

CHP Corner



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American Board of Health Physics Update

Andy Miller, CHP, Chair

The American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) held its summer meeting on 15 July 2016 in Spokane, Washington.

The Board members (with term expiration dates in parentheses) for calendar year 2017 will be:

Jay Tarzia (2018), Chair

William Rhodes (2019), Vice Chair

Robert May (2018), Parliamentarian

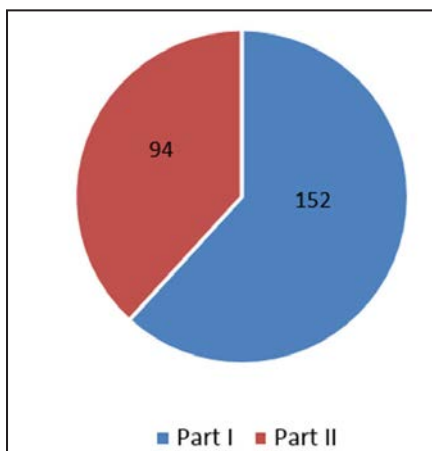
Victoria Morris (2019), Secretary

Gus Potter (2017)

Glenn Sturchio (2020)

Wayne Gaul (2020)

Cynthia Flannery (2021)



Part I & Part II Examination Split—2016
(all locations)

The ABHP certification exams were offered on 18 July 2016 in Spokane, Washington, with 18 additional examination sites provided. There were 371 total applicants this year (compared to 347 in 2015).

I want to personally thank all the certified health physicists (CHPs) who volunteered their time to proctor the exams. Without their support, it would not have been possible to host the exams at locations other than Spokane.

Working on the exam panels is a rich and rewarding experience. In addition to the benefits of networking with experienced CHPs and exchanging ideas on current topics, it also awards a very generous portion of the continuing education credits needed for recertification. I strongly urge all CHPs, if they have not already done so, to seriously consider volunteering to serve on an exam panel.

One of the primary missions of the ABHP is the preparation, administration, and grading of the certification examination each year. The task can be accomplished only because of the dedicated work of Part I and Part II Examination Panel members and their respective chairs and vice chairs.

The Examination Panel officers for 2016 were:

Part I Panel

Chris Martel, Chair

Karen Barcal, Vice Chair

Part II Panel

Wei-Hsung Wang, Chair

Kathleen Dinnel-Jones, Vice Chair

I would like to acknowledge their contributions and express my sincere gratitude for their hard work. In addition, I would also like to thank all of the ABHP members for their part in reviewing the exam questions.

The ABHP also expresses its sincere gratitude to the 2016 wise-person review panel: George Chabot, Ed Maher, and Kathy Pryor.

The Examination Panel officers for 2017 will be:

Part I Panel

Karen Barcal (2018), Chair
James Cherniak (2019), Vice Chair

Part II Panel

Kathleen Dinnel-Jones (2019), Chair
Allen Mabry (2021), Vice Chair

The following panel members have been renewed or added as replacements for outgoing panel members:

Part I Panel

Derek Favret
Peter Hollenbeck
Christopher Malcolmson
Rodican Reed

Part II Panel

Wes Boyd (renewal)
Gerald George (renewal)
Hans Oldwage (renewal)
Milan Gadd
Andrea Geyer
Aaron Miaullis
Scottie Walker
Jack Parry

Finally, I'd like to express a very special thank you to Executive Director Nancy Johnson for her leadership and unwavering support in organizing all exam-related activities. Her steady hand has guided us through many years of effort. Best wishes for a long and happy retirement!

Call for AAHP Nominations

Earl Fordham, CHP, Nominating Committee Chair

The American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to run for academy offices on the 2017 ballot. Successful candidates will take office at the 2018 Health Physics Society (HPS) Midyear Meeting. We need nominees for the offices of president-elect, secretary, and director. Nominees must be:

- Current plenary members of the academy (either active or emeritus), and
- Not serving an appointment to either the Part I or Part II Exam Panels, or as a member of the ABHP at the time that they take office.

These members of the AAHP leadership meet twice per year at the HPS annual and midyear meetings.

The president-elect serves a one-year term, followed by a year as president and third year as past president. The president-elect is responsible for filling positions on the academy committees, attending the meetings of the academy, and presiding over the meetings of the academy.

