

The CHP Corner, March 2023

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



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ARE YOU CERTAIN YOUR CHP CERTIFICATION IS ACTIVE?

Michael Canino, AAHP Executive Director

The AAHP has much to be excited about for 2023, including the development of a new website scheduled to be launched later this year. The website will be paired with new initiatives to attract new visitors and feature our active CHP members more in depth than ever before.

One of the most common questions we receive at our office is regarding if individuals hold an active certification. At any time, AAHP members can request a verification letter in addition to the certificate we provide to verify active CHP status. You may want to visit the AAHP membership list first to make sure you are included.

Have you checked to make sure your CHP certification is active?

Even if you are certain that your certification is active, we encourage you to take a moment and check our membership list to make sure your name is included: <https://www.aahp-abhp.org/md>

If you are not listed, don't worry - the headquarters team is here to help make sure you are published as an active CHP. It may be as simple as resetting your privacy settings to ensure your name is published online. That's an easy fix which our team can support. However, not seeing your name published could also mean that your AAHP membership and CHP certification have lapsed. If that's the case, then we are ready to support you and welcome you back.

What do I do if my certification has lapsed?

CHPs who are inactive for less than four years due to late maintenance fees may become active members again by simply paying any unpaid annual maintenance fees, including any required reinstatement fees.

CHPs who are inactive for less than four years due to missing continuing education credits (CECs) and/or a recertification application may become active members again by submitting 80 CECs that were obtained within the last three years during the inactive period. These CHPs then will go through the normal recertification process.

New CHPs who have been inactive for more than four years must submit a "Long-term CHP Reactivation" application for review by the ABHP Board. If approved, unpaid annual maintenance fees (up to four years) and additional fees must be paid.

If you retired and wish to return as an Emeritus member, submit an "Inactive CHP to Emeritus CHP" application for review by the ABHP Board. This application will include all jobs with HP responsibilities and all HP activities performed since becoming inactive. If approved, the member will pay all missing Emeritus maintenance fees (up to four years). Board decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Please reach out to the Executive Director Michael Canino and he will be happy to help you with your individual situation. Further questions on reactivating your certification can be directed to Michael Canino at director@aahp-abhp.org or (888) 282-3446.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR ACADEMY

Armin Ansari, AAHP President-Elect

Service on AAHP committees offers opportunities to work closely with other CHPs and provide valuable service to the membership and functioning of the Academy. It is a fulfilling experience. As is tradition, this time of year we seek volunteers to help staff our standing committees. New committee members are approved at the summer meeting and will officially begin their three-year term in January 2024. A number of you already volunteered in the past few months, and I will be reaching out to you soon. For others, I describe the remaining vacancies below and encourage you to volunteer. If you are a CHP and interested in serving, please email me directly at armin314@gmail.com

Continuing Education Committee (two vacancies): This committee makes recommendations to the Executive Committee on the criteria for awarding CECs in the certification renewal program. It evaluates and assigns CECs for programs and courses submitted.

Nominating Committee (three vacancies): This committee selects two nominees for each elective office, affirms their eligibility and willingness, and submits their names to the Executive Committee for ballot and vote by the Academy membership. The committee also selects candidates for each ABHP vacancy in consultation with ABHP, affirms their eligibility and willingness to serve, and submits their names to the Executive Committee at the annual meeting. In addition, this committee solicits and recommends nominees for the Joyce Davis Award and the William A. McAdams Outstanding Service Award.

Examination Site Committee (two vacancies): This committee selects the appropriate locations for the administration of the Certification exam - typically 12 sites in addition to the location of the annual

meeting. In addition, it selects at least 2 CHPs willing to serve as the host and proctors at each site. If you recently took the exam or proctored one, your perspective on this committee would be welcomed and appreciated. Please consider volunteering.

Professional Development Committee (two vacancies): This committee is going through an exciting transition this year with an expanded portfolio that includes identifying and organizing AAHP training and continuing education opportunities for CHPs. It is an excellent opportunity to influence what training courses AAHP should provide and how!

There are other AAHP standing committees which currently have no vacancies but, even for those, the Academy welcomes alternate members who can still participate and be available when needed. For a complete list of all AAHP standing committees and to learn more about them, visit <https://www.aahp-abhp.org/organization/committees>.

I look forward to hearing from you.

NEW RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR POLICY

*Carolyn MacKenzie, President AAHP and
Brant Ulsh, Chair, AAHP Professional Standards and
Ethics Committee*

The AAHP Professional Standards and Ethics Committee has proposed a new policy on "Respectful Behavior" and the AAHP Executive Committee has approved that policy. The AAHP is dedicated to providing a safe, welcoming, and productive experience for everyone participating in Academy events and other Academy activities, and this policy serves to clarify what that means. Please take a moment and read our new policy: https://www.aahp-abhp.org/respectful_behavior.

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NEW AAHP BLOG!

Dan Sowers, CHP, Chair Communications Committee

The latest in the AAHP blog series was just released, “Make Your Best Career Move: Earn More as a CHP in 5 Steps.” Ian Lake, CHP, is back to inspire all those who are sitting for the exam this year and who are considering it in the future. Ian reminds everyone, “You stand out when you’re a CHP,” and he discusses what he considers the top five steps you’ll need to take to transform your professional life and become a CHP. Invest a couple minutes of your time and read it; then forward Ian’s message to those you mentor!

Read the full blog here: <https://www.aahp-abhp.org/node/1316>.