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## AAHP Standing Committees for 2008

*Nancy P. Kirner, President-elect*

There are eight standing committees of the American Academy of Health Physics, including the Finance Committee whose composition is specified in our bylaws. Members of the remaining seven committees are Diplomats of the Academy nominated by the president-elect and approved by the Executive Committee for staggered three-year terms. Committee chairs are nominated and approved for one-year terms.

A brief listing of each committee's members and chairs for the calendar year 2008, as approved by the AAHP Executive Committee, is shown below. More information about the composition and function of standing committees of the Academy can be found on our Web site (<http://hps1.org/aahp/index.htm>) at link [http://hps1.org/aahp/committee\\_duty\\_overview.htm](http://hps1.org/aahp/committee_duty_overview.htm).

**Finance Committee:** Members of the Finance Committee for 2008 are Ed Bailey (Chair), Bob Miltenberger (2008 AAHP Past Secretary), and Jim Tarpinian (2008 ABHP Chair).

**Continuing Education Committee:** Members of the Continuing Education Committee for 2008 are Sarah Hoover (Chair), Louise Buker, Roy Craft (completing term of Nancy Sullivan), David Hearnberger, Scottie Walker, and new member Jim Cherniack.

**Nominating Committee:** Members of the Nominating Committee for 2008 are Kathryn Pryor (Chair), Keith Anderson, Daniel Burnfield, Steven King, Kyle Kleinhans, L. Max Scott, and new members John Hageman, Glen Sturchio, and Kent Lambert (2008 ABHP Vice Chair).

**Examination Site Committee:** Members of the Examination Site Committee for 2008 are Randy Sanders (Chair), Matthew Arno, and new members April Chance and John Gough.

**Professional Standards and Ethics Committee:**

Members of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee for 2008 are Paul Rohwer (Chair), Karen Barcal, Regis Greenwood, Cheryl Olson, and new member Ruth McBurney.

**Appeals Committee:** Members of the Appeals Committee for 2008 are Robert Cherry Jr. (Chair), Nicholas Panzarino, and Gregory Hall, who agreed to a second term.

**Professional Development Committee:** Members of the Professional Development Committee for 2008 are Jay Maisler (Chair), Cindy Bloom, Edward Christman, Tom Johnson, Jeffrey Kotsch, and new member Michael Davidson.

**Title Protection and Professional Recognition Committee:**

Members of the new Title Protection and Professional Recognition Committee for 2008 are Tom Buhl (Chair), Kathleen Dinnel-Jones, Kenneth Fleming, Judson Kenoyer, Scott Kirk, and new member Debra McBaugh.

The Academy is extremely grateful for the service of those committee members who have completed their terms and are rotating off in January 2008. The outgoing committee members are Dawn Banghart, Stephen Brown, Kevin Buckley, Shawn Googins, Debra McCroskey, Carl Paperiello, Anthony Sorensen, Paul Stansbury, and Nancy Sullivan. Please express your gratitude to these CHPs who serve on the Academy's Standing Committees for their contribution to our profession. Diplomats of the Academy who would like to serve on a committee should indicate their willingness on their dues envelope or contact the committee chair or Nancy Johnson at the Secretariat directly.

## Professional Standards and Ethics Committee

*Paul S. Rohwer, Chair*

The activities of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee were again very limited this past year. This limited activity suggests that our colleagues are continuing to conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner. However, news of the apparent arrest of a CHP in October of 2006 on criminal charges prompted the AAHP Executive Committee, at its Executive Committee meeting in Knoxville, to ask our committee to consider the question of what actions, if any, should the

Academy take when a CHP is convicted of a felony. Our committee will be addressing this question in the coming months and input is welcome.

The Joyce P. Davis Memorial Award was not awarded in 2007. We continue to have difficulty obtaining nominations for this award presented in recognition of exemplary service as a role model in upholding the ethical and professional standards of the Academy. Plans are to present the award in 2008 and nominations are needed. AAHP members are encouraged to take the opportunity and make the effort to nominate deserving colleagues.

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## ABHP Meeting

*Shawn Googins, ABHP Chair*

The American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) held its summer meeting 6-7 July 2007 in Portland, Oregon. The Board discussed the exam preparation process for the 2007 examination and issues affecting certification. We have one new board member who started his term in 2007—he is Kent Lambert. During the summer 2007 meeting of the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP), the AAHP selected Jack Higginbotham for a full term to begin in 2008 after he completes the remainder of another board member's term through 2007.

I want to express my gratitude to all the Part I and Part II panel members and especially Part I Panel Chair Rob Forest and Part II Panel Chair Gus Potter for all their hard work for this year's certification exam. At the same time, I'd like to acknowledge remaining board officers Vice Chair Jim Tarpinian, Secretary Jack Higginbotham, Parliamentarian Cheryl Olson, and members Jerry Hiatt, Kent Lambert, Trish Milligan, and Nora Nicholson for all their contributions to exam preparation and input and contributions to the board operations. My thanks would be incomplete without recognition of past Board Chair Jim Willison for his sage advice and assistance during my tenure to date.

One of the continuing issues confronting CHPs is the continuing effort to obtain unfettered recognition of ABHP certifications by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for meeting the Training and Experience Requirements for Radiation Safety Officers on 10 CFR 35 Medical Licenses. In pursuit of this goal the ABHP and AAHP requested CHP support for the Ritenour petition for rulemaking made to the NRC by the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM). The AAPM petition for rulemaking (known as the "Ritenour Petition") requested the recognition and

"grandfathering" of certifying boards under 10 CFR 35. You, the AAHP membership, did not disappoint us. CHPs supplied close to 80 percent of all comments on the petition. Kent Lambert represented the AAHP and ABHP on this issue at a public forum before the NRC Advisory Council on the Use of Medical Isotopes (ACUMI) at the NRC in June 2007. The ABHP and AAHP were represented at a meeting of the multisociety conference regarding NRC Board Recognition Issues in April of 2007. This conference prepared a white paper identifying common issues and submitted a joint letter to the ACUMI in June 2007. We await the response of the NRC on this issue.

The ABHP also initiated two ad hoc committees to investigate the possibility for future automated online proctored testing for the Part I exam and to investigate ISO certification of the Board under ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024 "Accreditation of Bodies Operating Certification of Persons." We feel these initiatives will broaden the appeal and recognition of CHP certifications internationally.

At the meeting, the Board elected officers for the upcoming 2008 calendar year for the Board and Panels. The new officers are **ABHP Board of Directors:** Chair Jim Tarpinian, Vice Chair Kent Lambert, Secretary Trish Milligan, Parliamentarian Cheryl Olson; **Part I Panel of Examiners:** Chair Anthony Huffert, Vice Chair Jerry Hensley; **Part II Panel of Examiners:** Chair Pat LaFrate, Vice Chair Mark "Andy" Miller.

The Board also selected new members of the Part I and Part II panels and would like to note that new members are often recruited from the list of volunteers generated when CHPs check the "I'd like to volunteer" check boxes on their annual maintenance fee submissions. New Part I panel members are Mike Stabin and Scott Nicholson. New Part II panel members are Kelly Ausbrooks, Joseph Guido, and Gregory Jones. Thank you to all Part I and Part II panel members for all their contributions this year.

