

CHP Corner



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AAHP Committee and Liaison Appointments

Kathy Pryor, CHP, AAHP President-elect

AAHP Committees

In the first half of the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) president-elect's term, the main responsibility is to recommend committee chairs and new committee members to replace those rotating off committees at the end of the year.

The process begins shortly after the Health Physics Society (HPS) midyear meeting and concludes just before the HPS annual meeting. This timing is important because the incoming chairs and new committee members need to be approved by the AAHP Executive Committee at its meeting (which is held in connection with the HPS annual meeting).

For the AAHP, the terms of office run on a calendar-year basis, so the new committee members who are selected have about six months to prepare for their new duties.

Current committee chairs were contacted to see if they were willing to continue as chair or, if rotating off of the committee, they were asked for suggestions for a replacement chair. New committee appointments, including alternate committee members, were made to replace members whose terms are expiring. These appointments were heavily based on the list of AAHP members who had volunteered (on their dues statements) or were recommended by the current committee chairs.

At the meeting of the AAHP Executive Committee on 9 July 2017 in Raleigh, North Carolina, the following committee chairs were approved for 2018:

Committee	2017 Chair	2018 Chair
Appeals	Derek Favret	Henry Kahnhauser
Continuing Education	Glenn Sturchio	Glenn Sturchio
Exam Site	Sean Murphy	Adel Baryoun
Nominating	Nora Nicholson	John Hageman
Professional Development	Benny Hooda	Dennis Clum
Professional Standards & Ethics	Jack Buddenbaum	John Keklak
Title Protection/Professional Recognition	Jay Maisler	Richard Harvey

NOTE: The chair and membership of the Finance Committee are set by the Bylaws.

"I thoroughly enjoyed serving on the Executive Committee of the AAHP. It gave me outstanding professional relationships and trusted friends while allowing me to give back to the profession that I dearly prize. I would highly recommend serving on the EC for everyone interested in the profession of health physics."

—Nancy Kirner, AAHP Past President

At the same meeting, the following new committee members and alternate members were also approved. Each of the new appointments is for a three-year term running through 2020:

Committee	Appointment	Alternate
Appeals	Larry Dauer ('20)	Steve Dewey
Continuing Education	Curt Kwasniewski ('20) Erin Nivin ('20) Duncan White ('20)	Amanda Anderson Joe DeMers
Exam Site	William Uhland ('20) Kara Beharry ('20)	Dan Menchaca
Nominating	Myra Long ('20) Ed Bailey ('20) Tim Taulbee ('20) Willie Harris ('20) Elizabeth Algutifan ('20)	Jim Stafford ('18 only) Kathy Shingleton
Professional Development	Mutty Sharfi ('20) Alison Wilding ('19)	Stephanie Harley Tom Essig
Professional Standards & Ethics	Tom Morgan ('20)	Kevin Doody
Title Protection/Professional Recognition	Grant Ceffalo ('20) Steve Frey ('20) Ken Veinot ('20)	Janine Katanic

NOTE: Two alternates were nominated for the larger committees.

AAHP Liaisons

In addition to making committee appointments, the AAHP Executive Committee made the following AAHP liaison appointments:

Organization	Liaison	Term
NRC Advisory Committee on the Medical Use of Isotopes	Dean Broga	2017–2018
Health Physics Society	Debra Scroggs	2018
Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors	Earl Fordham	2018
National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists	Dave Tucker	2018

I would like to thank all the new committee members, chairs, and liaisons who are willing to support the AAHP.

William A. McAdams Outstanding Service Award

William G. Rhodes III, CHP, ABHP Vice Chair



Gus Potter
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It is a pleasure and an honor to announce Charles A. "Gus" Potter as the recipient of the 2017 McAdams Award.

This award was established in 1989 and is presented annually by the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) and the American Academy of Health Physics to honor a certified health physicist who has made significant contributions toward the advancement of professionalism in health physics and to the certification process.

