# The CHP Corner, January 2023

For CHPs, aspiring CHPs, and anyone else on the bell curve.



# The American Academy of Health Physics

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# THE 2022 ABHP CERTIFICATION EXAM RESULTS ARE IN!

Michael Canino, AAHP Executive Director

Congratulations to the following 35 individuals who have completed the ABHP certification requirements and are eligible for certification:

Daniel Atamanczyk Heather Baxter Travis Ned Bennett James Darwin Blacker Hanna Bunting Bryce Caudle Sai Yan Cheng James Tyler Dant Jacob Edelman John Edwards William Richard Gibbons Timothy Robert Gildea Andrew M Halloran Chad Hopponen Daniel Hunton Mason Mark Jaussi Richard Leroy Kice Shyam Lama Kevin Brent Larsen Michael McMahon Clifton Moy Andrew Najjar Jonathan Napier Robert Naylor Rachel Pope Nichols Michael Oumano Ishan Patel Jatinkumar Patel Bruce Patterson Cade Register Ryan Schierman Sarah Spence Corey Vowell Katherine Rose Warner Daniel Workman

The following individuals have successfully completed one part of the 2022 ABHP certification exam:

Leonard P Adams Dustin Chandler Daniel DiMarco Matthew Eberstein Jason Stanley Foster James Frey William Fullmer Alexander Sutton Hamm Vanessa Holfeltz Jason Daniel Hout

- Eugene Alexander Jablonowski Edward Lamere Shaun Marshall Crystal Massey Nakima McCormack Matthew Richard Meengs Branden Scott Passons Adam Pfannenstein Brian Quinn Benjamin Roy Russell
- Alden Grant Ryno Samuel T Schumacher Kayla Stinson Brandon Joe Warburton David Bruce Weyant Tylor Whitmer Connor Williams Brian Young

# NOTE OF THANKS:

The ABHP appreciates the help of the many CHPs who have donated multiple hours of their time to mentor the above individuals, and to develop, proctor, and grade the exams. Without their help, the examinations could not have taken place.

#### JANUARY PRESIDENT'S CORNER

#### Carolyn MacKenzie, AAHP President

Happy New Year! I am humbled to be serving as your AAHP President in 2023! I especially appreciate having spent the last year as President-Elect under the guidance of Gus Potter so I could learn the job. We have an esteemed membership and together we will continue to lead the AAHP and ABHP to be all it can be.

A little about me: I have been board certified since 1988 and have worked in a variety of industries. As an RSO at the University of California, Davis and Berkeley campuses and their systemwide office; at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in a variety of duties from training, NIF and international nuclear security; the IAEA leading orphan source recovery missions based out of Vienna; and currently as a consultant to NNSA in control of orphan sources and alternative technologies. I am now consulting less than 25% time, so I am enjoying emeritus status and the opportunity to volunteer and travel more.

I am excited about our plans for a revised website that will better serve our membership. You can look forward to the rollout of the website and enhanced features this year. We are also looking forward to awarding our first Distinguished memberships and meeting in Maryland this summer. I am especially interested in encouraging people early in their health physics careers to become board certified. I think we all need to reach out to our colleagues and encourage them to excel in their profession by becoming board certified.

With 2023 comes a new Executive Committee and the members are:

- Past President: Gus Potter (2023)
- President-Elect: Armin Ansari (2025)

- Treasurer: Wayne Gaul (2024)
- Secretary: Willie Harris (2024)
- Past Treasurer: Tracy Ikenberry (2023)
- Director: Cindy Flannery (2025)
- Director: Matt McFee (2023)
- Director: Edwin Njoku (2024)
- ABHP Chair, ex officio: Allen Mabry

Gus Potter and I have a big thank you for Elaine Marshall, Cheryl Olson, Scott Schwahn and Kyle Kleinhans for all of their hard work as they go off their leadership positions.

Please remember to renew your membership now and feel free to reach out to me with your ideas or issues and I will work with you to make our organization the best it can be.

