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President's Report

Kenneth R. Kase, CHP

President, AAHP, 1996

I will have a complete report of the Annual Meeting in Seattle for the *CHP News* in December, but there is one important issue that you should all be aware of now. The AAHP has taken action to register both "CHP" and "Certified Health Physicist" with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. This will afford some protection for these Certification Marks and will permit the AAHP to pursue legal action against infringers.

Our legal counsel advises us that we have a duty to our members to protect the value of our marks of certification. If we ignore misuse, we risk the loss of our rights to these marks.

Since my return from the meeting in Seattle, Nancy Johnson has informed me of two instances of such misuse by individuals representing themselves, or being misrepresented by others, as Certified Health Physicists. I have sent letters in both cases requesting that the misuse of the marks cease immediately. If I am not assured that the involved individuals will stop their misrepresentations, I will contact our legal counsel concerning further action.

The AAHP needs your help to monitor misuse of our marks. If you become aware of anyone misrepresenting himself or herself or being misrepresented by improperly using "CHP" or "Certified Health Physicist," please inform Nancy Johnson at the Secretariat's Office. Send her all the information that you can obtain. This should include a copy of the material in which the misuse occurs and the address of the individual who is misusing the marks.

A typical course of action will be for the AAHP President to send a letter to the infringing individual requesting that he or she stop misuse of the marks and informing him or her that legal counsel will be contacted and further action taken if assurance that the infringement

will cease is not received within a short time. The next step will be for legal counsel to send a letter with a similar request and threatening litigation if the infringement does not stop. Litigation, if needed, could result in an injunction against the infringer and possibly the assessment of damages.

WANTED: ABHP PART I QUESTIONS FROM YOU!

Stan Waligora, CHP

Chair, ABHP Part I Panel

What do you think a CHP should know? The ABHP would like your question(s) on the Part I Certification Exam. Each question should have five multiple choice answers, only one of which is correct. The question should be accompanied by a brief explanation and/or supporting reference. Questions may range from challenging to less difficult, but should reflect the scope of expected qualifications of a CHP. Avoid pedantic questions or those requiring rote memory of obscure information. However, the scope of topics tested is broad, and questions may include some specialized topics that are not universal to all health physics practice. Good basic questions cover many health physics specializations. Questions requiring calculations should be able to be answered within one to six minutes. Please provide draft questions to:

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