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The State of AAHP Finances

Edgar D. Bailey, Treasurer

Academy's Investments—The fair market value of the Academy's intermediate and long-term funds and investments totaled \$624,879 as of 28 February 2007. This represents an increase of \$57,897 (10.2 percent) since 28 February 2006. This increase exceeded the benchmark goals of the S&P 500 and the LBGC. As of 28 February 2007, the Academy's short-term funds were \$133,873. The Academy's investment policy says that the Academy should have securities (including short-term funds) equivalent to 2.5 times its annual budget. An analysis of these funds shows that this goal is being met.

FY 2007/2008 Budget—At its 7-8 July 2007 meeting in Portland, Oregon, the Executive Committee adopted the FY 2007/2008 operating budget. This budget has \$236,395 for expenses of the Academy and the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP). Included in this budget are:

- A \$4,000 line item for the redesign of the Academy's Web site.
- A \$3,000 line item to investigate and evaluate ISO certification of the ABHP health physicist certification process.
- A \$3,300 one-time bonus for Burk and Associates, Inc., in recognition of the outstanding support provided to the Academy and to the ABHP.

The budget projects only \$171,950 in income in FY 2007/2008, but this does not mean the Academy will experience a deficit in excess of \$64,000. The income includes no revenue from the growth of assets. As mentioned above, the Academy realized asset growth of almost \$58,000 last year. Also, the Finance Committee and Executive Committee note that over the past many years, the officers and committees of the Academy and the ABHP consistently spend less than is budgeted for them. It is the Finance Committee's belief that there will be no real deficit, and that the value of the Academy's

assets will continue to grow in FY 2007/2008.

The complete budget is posted on the Members Only section of the Academy's Web site. Should you have questions, don't hesitate to email me at edbaileychp@msn.com.

Study of Past Budgets Spending and Income Patterns—At the request of the Executive Committee, the treasurer and the Finance Committee will perform a review and evaluation of the actual income and expenditures as compared to the amounts budgeted in years past. This analysis was prompted by the apparent historical pattern (at least for the most recent three years) of the Academy budgeting to spend more money than it budgets to collect. If the review shows that it is in fact a real problem with this approach, changes in the budgeting process will be recommended to the Executive Committee for its consideration and possible changes to the process.

Parliamentary Proceedings

David Myers, Parliamentarian

It has been rather quiet in the office of the parliamentarian. The American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Executive Committee (EC) had a successful and productive meeting in Portland under the capable leadership of President Ed Maher. The meeting ran smoothly with no EC member having to invoke a “point of privilege,” which is used to obtain the floor immediately to reply to a personal affront or to call attention to a nuisance or an emergency.

The EC approved the updated Strategic Plan for the Academy at the meeting. AAHP members had the opportunity to provide input on the draft revision of the Strategic Plan this spring. One of the goals outlined in the strategic plan is encouraging and facilitating communications among the Academy's leadership and its committees with CHPs, other professionals and their professional organizations, and the public. The Strategic Plan lists five specific actions to support these communications:

1. Enhancing and expanding the content of *CHP News* and “CHP Corner” and the Academy Web Page.
2. Encouraging and assisting members to develop ongoing relationships with media representatives.
3. Developing partnerships with the Health Physics Society and other professional organizations and with academic institutions.
4. Establishing and encouraging member participation in a nationwide speaker’s bureau.
5. Establishing and maintaining an interactive presence for the Academy on the Internet using state-of-the-art technology to enhance communication.

There was some discussion at the meeting whether our current efforts to support this goal were adequate. The task to review the adequacy of the AAHP’s support for these communications fell to the parliamentarian. One option that occurred to me was to form a blue-ribbon committee to study the issue and ask for a report to be due after I left office. However, after some sleepless nights wrestling with the issue, I thought it would be better for reasons of timeliness and cost control to get input directly from Academy members as part of my annual “CHP Corner” article.

Given this background, I am soliciting the input of Academy members, based on their personal experiences, whether our present communications goal and plan of action are adequate or need to be improved. You can email me directly at davesmyers1@comcast.net.

Another task that landed on the desk of the parliamentarian during the past year was to prepare a proposed revision of the AAHP bylaws clarifying how CHPs who haven’t maintained their certification can represent themselves professionally. The proposed revision stated clearly that to represent yourself as a CHP, you have to fulfill the requirements for certification renewal including paying the renewal fees. This proposed bylaw change was voted on and approved by the AAHP membership this past spring. This revision potentially impacts over 300 individuals who have gone through the certification process but have not maintained their certification through the renewal process. This change, of course, does not impact those who have applied and qualified for CHP emeritus status or have declared themselves inactive CHPs since they are no longer working in the field of health physics.

Hopefully, this bylaw revision will stimulate some who have not maintained their certification to complete the renewal process. I would invite all active CHPs to encourage colleagues to update their CHP certification if they have not done so. It would be beneficial to the Academy and certainly seems like it would be beneficial to the individual given the effort required to complete the certification process in the first place.

Exam Site Committee Activities

Dawn Banghart, Chair

On a yearly basis, remote exam locations are supported due to the commitment of CHPs from around the country. Without the overwhelmingly positive CHP response there would be no remote exam locations. These locations provide candidates exam access close to home in all regions of the United States (and for this year—Canada!) without the whirling bustle or lack of anonymity of the annual meeting. In addition to providing remote exam facilities, CHPs help with the exam at the annual meeting, which typically requires many generous volunteers.

I would like to thank all the exam site committee members and Nancy Johnson of the Secretariat for their hard work in coordinating this year’s exam sites. Most of all, I would like to thank this year’s exam site volunteers:

Burnt Hills, New York: Anthony DeAngelo, Frank Augustine, Doug Marx, Dennis Taylor, Martin Johnson, Bill Lonergan

Gaithersburg, Maryland: Janna Shupe, James Tracy

Golden, Colorado: Ken Kawabata, John Hackett, Darrell Liles

Idaho Falls, Idaho: Robert Boston, Richard Dickson

Kincardine, Ontario: Linda Weekes, Michael Walke

Las Vegas, Nevada: Michael O’Keeffe, Tony Mason

Los Alamos, New Mexico: David Lee, Dave Styers

Oak Ridge, Tennessee: Mark McHugh, Myra Long

Omaha, Nebraska: Frank Rutar

Portland, Oregon: Debra McBaugh, Stan Addison, Bruce Busby, Jerry Cooper, Todd Davidson, Earl Fordham, John Gaugh, Nancy Kirner, Danny Rice, John Salladay, Drew Thatcher

Richland, Washington: Michael Smith

Rochester, New York: Thomas Morgan, Deborah Koch

San Antonio, Texas: David Pugh, Pat Roach

San Francisco, California: Dave Barron, William Carl

Springfield, Illinois: Kathleen Foster, Richard Allen

ABHP Exam Application Reminder

Complete applications to take either part of the 2008 ABHP examination must be filed with the Secretariat, postmarked no later than **15 January 2008**. Application information may be found on the Web site.

<http://www.hps1.org/aahp/application.htm>