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Additional 1998 CHPs

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the listing that appeared in the January 1999 "CHP

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Barcal, Karen K.

Davis, Johnny Joe

Fomenko, James

Geber, Kurt R.

Leinwander, Penny

McIntyre, Kathleen

McKamey, Eric

Olsen, Pamela

Parish, William C.

Podolak, Lori

Wormuth, James

The Board regrets any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Nomination Deadline Reminder

The William B. McAdams Outstanding Service Award is made annually by the ABHP and the AAHP to honor a Certified Health Physicist who has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of professionalism in health physics and to the certification process.

Nominations should be forwarded by letter to the Awards Committee chairperson for 1999, Edward F. Maher, ABHP Vice Chair 1999, detailing the rationale for your nomination and giving background information on your nominee. Other Committee members will include Nancy Kirner (ABHP Chair 1999) and Ronald Kathren (AAHP Past President 1999). Nominations must be received by 31 March 1999 to be considered for the 1999 award. Address your nomination letter to:

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A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank Nancy Johnson, John O'Donnell, CHP, and Wesley Dunn, CHP, for their assistance in getting an examination site approved for the Dallas-Ft. Worth area and in proctoring the 1998 examination, all on very short notice.

When the initial list of examination sites was published, the closest examination site was more than 350 miles away from the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. For examinees in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area this would require the examinees to arrive at the examination site the night before or to drive for several hours just before taking the examination. Neither of these options presented a desirable pre-examination activity. The obvious solution was to get approval to have an examination session held in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. Could one get an examination site approved at such a late date and how does one go about it? I made a call to Nancy Johnson, AAHP Program Director, and explained the situation. Nancy said that if I could find at least six people who wished to take the examination in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, arrange for an examination location, and find at least two CHPs who would be willing to proctor the examination, she would do what she could to get the site approved. Finding the six examinees was not a problem. Finding a location for the examination was not a problem in that my employer, U.S. NRC, Region IV, was gracious enough to provide a room for the examination. However, finding at least two CHPs who would be willing to forgo their trip to the annual Health Physics Society meeting or with nothing more exciting to do than spend 10 hours watching fledgling CHPs take an examination, might be a bit of a challenge. After calling several CHPs in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area with no success, I contacted John O'Donnell and Wesley Dunn. Both gentlemen said that they felt an obligation to support the certification process and that they would be willing to proctor both parts of the examination. I contacted Nancy and provided the list of potential examinees, the proposed location, and O'Donnell's and Dunn's name as proctors for the examination. Shortly after I gave Nancy the information, the examination site board approved the Dallas-Ft. Worth examination site.

Nancy's efforts were fundamental in getting the examination site approved and represent the kind of dedication to serving the health physics profession that I have become accustomed to when working with the AAHP/ABHP. O'Donnell's and Dunn's willingness to take the time to proctor the examination session (both parts) is exactly what is meant when one speaks of fostering growth of and commitment to the profession.

I know that I speak for all the people who took the certification examination at the Dallas-Ft. Worth site when I say "Thank You" for helping us out.

—Danny Rice