The secretary serves a term of two years, followed by one year as past secretary. The secretary is responsible for recording the minutes of the Executive Committee and for running the election of officers.

The directors serve terms of three years. The directors attend the meetings of the Executive Committee and perform duties as requested by the president.

Serving on the AAHP committee was a fantastic opportunity to both give back to the profession as well as work with some truly wonderful people within the health physics community, all while helping to guide operations into the future. I would highly recommend serving on the AAHP.

—Drew Thatcher, Past AAHP Treasurer

Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee to volunteer or to nominate someone for service. Committee members are listed in the table on the next page. You may also contact the chair directly at earl.fordham@gmail.com or via phone at 509-628-7628.

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Professional Standards and Ethics Committee

Timothy Taulbee, CHP, Chair

The purpose of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee is to define the standards of professional responsibility for CHPs and to review all complaints about ethical practice referred to the committee by the Executive Committee. During this past year there have been no complaints about CHPs acting unethically that have been forwarded to the committee for review. This is a really good indicator that suggests that our colleagues are continuing to conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner.

The current Professional Standards and Ethics Committee members (in addition to the chair) are Bob Cherry, Jack Buddenbaum, John Keklak, and Kathy Pryor.

Another responsibility of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee is to select the Joyce P. Davis Memorial Award winners. The Davis Award is an AAHP award given in memory and honor of Joyce P. Davis in recognition of her dedication to the advancement of health physics and her humanitarian efforts to uphold the ethics of the profession. Recipients of this award demonstrate these extraordinary qualities exemplified by Joyce P. Davis by distinguishing themselves for excellence in professional achievement as well as being admired for ethical behavior and interpersonal skills.

The Joyce P. Davis Award - 2016

Let us congratulate **Dr. John R. Frazier** on being recognized for the Davis award!

Dr. Frazier became a CHP in 1981. Dr. Frazier served as the AAHP Secretary from 1996 to 1997, and Director in 1998.

Dr. Frazier also served on the National Council of Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) from 2002 through 2008.

In 2012, Dr. Frazier was elected and served with distinction as President of the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP).

Dr. Frazier's lifelong commitment to the professional standards and ethics of the Health Physics profession exemplifies the qualities for which the Joyce P. Davis award was established and serves as a model for all Certified Health Physicists to follow throughout our careers.

Thank you Dr. Frazier for all that you have done for our profession and congratulations on receiving this well-deserved award.

AAHP Committee and Liaison Appointments

Kyle Kleinhans, CHP, President-elect

AAHP Committees

During the first half of the president-elect's term, the primary responsibility is identifying and recommending committee chairs and new committee members for those rotating off committees at the end of the year. The process begins shortly after the Health Physics Society (HPS) midyear meeting and concludes prior to the HPS annual meeting.

The timing is important since the incoming chairs and new committee members need to be approved by the AAHP Executive Committee at its meeting held in conjunction with the HPS annual meeting. For the AAHP, terms of office, committee appointments, etc., are on a calendar-year basis, so those selected have about five to six months after being selected to prepare.

Generally, each current committee chair was contacted, and those whose terms will expire in 2016 were asked to recommend someone to succeed them as committee chair for 2017. Generally, remaining committee chairs were asked whether they would like to continue as the chair for 2017.

New committee appointments, including alternate committee members, were made to replace members whose terms are expiring. These appointments were based on a list of AAHP members who had volunteered (on their dues statements) or were recommended by the current committee chairs.

At the meeting of the AAHP Executive Committee on 17 July 2016 in Spokane, Washington, the following committee chairs were approved for 2017:

Committee*	2016 Chair	2017 Chair
Appeals	Sarah Hoover	Frank Costello ('18)
Continuing Education	James S. Willison	Glenn Sturchio ('18)
Exam Site	Christopher Graham	Sean Murphy ('17)
Nominating	Earl Fordham	Nora Nicholson ('18)
Professional Development	Janet Johnson	Balwan Hooda ('17)
Professional Standards & Ethics	Timothy Taulbee	Jack Buddenbaum ('17)
Title Protection/Professional Recognition	Jay Maisler	Jay Maisler ('17)

*The bylaws set the chair and membership of the Finance Committee.

