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Part I Question Workshop Announcement

You're invited! The American Board of Health Physics invites all CHPs to a Question Writing Workshop hosted by the Part I Examination Panel. The Workshop is scheduled for 2 May 1998 (a Saturday) in Richland, Washington. Participants will receive four continuing education credits (CECs) for attending the Workshop, plus one additional CEC for each question accepted by the Part I exam panel for inclusion in the examination question bank. (There is a maximum of 12 CECs for accepted questions per four-year renewal cycle.) The Workshop will be held at the Hanford Training Center from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Interested CHPs are asked to bring their favorite references and call to reserve a seat. Associate members of the Academy (colleagues who have successfully passed Part I) will be encouraged to participate if there is sufficient space.

For more information or to place your reservation, please contact:

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Highlights from the Midyear Meeting

The Academy Executive Committee met in Mobile, Alabama, on 7 February 1998 in conjunction with the HPS midyear meeting. Parliamentarian Dan Strom was awarded the best-excuse-for-not-showing-up prize; he became the proud father of a new baby boy less than 48 hours before the meeting. The Executive Committee addressed a very full agenda which went well into the evening, a few

highlights of which are noted here as likely to interest the Academy membership.

Colleagues who become aware of the death of CHPs are requested to contact the current Academy president and pass along any available information. The Academy has occasionally sent routine mailings such as dues notices to deceased members, causing potential additional pain to the family members. Where timely communication allows, we would also like to properly recognize the contributions of our members and express condolences to the family. The Academy leadership appreciates everyone's assistance in this regard.

Emeritus members will be issued gold foil certificate stickers from the Secretariat paralleling the renewal stickers issued to active CHPs. All members will be provided the opportunity to obtain embossing stamps and/or rubber stamps similar to those used by professional engineers. Further details on these initiatives will be communicated to the membership as they are developed.

The HPS Annual Meeting in Minneapolis will again feature a luncheon hosted by the Academy in honor of all newly certified members. Plans are before the HPS Program Committee to request that the luncheon fall on the same day as the AAHP special technical session. Watch for the HPS preliminary program and plan to attend these featured Academy events!

The Secretariat advises that all members should be on the lookout for the annual Academy ballot mailing in the spring. Members due for renewal will also be mailed their recertification packets in late April. Members should notify the Secretariat of any address changes so that these important mailings are received.

A new ABHP prospectus has been compiled, including updated requirements for educational background, credit for military service, at least one reference being a CHP, and review of written reports by a Board member. Members are encouraged to obtain the prospectus from the Secretariat or the Web page, for use in encouraging colleagues and subordinates to apply for certification. Also along these lines, the leadership of the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists (NRRPT) spoke to the AAHP Executive Committee at Mobile. They asked that the Executive Committee challenge the AAHP membership to encourage the many radiation protection technicians that we interact with to seek NRRPT registration.

The American Board of Medical Physicists (ABMP) has reacted favorably to a presentation made by Jean Saint Germain on behalf of the Academy. They have invited the Academy to appoint two trustees to participate in the ABMP leadership and this initiative was approved and funded by the Academy leadership in Mobile. ■