Gus grew up in Bridgewater, New Jersey. He received his undergraduate degree in health physics from Trenton State College in 1986 and his graduate degrees in radiological sciences and protection from the University of Massachusetts

Lowell in 1992 and 2000. He has over 25 years of experience at Sandia National Laboratories and is globally recognized as an expert in the fields of internal dosimetry, risk assessment, and radiation effects modeling.

Gus earned this award for three reasons. First, his technical achievements span several different areas in health physics. He is a globally recognized expert in internal dosimetry. To support this statement, I offer the fact that he is the only person in the history of the *Health Physics Journal* to be the sole author of an entire monthly edition! The topic of the edition was internal dosimetry applications of International Commission on Radiological Protection models.

Second, he has done all of his health physics work in service to our country. He volunteers on a national-level nuclear crisis action team. This prestigious team has only the best scientists, engineers, technicians to serve and support government and military customers. He also represents the U.S. National Nuclear Security Administration at the International Atomic Energy Agency as an expert on radioactive materials and malicious use of these materials.

Last, Gus is a model leader of the Health Physics Society (HPS) and the ABHP. He has held many positions in the Society and on the board, including leading both certification exam panels and chairing the ABHP. He has served the ABHP for more than 10 years. For the HPS, he has offered short courses, helped as a session chair during meetings, and served on the Membership Committee. He is also an HPS fellow.

At Sandia National Laboratories, Gus is a “Distinguished Member of Staff”—a position held by less than 5% of the professional staff at the labs!

Gus is a devoted father to a son and a daughter and a wonderful husband to another outstanding health physicist, Michelle Potter.

Gus, congratulations on your award and thank you again for supporting the certification process, the HPS, and the ABHP.

Activities of the Professional Development Committee

Balwan Hooda, CHP, Professional Development Committee Chair

The Professional Development Committee's (PDC) mission includes encouraging young health physics professionals to take advantage of the certification process to enhance their stature and recognition in the workplace. The PDC's work includes the annual review of procedures involving the “certified health physicist (CHP)” designation and the use of the CHP seal.

More Changes to the “CHP Corner”!

Harry Anagnostopoulos, CHP, Editor

In addition to monthly electronic publishing in *Health Physics News*, the “CHP Corner” is also now being distributed directly to members of the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) via email. So, about that email address of yours on the American Board of Health Physics website—just how old is it anyhow? You can help us to communicate with you by verifying your information in the [“members only” section of the AAHP website](#).

CHP Corner Associate Editor—Social Media



The American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) is now looking for a volunteer to serve in a new capacity as associate editor—social media. This person will assist the AAHP in developing and maintaining a presence in all relevant media platforms. This will be an appointed position, reporting to the editor of the CHP Corner. If you are currently certified and are interested in serving the AAHP in this capacity, contact [Editor Harold Anagnostopoulos](#).

Call for AAHP Nominations

Nora Nicholson, CHP, Nominating Committee Chair

The American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to run for Academy offices on the 2018 ballot. Successful candidates will take office at the 2019 Health Physics Society (HPS) Midyear Meeting. We need nominees for the offices of president-elect, treasurer, and director. Nominees must be:

- Current plenary members of the Academy (either active or emeritus).
- Not serving an appointment to either the Part I or Part II Exam Panels or as a member of the ABHP at the time that they take office.

These members of the AAHP leadership meet twice a year at the HPS annual and midyear meetings.

The president-elect serves a one-year term, followed by a year as president and a third year as past president. The president-elect is responsible for filling positions on the Academy committees, attending the meetings of the Academy, and presiding over the meetings of the Academy. The treasurer serves a term of two years, followed by one year as past treasurer. The treasurer oversees the Academy investments and the collection and dispersion of its funds, is a member of the Finance Committee, and provides reports to the AAHP Executive Committee and AAHP general membership. The directors serve terms of three years. The directors attend the meetings of the Executive Committee and perform duties as requested by the president.

Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee to volunteer or to nominate someone for service. Committee members are listed in the table below. You may also contact the chair directly [by email](#) or by phone at 540-894-2071.

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