

CHP Corner



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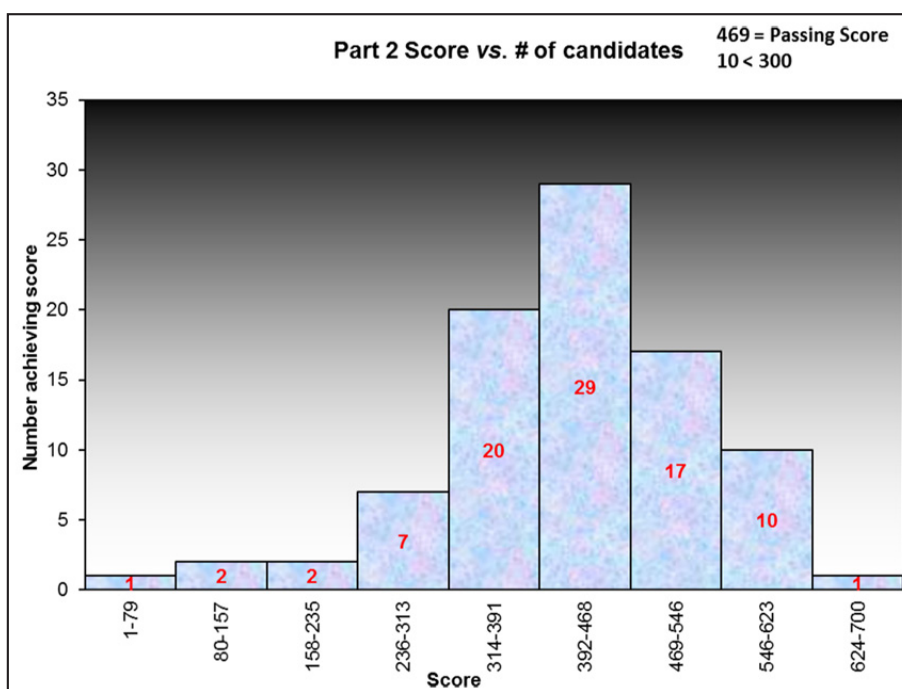
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American Board of Health Physics

Patrick LaFrate, CHP, ABHP Chair

The American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) held its fall meeting in McLean, Virginia, 21–22 November 2014. Based on the exam results (see the [January 2015 "CHP Corner"](#)), the ABHP granted 28 new certifications in 2014. See a histogram of the Part II exam results below:



2014 Exam Statistics

Total Number of Applicants: 334

Total Number of Part I Examinees: 135

Total Number of Candidates: 213

Total Number of Part II Examinees: 89

During the fall meeting, the Board applauded panel members for the time and effort they contributed to the preparation and grading of the 2014 examinations. Special thanks go to Cynthia Flannery, Part I Panel chair, and Curtis Kwasniewski, Part II Panel chair. Preparing the exams is a significant effort and we all must not lose sight of the extensive time the chairs spend on this process on a volunteer basis. Their hard work is sincerely appreciated.

As a reminder to certified health physicists (CHPs), the Board has now separated the processes of question development and exam preparation so that the Part II vice chair leads the process to develop questions for the exam bank and the Part II chair focuses on preparing the exam completely from the exam bank. For those CHPs not on the Part II Panel who would like to develop questions for the exam, receiving recertification points will now require their question to be entered into the exam bank, as opposed to actually being a part of the exam as was previously required.

The term expired for two members of the ABHP, Nora Nicholson and George MacDurmon. Sincere thanks to Nora and George for their work on the Board. Victoria Morris and William Rhodes joined the Board as new members effective 1 January 2015. The 2015 Board is composed of the following members:

Pat LaFrate, Chair	Andy Karam, Parliamentarian	Charles (Gus) Potter, Member
Mark (Andy) Miller, Vice Chair	Robert May, Member	William Rhodes, Member
Jay Tarzia, Secretary	Victoria Morris, Member	

The Board's sincerest appreciation again goes to Nancy Johnson for all the hard work she does for the ABHP and the certification process.

AAHP Appeals Committee

Sarah Hoover, CHP, Chair

The Appeals Committee evaluates appeals regarding American Board of Health Physics (ABHP or Board) decisions on candidate applications, examinations, certifications, and/or certification renewals. Appeals may be filed with the executive secretary by any individual who is denied:

- Eligibility for any part of the examination.
- Part I or Part II passing.
- Certification for any reason.
- Renewal of certification.

The Appeals Committee determines whether or not the policies and procedures of the Board were properly followed. The Appeals Committee reports its findings to the appellant, the ABHP chair, the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) president, and the AAHP program director. In addition to my position as committee chair, the current members of the committee are Henry Kahnhauser and Duncan White.

Professional Standards and Ethics Committee

Timothy D. Taulbee, CHP, Chair

The American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Professional Standards and Ethics Committee is charged with defining the standards of professional responsibility for certified health physicists (CHPs) and reviewing all complaints about unethical practice referred to the committee by the Executive Committee. The standards of professional responsibility are in place and they have been reviewed.

The Professional Standards and Ethics Committee is a standing committee of the AAHP composed of five members of the Academy. Serving on the committee in 2015 in addition to the chair are Danny Rice, Neil Stanford, Robert Cherry, and Jack Buddenbaum.

It appears that all CHPs are continuing to conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner as no complaints have been referred to the committee for investigation and review by the Executive Committee in the recent past. The committee also serves as a clearinghouse for professional standards and ethics questions from CHPs and others in the profession of health physics.

Another responsibility of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee is the establishment of procedures for selecting, awarding, and announcing the Joyce P. Davis Award winners. The procedures have been reviewed and a call for nomination has been issued for the 2015 Joyce P. Davis Memorial Award. The information regarding the nomination process can be found in the December 2014 edition of the *CHP News* (in the [December 2014 issue of Health Physics News](#)). Nomination information can also be found on the AAHP website. We encourage you to nominate a CHP who has demonstrated an exceptional level of professional standards and ethics in his or her career. Previous recipients of the award include John Kelly, James Tarpinian, Carol Berger, Howard Dickson, Frazier Bronson, and Bryce Rich.