

The CHP Corner, September 2023

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



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: AAHP ACTIVITIES AT THE 2023 HPS ANNUAL MEETING IN NATIONAL HARBOR

Carolyn MacKenzie, CHP, President, AAHP

It was very nice to see many of you in person for the annual HPS meeting in National Harbor, Maryland! The Executive Committee of the Academy met all day Sunday conducting our business and it was good to see we have made progress on several of our initiatives this year. As reported at the business meeting, some of the highlights are:

Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with HPS:

We have drafted an MOU agreement on how our two organizations will work together for the benefit of our membership (e.g., coordinating the exam with the HPS meeting when feasible; working to make sure our two directories are in sync on CHP designations; coordinating our continuing education courses with the annual meeting and providing a timely review of proposed courses for credit). We hope to have this finalized by the Fall.

New AAHP-ABHP Website in Process:

We have tackled the big job of recreating our AAHP-ABHP website to have improved functionality and search capabilities. You will be hearing more about this when it comes time to turn it on.

Improved Directory Wanted:

Our current directory only lists names and CHP status. We would like to improve our directory by adding a “member-only” feature with full access to membership contact information. We have also been brainstorming on a “Find a CHP” function for those people who want to list themselves as available for consulting work. We will be surveying

the membership soon to pin down what people want out of their AAHP Directory so we can better plan for these improvements.

CEC Review Fee for ‘For-Profit Courses’

A new policy is being developed for compensation for course review for CECs for “for-profit courses that charge a registration fee” and we want to advertise pre-approval of CEC Units for their courses (would not include HPS or AAHP courses). It was brought to our attention that most organizations charge for these types of course reviews and that it would be appropriate for us to do the same.

CHP Logo Gear

Plans are in the works for an online store with more CHP logo gear such as coffee cups, polo shirts, etc.

Continuing Education Webinars

More webinars will be offered in the future directly by AAHP. Our membership has told us that they appreciate the online opportunities for getting their continuing education credits, so we are working on offering more courses.

Allen Mabry, Chair of the ABHP also reported:

2022 Exams

- Part I : 22% pass rate (27 of 122)
- Part II: 63% pass rate (37 of 59)

2023 Exams

- Part I was given June 2 – 11, 2023
 - 185 approved to take the exam; 160 took the exam
- Part II was given June 27, 2022
 - 82 were approved to take the exam; 60 took the exam

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CORRECTION: CALL FOR AAHP NOMINATIONS

Michelle Baca, Chair, Nominating Committee

Correction: In July this article called for nominations for the President-Elect, Secretary, and Director positions. This should have stated “President-Elect, Treasurer, and Director”. The correction was made in the article below.

The American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Nominating Committee is looking for candidates to run for Academy Office on the 2024 ballot. Successful candidates will take office on January 1, 2025. We need nominees for the offices of President-Elect, Treasurer, and Director. Nominees must be:

- Current Plenary members of the Academy (either active or emeritus)
- Not serving an appointment to either the Part I or Part II Exam Panels or as a member of the ABHP at the time that they take office.

The President-Elect serves one year, followed by a year as President, and third year as Past-President. The President-Elect is responsible for filling positions on the Academy Committees, attending the meetings of the ABHP, and as President, presiding over the meetings of the Academy. The Past-President is responsible for organizing a special session at the HPS annual meeting. The Executive Committee meets twice per year at the HPS Annual meeting and at an earlier HPS meeting, if held.

The Secretary serves a term of two years, followed by one year as Past-Secretary. The Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes of the Academy Executive Committee and Business meetings and running the election for officers.

The Directors serve terms of three years. The Directors attend the meetings of the Academy

Executive Committee and perform duties as requested by the President.

Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee by phone or e-mail to volunteer or to nominate someone else. The Nominating Committee members are: Tim Barvitskie, Kara Beharry, William Bosley, Kathleen Dinnel-Jones, Jason Flora, Chris Helstern, Andy Miller, and Charles Wilson.

Information for the Committee can be found at the AAHP web site. You may also contact the Chair directly at michelle.ann.baca@gmail.com.