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Exam Site Committee Activities

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The work of the Exam Site Committee began in early 2012, shortly after the applications to take the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) certification exam were received by the ABHP. The Exam Site Committee members reached out to the historical exam sites (those sites that have hosted the certification exam for several years) and gauged interest and availability to host the certification exam again. After the applications were processed by the ABHP, the committee was provided with a final tally of candidates and their geographic location. Based on this information, the committee identified those geographic areas (other than the historical exam site locations) where there was a cluster of candidates who could be served by having a local exam site. Local exam sites are important because they enable candidates to take the certification exam within a reasonable geographic distance from their home or place of work rather than having to travel to the main exam site, which is located at the Health Physics Society (HPS) annual meeting (this year in Sacramento, California).

Establishing the exam sites is an interesting process. Not only must there be an acceptable physical location to host the exam, but there must also be a minimum of two CHP proctors. In a few cases, the committee has little work to do as some exam sites organize themselves by establishing a location, identifying proctors, and submitting the information directly to the committee, a process sometimes coordinated through the local chapter of the HPS. The committee is thankful for those sites. For other sites, the committee is able to identify CHP proctors but not a physical location, or vice versa, where the committee has identified a physical location but is unable to find CHP proctors. This is where the real work of the committee starts. We reach out to our friends and colleagues. We call in favors. We sometimes beg. The end result is that CHPs and our health physics community always come through! Miracles happen, locations are found, CHP proctors are identified, and certification exam sites are established. This year the committee established 15 exam sites. These 15 exam sites included some historical exam sites, some sites that are becoming "regulars," and a few new sites, including one in Canada.

Nancy Johnson, our executive secretary for the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP), has the committee's gratitude for her guidance and assistance in coordinating this effort. I would also like to thank my fellow committee members Kay Foster, Darrell Liles, and Todd Baker for their diligence and tenacity in coordinating this year's exam sites. This was Todd's first year on the committee, whereas Kay, Darrell, and I have been on the committee for a few years (our terms on the committee will end in 2013). Accordingly, I would like to put out an appeal for new committee members. If you are interested in serving on the Exam Site Committee in the future, be sure to check off the box on your maintenance fee invoice. In the spring

of 2013, the AAHP president-elect will be making appointments to the various committees for terms starting in January 2014.

Lastly, the committee wishes to extend its thanks to the exam site CHP proctors and other instrumental CHPs who helped set up and coordinate this year's exam sites. Their volunteer spirit and sense of giving back to the community of CHPs and future CHPs is instrumental toward the continuation and growth of the profession.

- **Aiken, South Carolina:** John Moxley, James Johnson, Michael Matheny, Duane McLane
- **Boston, Massachusetts:** Mark Walsh, Michael Melisi
- **Boulder, Colorado:** Frederick J. (Ted) Borst, Krista Wenzel
- **Chicago, Illinois:** Glen Vickers, Kay Foster, Thomas (Pat) Lewis
- **Gaithersburg, Maryland:** David Brown, Thomas McGiff, Keith Consani, Janna Shupe
- **Hamilton (Ontario), Canada:** Michael Grey, Francis (Frank) Tourneur, David Tucker
- **Houston, Texas:** Janet Gutierrez, John W. (Jay) Poston, Jr.
- **Los Alamos, New Mexico:** Michael Mallett, Jeff Hoffman
- **Los Angeles, California:** Jeff Wagner, Susan Baros, Daniel Gollnick
- **Oak Ridge, Tennessee:** Mark McHugh, Debra McCroskey
- **Piscataway, New Jersey:** Patrick McDermott, Matthew Williamson, Wes Van Pelt, Michael Vala
- **Pocatello, Idaho:** Jay Kunze, Paul Ritter, David Georgeson, Richard Brey
- **Richland, Washington:** Norman Rohrig, Jack Fix
- **Sacramento, California:** William James, Mike Bollenbacher, Earl Fordham, Brad Graves, Kyle Kleinhans, Ken Krieger, Pat LaFrate, Tom Laiche, Donald Mei, Glenn Sturchio, Drew Thatcher
- **St. Louis, Missouri:** Chris Graham, Daniel Szatkowski, Daniel Hoffman, Bill Uhland

ABHP Exam Application Reminder

Stop procrastinating! Applications to take either part of the 2013 ABHP examination must be filed with the Secretariat and postmarked no later than 15 January 2013. Application information may be found at <http://www.hps1.org/aahp/boardweb/forms.html>.

Changes to AAHP Procedures

Jay Maisler, CHP, AAHP Parliamentarian

The standard operating procedures (SOPs) of the AAHP are reviewed periodically. Changes are proposed and approved during the summer meeting of the executive committee. Revisions to SOPs 2.2.2 (Continuing Education Committee), 2.3.1 (Examination Site Committee), and 2.4.2 (Finance Committee) were recommended and approved by the committee. The revised procedures have been published and are available on the AAHP website at http://www.hps1.org/aahp/membersonly/aahp_docs/index.htm. (Note: your AAHP user ID and password will be needed to access this area of the website). ■