At the same meeting, the following new committee members and alternate members were also approved. Each of the new appointments is for a three-year term running through 2019.

Committee	2017 Appointment	Replacing	Alternate**
Appeals	Derek Favret	Sarah Hoover	Rodney Bauman
Continuing Education	Mike Stabin	Robert Sitsler	Duncan White Erin Niven
Exam Site	Jeff Bruner Brad Serfas	Christopher Graham Josep Zic	William Uhland
Nominating	Tony Mason Steve Dewey	Earl Fordham Robert Morris	Ed Bailey
Professional Development	Scottie Walker	Janet Johnson	Mutty Sharfi
Professional Standards & Ethics	Dan Burnfield Bryce Rich Todd Davidson	Timothy Taulbee Robert Cherry Kathy Pryor***	Thomas Morgan
Title Protection/ Professional Recognition	Jim Yusko	John Solini	Grant Ceffalo

** Two alternates were nominated for those committees containing a member running for AAHP office.

*** Kathy Pryor was elected as AAHP president-elect, effective 2017, and may not serve on a committee.

AAHP Liaisons

In addition to committee appointments, the following AAHP liaison appointments were made:

Organization	Liaison	Alternate Liaison	Term
NRC Advisory Committee on the Medical Use of Isotopes	Mike Sheetz	Dean Broga	2016–2018
Health Physics Society	Andy Miller	N/A	2017–2019
Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors	Earl Fordham	N/A	2017
National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists	Dave Tucker	N/A	2017

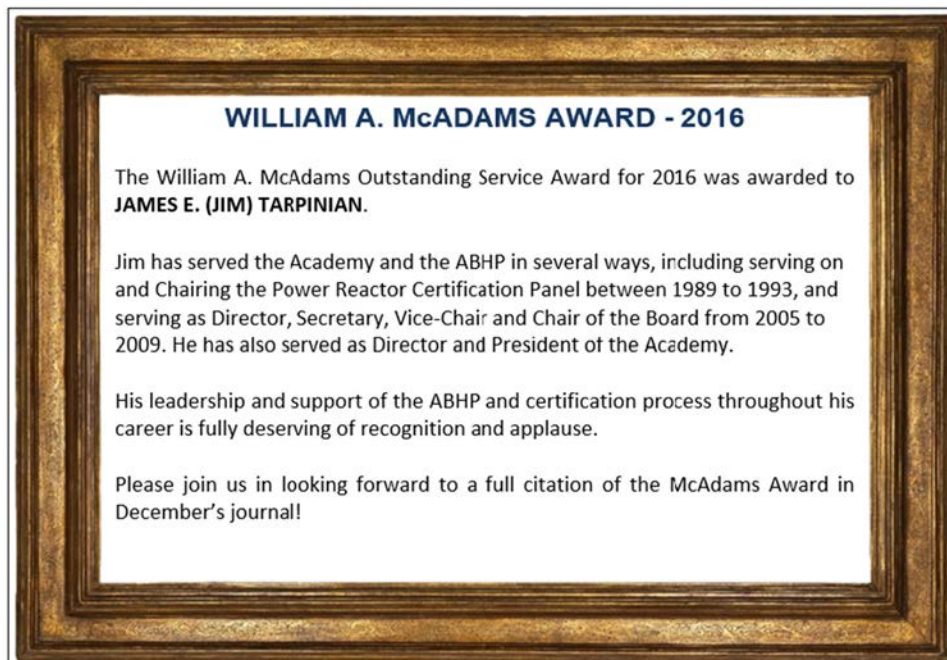
I would like to thank all the new committee members, chairs, and liaisons that are willing to support the AAHP.

The McAdams Award

Jay Tarzia, CHP, ABHP Vice Chair

The William A. McAdams Outstanding Service Award was established in 1989 and is presented annually by the ABHP and 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.

The William A. McAdams Outstanding Service Award was awarded at the 61st Annual Meeting of the Health Physics Society, in Spokane, Washington, in July 2016.



Today is the day!

Take a minute today to verify your contact information on the American Academy of Health Physics roster of members. Think about how good you'll feel once that simple task is complete!

Use this link: http://www.hps1.org/aaHP/members/wp_members.htm