# American Board Of Health Physics

# ANNUAL NEWSLETTER MARCH 1980

#### Dear Colleague:

The American Board of Health Physics has just completed its twenty-first year of operation. The Health Physics Certification Program continues to be active, viable, and it continues to grow more prestigious every year.

There are currently 683 certified health physicists with the addition of 18 individuals certified during the past year. The list of certified health physicists is in the back of the 1979-1980 Health Physics Handbook, with the exception of 33 individuals who were either certified last October, or were inadvertently omitted from the list. These individuals will be included in next year's Handbook.

The continuing efforts of the Board to keep expenses as low as reasonably achievable have been quite successful and in conjunction with the increased examination fee schedule the Board has been able to achieve an essentially balanced budget. We also received a financial contribution from the Health Physics Society during the past year which was much appreciated.

The activities of the Board have grown considerably more complex during the past several years with the addition of the Continuing Certification Program, Specialty Certification in Power Reactor Health Physics, and possible federal legislation which may impact the examination procedures of certifying bodies such as the American Board of Health Physics. As a result, the Board is considering the hiring of a part-time executive secretary to handle the ever-growing records, obtaining legal counsel, and obtaining liability insurance for Board members. As a result of these potential needs, it is very likely that the Board will have to reinstate an annual fee for certified health physicists. There will be more information on this possibility in subsequent newsletters.

A summary of the items discussed in the Newsletter that should be of interest to all Certified Health Physicists is as follows:

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	Respectfully submitted,	
	David S. Myers Secretary-Treasurer	

#### SUMMARY OF 1979 ABHP ACTIVITIES

#### 1. Recertification Information and Procedures

Health physicists who were certified before January 1, 1978, and have not yet met the requirements for continuing their certification, must renew their certification prior to January 1, 1982 in order to maintain active status. An application for renewal of certification is enclosed in this Newsletter.

The purpose of this report is to let you know how the program is developing and how you can obtain any information or assistance you may need in order to be recertified and thereby remain on active status.

First, a brief review of why and how the Board began a continuing certification program may help in understanding the present requirements. You will recall that one of the several requirements for the initial certification is that the applicant accept certain professional responsibilities. The first of these is stated as follows: "In order to maintain his technical competence, the Certified Health Physicist has a commitment to remain active in the field of health physics and acquainted with the scientific, technical and regulatory developments in his field." In 1974 the Board explicitly recognized a need not only to verify that each diplomate was fulfilling this responsibility but, in addition, to encourage maintenance of a high level of professional competence. The program of continuing certification or recertification was suggested as a means to accomplish these dual objectives.

To continue being classified as an "Active" CHP each diplomate is required to: 1) remain involved in the profession, and 2) participate in ABHP-approved continuing education activities. The extent to which the CHP remains active is demonstrated in the application for recertification by summarizing all his professional activities and including other relevant documentation such as a list of papers written, honors received and consultantships. The continuing education requirement is separate and distinct from the necessity to remain professionally active and cannot be satisfied by professional activities such as teaching or research.

At its meeting in June, 1976, the Board formally endorsed guidelines for a continuing certification program which require that all health physicists accumulate at least 16 continuing education credits (CEC) every four years. This requirement can be met by attending professional-level courses approved by the ABHP. Responsibility for accrediting courses for CEC's was delegated to a Continuing Education Panel (CEP). Courses may be sponsored by any organization and

application to the Panel for creditation may be made by the sponsor or by any individual CHP. An application for course approval is enclosed in this Newsletter. Originally, approval was required before the course was offered, but the Panel has since elected to accept application for creditation up to 90 days after the course ends. Sponsors are urged to seek early approvals, however, so that CHP's may be notified in advance of the opportunity to earn the available CEC's. The matter of retroactive course approvals is only one example of the many modifications that have been made to the original 1976 recertification guidelines. There has been a continuing dialogue among the Panel, the Board and the diplomates with respect to these guidelines and the procedures by which courses and other educational activities are evaluated and credits are assigned. The following paragraphs outline the current organization, responsibilities, and operating philosophy of the Continuing Education Panel.

