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From The Board

The American Board of Health Physics met in San Antonio, Texas, on 28-29 June 1997. Roger Brown, 1997 Board Chair, has provided the following highlights from that meeting.

Part I Panel

Mary Birch, Part I Panel Chair for 1997, recommended Lester K. Aldrich II as her successor. Congratulations to Les.

The Continuing Education Committee of the American Academy of Health Physics has authorized awarding recertification continuing education credits for submission of questions for the ABHP exam. In order to obtain credit for these submissions the question must be accepted by the respective Exam Panel. Further details on the procedure to be followed will be forthcoming (targeted for the December *CHP News*). If you have questions for submission, contact any Panel member for assistance.

A Part I passing point workshop was also held at the HPS annual meeting. Based on preliminary results, the passing point (number of questions that have to be answered correctly) would be lowered slightly. The final determination of the exact passing point, which involves statistical psychometric considerations, will be made by the Assessment Resource Center of the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Part II Panel

Liz Brackett, the Part II Panel Chair, coordinated the efforts of the Part II Panel to produce the 1997 exam.

Jack Higginbotham will be the Part II Panel Chair during 1998. Congratulations to Jack.

Usually the outgoing Part II Panel Chair retires with a sigh of relief. The Board has created the position of Past Part II Panel Chair (and the extension of that person's tenure on the Panel for an additional year). Liz Brackett will take on this title for 1998. The purpose of this new position is to review and revise as necessary Part II Panel procedures and to provide feedback to the Part II Panel members on question performance.

Board Member George Vargo is compiling a bank of Part II questions from previous exams as well as potential questions developed by prior Part II Panel members. These questions will be used to supplement the development of the Part II examination in the future. A change in Part II Panel procedure allows "recycling" up to 75 percent of these bank questions in future Part II exams.

Other Annual Meeting News

New Board officers for 1998 are as follows: Chair George Vargo, Vice Chair Nancy Kirner, Secretary Ed Maher, and Parliamentarian Bob Miltenberger. The incoming Board member for a five-year term commencing in 1998 is Kathy Pryor. Kathy brings her experiences as a past Part II Panel member (and Panel Chair) to the Board.

There were 217 Part I exams and 143 Part II exams taken on 30 June 1997. Based on a preliminary estimate, these exams involved 283 candidates at 19 sites around the country. EXAM RESULTS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY CANDIDATES IN EARLY DECEMBER.

Also at the San Antonio meeting in June/July, Gary Kephart and Steve Rima agreed to assume the Academy's editorial responsibilities in compiling the "CHP Corner" and *CHP News*. We both started nuclear careers in mid-1970's naval propulsion (Steve was an ELT, Gary was a yard-bird). We each bring over 20 years of experience spanning across both the commercial utility and research/weapons sides of the industry. Nancy Daugherty received a special recognition award from the Academy for her outstanding service as Editor for the last seven years. She has been most gracious in helping us try to move up the learning curve.

Next Issue: Watch for highlights from the Academy strategic planning workshops held this past summer! ■