prolydian.com>
2. On left side click on *applications* and then *my applications*.
3. Click *apply now* and choose *CHP CEC Request*.
4. Enter the date and then click *I want to enter the details of the activity*.
5. For the PEP and CEL classes, please select *Category – Group A Formal Education Activities*. Then under *Activity* choose the following:

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- a. For the PEP courses, choose *HPS Professional Enrichment Program* at annual or midyear meeting
  - b. For the CEL courses, choose *HPS continuing education lecture* at annual or midyear meeting
  - c. For both you are required to enter the name of the activity, enter the activity units which should be “1” and then upload documentation.
6. For the regular meeting credits, choose *Category C* – and then *Scientific Meetings: Regional, National, International* and enter the number of credits based on hours attended.

Common practice is to enter each of the CEL and PEP courses that you attend individually into the system so that on each one you can enter the name of the course or presentation. Happy CECing!

## **NRRPT CALL FOR EXAM PANEL MEMBERS**

*Rick Rasmussen, CHP, Chair, NRRPT Board*

The NRRPT is looking for more Exam Panel members. As is the case with both parts of the ABHP exam, it takes a lot of effort and many people to put an exam together, ensure the questions are valid and ready to go, hours of time to grade the exams, and perform the quality review of the results. We would love to have some more CHPs who are also NRRPT certified join our team! Our next NRRPT Board Meeting will be held January 2023 in Key West, Florida at the Marriott Beachside Hotel just prior to the RP-ALARA Association meeting. Not a bad place to be in January and we would appreciate having a variety of folks come share their experiences, join us on the Exam Panel and participate on some of the committees that work diligently behind the scenes to make the NRRPT awesome. We are always interested in hearing how people successfully prepared themselves for the exam. To volunteer or ask any questions, please reach out to me at [rickras@lanl.gov](mailto:rickras@lanl.gov). If any of you are attending the meeting, please stop by and say hello!

**It was wonderful connecting with so many colleagues in Spokane! Until next time!**



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