The American Board of Health Physics chooses the members and officers of the CEP. Eight Panel members are appointed for staggered 4-year terms (2 appointments each year) while the officers (Chairman and Vice-Chairman) are selected from the Panel membership for terms of one year. In choosing Panel members, the Board seeks to maintain a reasonable balance among the disciplines or specialties (e.g., medical, power reactor, university health physics), the types of employer organizations, and the geographical areas that are represented. The Board has been most fortunate in recruiting enthusiastic workers who have set a high standard of performance during the first few years of the Panel's existence. The current membership of the Panel is as follows:

American Board of Health Physics Continuing Education Panel

Lester A. Slaback, Jr., Chairman, '80 Jean M. St. Germain, Vice-Chairman, '82

A. John Ahlquist, '82 Robert L. Junkins, '80 Donald E. Barber, '81 Jack W. Lentsch, '83 T. Jordan Powell, '81

The continuing certification program is coordinated by the Vice-Chairman of the Board (effective January 1, 1980, this is Charles E. Roessler) who receives applications for recertification from individual diplomates, reviews them and recommends to the Board the action to be taken on each. When the applicant clearly meets all requirements, the Vice-Chairman is authorized to extend the certification without further consultation. Although there is substantial interaction between the Board and the Continuing Education Panel, the CEP is autonomous to a large extent. Its

primary responsibilities are: 1) to evaluate and accredit courses for the continuing education program, and 2) to encourage the development and presentation of a broad range of course offerings that will meet the needs of CHP's. Sponsoring or organizing courses are not among the Panel's responsibilities. The principal attributes, in addition to the duration of each course, which influence the number of CEC's assigned by the Panel are (in order of their importance): 1) course content--including such considerations as relevance to health physics, level of presentation, intended audience and text; 2) qualifications of instructors; 3) degree of student participation; 4) course schedule and proportion devoted to laboratory exercises. As the procedures are applied, the number of credits allotted to a course frequently is less than the contact hours. This is a major departure from the original, simpler concept of one credit per class hour, but it provides greater flexibility for course organizers who want to integrate HP topics with other subjects and especially for CHP's who want to widen their intellectual horizons but still receive credit for that portion of a course which concerns health physics.

A recommendation of the Panel which, in effect, extended the definition of continuing education was to award one CEC for each full day of participation in the Annual Meetings and Midyear Topical Symposia of the HPS and IRPA meetings, with a limit of 3 credits for any single event. This proposal was accepted by the ABHP with the stipulation that no more than 8 CEC's acquired in this manner would be accepted toward meeting the requirement of 16 credits. This decision was based on the reasonable assumption that advanced health physics subjects would be included in each day's program of any HPS or IRPA sponsored meeting. This general approval requires no specific application to the CEP and is in addition to credits which are earned for attending designated events such as refresher courses for which applications were made.

As of December, 1979, a total of 160 courses had been approved by the Continuing Education Panel. In 1978 a total of 63 offerings were accredited, and it is anticipated that about that many will be approved for 1979. There is a trend toward assigning fewer credits per course. Currently the Panel is operating on the principle that no single course shall receive sufficient credits to satisfy the continuing education requirement of 16, with the result that none of the 1979 courses were accredited for more than 10 CEC's. Many local HPS Chapters have made important contributions to the continuing education program, and it is hoped that many more, especially those outside of the East and South, will sponsor future educational activities. Clearly, the local chapter is the organization which is in closest touch and, therefore, has the greatest potential for facilitating the professional development of its members.

By the end of 1979 two CHP's had been awarded Emeritus status and 47 had applied successfully for renewal. A majority of CHP's who submitted applications by July, 1979, accumulated more than the required 16 CEC's; the average total was 21, while the maximum was 35.

Although we are just beyond the mid-point of the first renewal period, the recertification program seems to be meeting its objectives of verification and education. The American Board of Health Physics and its Continuing Education Panel solicit input from all CHP's concerning these and any other matters relative to the program of continuing certification. Questions and comments as well as applications for individual recertification should be directed to:

Charles E. Roessler 525 NE 4th Street Gainesville, FL 32601

Requests for course accreditation or information concerning CEP activities should be sent to:

Lester A. Slaback, Jr. Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute Defence Nuclear Agency Bethesda, MD 20014

A current listing of courses which have been approved for continuing education credits also is available from Les Slaback.

