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ABHP Exam Application Reminder

Complete applications to take either part of the 2010 American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) examination must be filed with the Secretariat, postmarked no later than 15 January 2010. Application information may be found at <http://www.hps1.org/aahp/application.htm>.



Continuing Education Update

Jim Willison, CHP, Chair

The American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Executive Committee met at the 2009 Health Physics Society Annual Meeting in Minneapolis and adopted some procedure changes regarding the way that continuing education credits (CEC) are granted. These changes are now in effect and apply to all recertification applications. There was some confusion between the definitions of a scientific meeting and a course or technical seminar. This definition is important as a scientific meeting only qualifies for two CEC per half day and the assignment for a course or technical seminar is based on contact hours and can be up to two CECs per hour based on the topic.

To clarify the difference, the following note was added to SOP 2.2.2:

Note: Short courses, workshops, and seminars are defined as having all attendees participate in the same educational activities. Events that offer multiple venues and choices for participants are more properly defined as Scientific Meetings and are covered by Group C definitions.

CHPs are encouraged to look over the guidance for how CECs are assigned in SOP 2.2.2, which is available in the Members Only section of the Academy Web site. A summary of the assignment guidance is being updated on the Web site, but until it is completed, CHPs should check with the procedure for information.

I would like to thank all those who have submitted materials directly to our email address (aahpcec@burkinc.com). This has sped up the review process considerably and is a lot less work for the Secretariat.

I would also like to point out that an online form is available through the American Board of Health Physics Web site forms page. This form allows you to fill out the necessary information, attach up to two files of supporting information, and then send it directly to the committee's email address. The whole Web site is getting a facelift. If you want to go to the forms page directly, the address is www.hps1.org/aahp/boardweb/forms.html.

Two eight-hour courses were sponsored by the AAHP at the Minneapolis meeting. Twelve individuals took the HAZWOPER refresher course given by Wayne Gaul, while 38 individuals attended “Time-Saving Spectroscopy Models,” given by Art Lucas. By the time this is published, we will have two more courses lined up for the Albuquerque meeting. Anyone who has any ideas about courses and would like to host an eight-hour course at the Salt Lake City meeting in June 2010, please contact us at our email address. Instructors get an honorarium and 20 CECs for their trouble.

On a somewhat related note, some of the PEP courses and Continuing Education Lectures at the Minneapolis meeting were recorded for viewing as Webcasts. Current plans for the Professional Development School (PDS) early next year call for Web participants (for a fee). While the committee is wrestling with how and if to award credits for Web-based activities such as these, the decision has been made to treat the PDS as a pilot program and to grant Web-based participants the same 32 CECs as participants who are physically present at the school.

Parliamentarian's Report

Steve Rima, CHP, CSP, Director and Parliamentarian

At the 2009 winter Health Physics Society Midyear Meeting I took over as American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) parliamentarian from Dave Myers. What does the parliamentarian do? He/she ensures that AAHP Executive Committee meetings are run according to Robert's Rules of Order. That part is pretty easy. The other primary duty is to keep and maintain the official copy of AAHP documents, including the Academy Bylaws and operating procedures.

The Academy has Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Good Things to Know (GTTK) procedures. SOPs are approved by the AAHP Executive Committee and describe how the Academy conducts business. GTTKs are written and kept current by the applicable office holder; for example, there is a GTTK document that assists the parliamentarian in performing his/her duties.

Since I took over as parliamentarian, a number of changes have been made to SOPs and GTTKs. One change that potentially affects all CHPs is to SOP 2.2.2, "Assigning Continuing Education Credits to Continuing Education Activities." The changes include increasing credits for attendance at college courses related to a topic on the CHP exam to six credits per semester hour or four credits per quarter hour; they were previously four and three credits respectively.

All of the Academy SOPs, Standing Committee Charters, and GTTK documents are in the Members Only section of the Academy Web site under the link titled "AAHP Reference Library." The Academy Bylaws are linked on the public page of the Academy Web site (<http://www.aahp-abhp.org>).

Exam Site Committee Activities

April C. Chance, CHP, Chair

In July of each year, we are able to offer the American Board of Health Physics certification exam at locations other than the annual meeting, exclusively due to the commitment of CHPs from around the country. Without their commitment to our profession and willingness to volunteer, there would be no remote exam locations. These locations provide candidates exam access close to home in all regions of the United States (including Hawaii!).

This year there were 16 exam sites established with 43 CHP exam proctors and one non-CHP who stepped in at the last minute to save the day! Many emails and phone

calls were made by committee members to set up these exam sites. The job was made easier by CHPs who volunteered their facilities for the exam without solicitation.

Therefore, I would like to express my appreciation for all the individuals who participated behind the scenes. I would like to thank committee members John Gough and Jason Flora for coordinating the exams in their respective regions. I would also like to thank Nancy Johnson who, as always, is an invaluable resource. Finally, I would like to thank this year's exam site volunteers:

Aiken, South Carolina
Boston, Massachusetts
Boulder, Colorado
Gaithersburg, Maryland
Honolulu, Hawaii
Idaho Falls, Idaho
Las Vegas, Nevada
Los Alamos, New Mexico
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Richland, Washington
San Antonio, Texas
San Francisco, California
St. Louis, Missouri
Tiverton, Ontario
Upton, New York

Russ Morgan, Michael Matheny
Michael Whalen, Jim Blute
Darrell Liles, Jim Langsted
Tim Mengers, Keith Consani
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Paul Ruhter, Mike McKensie-Carter
Walter Wegst, Rick Cummings
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