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Call for 2009 McAdams Award Nominations

Kent Lambert, Parliamentarian, ABHP

Nominations for the William A. McAdams Outstanding Service Award are due by March 2, 2009. This award is presented annually by the American Board of Health Physics and the American Academy of Health Physics 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. Any member of the American Academy of Health Physics may submit a nomination. More details and information on the history of the McAdams award can be found at: <http://www.hps1.org/aahp/McAdams/McAdams.html> and the nomination form at: http://www.hps1.org/aahp/McAdams/McAdams_Nomination.pdf

Part I Panel of Examiners Activities

Tony Huffert, Chair

Every November, the Part I Examination Panel meets for two days near Washington, DC to discuss the performance of the current year's exam and prepare a new exam for the following year. During the meeting, each member submits for panel review a number of questions within their area of expertise. Once approved by the panel, new questions are added to a bank of existing questions for possible use in future exams. Throughout the year, members prepare new questions, analyze performance data on old questions, edit draft and final versions of the exam, and wait with anticipation for the results of the current year's exam performance.

The panel is comprised of twelve CHPs from locations throughout the United States with expertise in academic/research applications, accelerators, dosimetry, environmental and fundamental health physics, fuel cycle/waste management, power reactors, and regulations. Members are appointed by the American Board of Health Physics for a four-year term.

If you would like to make a significant contribution to our profession and enjoy working in a collegial atmosphere with fellow CHPs with a wide range of expertise, please indicate your interest in serving on the Part I Examination Panel when you submit your ABHP annual dues. Work on the panel is voluntary and, as you may have heard, can be very rewarding. Although not a requirement for membership, Hawaiian shirts and sunglasses are always welcome.



Front Row (L to R): Vice Chair Jerry Hensley, Cindy Flannery, Vicky Morris, Jay Tarzia, Past Chair Rob Forrest, Beth Hilt, Jackson Ellis
Back Row (L to R): Jim Willison, Scott Nichelson, Bill Rhodes, Chair Tony Huffert, Mike Hinz, and Mike Stabin

Continuing Education Committee Activities

Jim Willison, Chair

When you become a CHP, you feel a warm glow of accomplishment at the end of your effort to become certified. All that effort has paid off and you now have a plaque for your wall demonstrating your commitment to self-torture. Some time afterward, the realization arrives that a follow-on task beckons: the continuing effort to remain a CHP.

Every CHP requires 64 continuing education credits every four years to keep their certification active. The Academy has set guidelines for the types of activities that are granted credit and in what amount. It falls on the AAHP Continuing Education Committee to evaluate technical information submitted against these guidelines and to decide if and in what amount to grant CECs for any number of classes, seminars, lectures, or other activities.

The members of the committee for 2009 are myself as Chair along with Louise Buker, James Cherniak, Joe Greco, David Hensberger, and Scottie Walker. As was pointed out in the article in CHP News in December, we are streamlining the process to make it more responsive. As much as possible, we would appreciate it if any submittals for assignment of credit are sent electronically to the new email address that has been set up for the committee (aahpcec@burkinc.com). The goal is to review and respond to all submittals sent to us electronically within 3 weeks.

Another duty of the Committee is to arrange for the AAHP courses at the Mid-Year and Annual Meetings. Last year's Committee arranged for two courses at the San Antonio meeting: one on Internal Contamination related to Radiation Dispersion Devices and a second session on Protective Action Guides.

The Committee is still soliciting ideas for the AAHP courses for the Minneapolis meeting in July and for future meetings. If you would like to put on a (technical) show for your colleagues and get a few CECs at the same time, give me a call at (803) 502-9852 or drop me an email at jim.willison@wsms.com. Instructors receive 20 CECs for their efforts in putting together an 8-hr course. In addition, there is a \$1000 honorarium for each course.