# 2. <u>Certified Health Physicists Not Listed in the 1979-1980 Health Physics Handbook</u>

The following individuals were either certified last October following a review of the written exam which was given in July, or were inadvertently omitted from the Health Physics Handbook. These individuals will be listed in the next issue of the Health Physics Handbook.

Birch, Mary L.
Brtis, John S.
Collins, Douglas M.
Collopy, Peter
Costello, Francis M.
Cross, Larry A.
Distenfeld, Carl H.
Galbreth, Timothy M.

Kent, Charles E.
Kirner, Nancy P.
LaMastra, Anthony
Littlefield, Peter S.
Lochamy, Joseph C., Jr.
Loksen, Salmen
Lovaas, Arvin I.
MacDonald, James A.

Graham, Curtis L.
Gregory, Winborn D.
Hall, Duane C.
Hinz, Michael W.
Howard, Blaine N.
Hubbard, Lincoln B.
Jackson, William M.
Jenkins, George R.
Keith, Larry S.

McGinley, Patton H. Patterson, Jack F. Pavlicek, William Rodgers, John C. Singh, Mike S. Smith, Richard I. Spiegler, Peter Wainio, Kendle M.

### 3. Updating of Mailing List

We have been unable to locate the current mailing addresses for the following Certified Health Physicists. Anyone having any information on the current locations for any of these individuals, please notify Dave Myers, L-383, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, Livermore, California 94550, or phone (415) 422-5143, (FTS) 532-5143.

Baker, Richard C. Ball, James F. Bingham, Carleton D. Byrnes, James P. Clark, Robert K. Dauer, M. Dudley, Horace C. Dunn, Arthur L. Dyer, P. Seshadrinatha Ebright, D. F. Evans, Winfield W. Frisoli, Arthur Galbreth, Timothy M. Gill, William I. Goeke, Roscoe H. Green, Marvin H. Hairr, Leland M. Heacker, Howard V. Hosler, David P. Jackson, Howard W.

Jackson, William M. Jefferson, M. E. Klement, Alfred W., Jr. Konn, Walter H. Magill, Robert J. McAllister, Remus G. Meyer, Alvin F., Jr. Moos, Walter S. Morgan, G. W. Nichols, Donald C. Owens, Robert J. Pickering, Col. John E. Rochlin, Robert S. Rose, J. E. Rosen, Stanley S. Schultz, Warner W. Selander, C. L. Servis, John D. Story, E. Jack Symonds, Albert E. Tabb, Frank G.

# 4. Results From 1979 Written and Oral Exams

## a. Comprehensive Certification Written Exam

Seventy candidates took Part I of the exam only. Of that number, 25 (36%) passed. Of the 44 candidates completing both Parts I and II of the exam, 13 passed, 8 failed, 20 will be recommended to take the orals (or repeat Part I and/or Part II at their option), and 3 will be recommended to take Part II over again.

### b. Power Reactor Certification Exam

The number of candidates taking this exam was reduced by the events surrounding Three Mile Island. Of the 5 candidates taking the exam, 3 failed, 1 will be requested to retake Part I, and 1 will be requested to take the oral.

### c. Requests for Exemption from the Power Reactor Certification Exam

The Board permits individuals who hold Comprehensive Certification in Health Physics and have appropriate experience to apply for Certification in Power Reactor Health Physics without taking the exam. The two individuals receiving Certification in Power Reactor Health Physics via this procedure last year were Lionel Lewis and John J. Kelly.

#### d. Oral Exams

Twelve candidates took the oral exam at the annual meeting in Philadelphia. Five of these candidates passed the exam and received Comprehensive Certification.

#### 5. Expansion of Board Membership

The Board decided to expand its membership from 7 to 8 members. The primary reason is to provide additional assistance with the increasing activities and responsiblities of the Board; i.e., legal counsel, liability insurance, continuing certification and Power Reactor Health Physics certification. The two new Board members appointed were Joel A. Lubenau and Neil A. Gaeta. They were selected from 6 nominations from the Health Physics Society.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to Carlyle J. Roberts, who is the outgoing member of the Board, for his valuable contributions to the Board during the past 5 years. Lyle served as Vice-Chairman of the Board for the last two years and has been the individual primarily responsible for implementing the Board's Continuing Certification Program. The Board will miss his incisive and cogent input.