# **BALLOT RESULTS**

#### Elaine Marshall, Past Parliamentarian

I want to thank everyone for taking the time to read and weigh in on the recent ballot addressing the changes to the AAHP By-Laws. There were two measures on the ballot. The first addressed a new Membership, Distinguished category of Membership. The second was related to all the other changes in the By-Laws necessary to reflect current and best practices as well as recognition of the flexibility of the AAHP (and the ABHP) to meet the changing needs of our membership. Both measures passed. The Executive Committee has received several written and verbal comments from the membership regarding this ballot. Before the newly approved By-Laws are posted, the text will be reviewed, and formatting and typographical errors pointed out will be resolved. Other comments will be considered by the Executive Committee as we move forward.

# **REMINDER: ABHP EXAM APPLICATIONS ARE DUE SOON!**

#### Kyle Underwood, CHP Corner Editor

For those planning to take the CHP exam this year, don't forget to submit your <u>online application</u> by January 15<sup>th</sup>. For those planning to take Part II, the professional report requirements can be found on the ABHP website under <u>Part II Professional Report</u> <u>Information</u>. The Part I exam will be held from June 2-11 and the Part II exam on June 26 this year. If you haven't already started studying, there is still time! Good luck and study hard!

# WILLIAM A. MCADAMS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

#### Kathleen Dinnel-Jones, Vice Chair, ABHP

The ABHP is soliciting nominations for this year's <u>William A. McAdams Outstanding Service Award</u>. This award is presented annually by the ABHP 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.

Nominees shall be CHPs who have served the health physics community through outstanding and extended work on the ABHP Examination Panels, ABHP Board, AAHP Continuing Education Committee, AAHP Executive Committee, other AAHP committees, teaching or other assistance in increasing knowledge of HPs, or other areas that enhance the professionalism of health physics. This award may be bestowed posthumously.

Any member of the AAHP may submit a nomination. This nomination process is done online via the <u>AAHP Members Only</u> page. Nominations

must be received by March 1, 2023 to be considered, so drop a nomination for that deserving CHP as soon as possible!

# JOYCE P. DAVIS MEMORIAL AWARD: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Pradyot Chowdhury, Chair, Professional Standards and Ethics Committee

The AAHP is soliciting nominations for the Joyce <u>P. Davis Memorial Award</u>. The AAHP has established the award in recognition of Joyce P. Davis' dedication to the advancement of health physics and her humanitarian efforts to uphold the ethics of the profession. The recipient of this award should demonstrate excellence in professional achievement as well as being a champion for professional standards and ethics.

Those eligible for the award must be:

- 1. a member of AAHP for at least 10 years;
- 2. a demonstrated champion of professional standards and ethics, and;
- 3. recognized for exemplary professional practice of health physics.

Nominations for the award can be made by any member of the Academy. Nominations should include a brief biographical résumé of the nominee's career and service to the profession and the AAHP, a nomination letter describing how the candidate has championed professional standards and ethics during their career, and at least three reference letters in support of the nomination. This material should be submitted to AAHP Professional Standards and Ethics Committee Chair <u>Pradyot Chowdhury</u> on or before April 1, 2023. The award will be presented the AAHP & ABHP Annual Awards Luncheon in National Harbor, MD in conjunction with the HPS Annual Meeting this summer.

# IN MEMORIAM: OTTO G. RAABE

#### Carolyn MacKenzie, AAHP President

It is with sadness that I learned of the passing of Otto Raabe September 10th, 2022. I first met Dr. Raabe at UC Davis when I became the newly minted RSO in 1984 and he was the chair of the Radiation Safety Committee. Otto offered to meet with me routinely that first year and he encouraged me to take the CHP exam. I was also a new parent and juggling a lot which he understood but was insistent that it was something that I needed to do and that I would never regret becoming board certified. Well Otto was certainly right about that and I continue to be grateful for his early guidance.

He was president of the American Academy of Health Physics in 1989, President of HPS in 1998 and active in our local chapter of the Health Physics Society. Anyone that knew Otto, knew he was very passionate about his work and would always speak up about the results of his studies in beagle dogs exposed to Ra-226 and Sr-90. He will be remembered for that passion and his strong commitment to the health physics profession.

Here is further information: http://hps.org/aboutthesociety/people/inmemoriam/OttoGeorgeRaabe.html