### 6. New York State "Truth In Testing" Law

On January 1, 1980 a new law went into effect in New York State which related to standardized college and graduate school admission tests. It specifies that the questions on such exams have to be made public within 30 days of reporting students' scores. Although it does not appear that this specific law will affect Board testing procedures, it is possible that federal legislation might in the future.

If such a law were applied to the ABHP written exams, it would mean that Part I, which is the multiple choice part of the exam, would have to be completely rewritten each year. This would be extremely expensive as well as requiring an extraordinary effort each year. One of the major reasons that the Board is actively investigating the possibility of retaining legal counsel is to evaluate the legal ramifications of such legislation.

## 7. Financial Contribution From the Health Physics Society

During the past year the ABHP received a contribution of \$500.00 from the Health Physics Society. The contribution was especially timely and appreciated, given the expanding programs and financial commitments of the ABHP.

#### 8. Panel Appointments

The following individuals accepted four year appointments to the Comprehensive Examination Panel:

J. Phil Stohr Leroy F. Booth Don W. Hendricks Carl J. Paperiello

The Board wishes to express its gratitude to the outgoing members of the Comprehensive Examination Panel. They are: Joel O. Lubenau, Chairman; William D. Burnett; Stewart C. Bushong; and Thomas D. Murphy.

The following individuals accepted four year appointments to the Continuing Education Panel:

Donald D. Busick Jack W. Lentsch

The Board wishes to express its gratitude to the outgoing members of the Continuing Education Panel. They are: Frazier Bronson and Francis J. Haughey.

#### 9. Memorial for Martin C. Wukasch

A special resolution was issued by the Texas Department of Health following the death of Martin C. Wukasch. Martin, who was a Certified Health Physicist, was the Director of the Division of Occupational Health and Radiation Control at the time of his death. A copy of the resolution is attached.

# AMERICAN BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICS

Application For Renewal of Certification

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9.	Course description or outline:	
10.	Check one or more from each column which appear to best describe this course.	
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	Review of highlights of recent developments In depth coverage of specialized topic(s)	Undergraduate level Graduate level
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# Texas Department of Health

Fratis L. Duff, M.D., Dr P.H. Commissioner Raymond T. Moore, M D. Deputy Commissioner 1100 West 49th Street Austin, Texas 78756 458-7111

December 14, 1978

American Board of Health Physics 4720 Montgomery Lane Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Dear Sirs:

With sincere regrets I am writing to inform you that on November 22, 1978, Martin C. Wukasch suffered a fatal heart attack. Martin had been an employee of the Texas Department of Health for thirty-five years and at the time of his death was Director of our Division of Occupational Health and Radiation Control.

During his professional career, Martin was quite active in many organizations which relate to Engineering, Industrial Hygiene, Radiation Protection, and Public Health and was well respected in these groups.

I am enclosing a copy of a resolution which indicates the esteem with which Martin was regarded by the Texas Board of Health.

Sincerely,

G. R. Herzik, Jr., P. E.

Deputy Commissioner for Environmental and Consumer Health Protection

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MEMORIAL - MARTIN C. WUKASCH

BOARD RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Martin C. Wukasch faithfully served the people of Texas for over thirty-five years in the Texas Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, Martin C. Wukasch in this service always exhibited the highest professionalism, recognized by the professional associations which he served both as member and officer; and

WHEREAS, Martin C. Wukasch was at the same time an excellent leader and a fine administrator, but most of all a good and true friend;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Texas Board of Health, extend our most sincere condolences to Ruth Wukasch and the other members of Martin's family at their sudden, untimely bereavement, and that our acknowledgment of his contributions to his community and to the Texas Department of Health, be made a matter of record and entered into the minutes of this meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to his family, and distributed to proper authorities and organizations, by the Commissioner of Health.

GIVEN this 30th day of November, 1978, under the seal of the Texas Board of Health and by the hand of the Chairman in behalf of the Texas Department of Health.

ATTEST:

Roderic M. Bell, Secretary

Texas Board of Health

Røbert D. Moreton, M.D., Chairman

Texas Board of Health