

American Academy of Health Physics American Board of Health Physics

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Jim Bogard

The Academy's Executive Committee met at the Health Physics Society's 39th Midyear Topical Symposium in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the end of January in the middle of a record drought for the Phoenix area. The weather was pleasant and cool, but even the cactus were stressed by the lack of rain.

The stress was soon much relieved for outgoing 2005 Executive Committee members Past President Tom Buhl,

Past-Treasurer Ken Eger, ABHP Chair Mary Birch and Director/Parliamentarian Regis Greenwood, whose past service to the Academy we gratefully recognize. President Frazier Bronson and Secretary Gary Kephart assumed their new roles as Past President and Past-Secretary, respectively, and we welcomed aboard President Elect Ed Maher and ABHP Chair Jim Willison. Director David Myers assumed the duties of Parliamentarian.

Chairs of AAHP Committees

who assumed their roles for 2006 are Bob Gallaghar (Appeals), Joe Alvarez (Continuing Education), Dawn Banghart (Exam Site), Carl Paperiello (Nominating), Christine Donahue (Professional Development) and Charles Meinhold (Professional Standards & Ethics). Appointees Scott Medling (Webmaster), Kyle Kleinhans (CHP News Editor) and Nancy Johnson (Program Director) continue their exemplary service in 2006.

Past-President Bronson has been pursuing registration for our professional trademarks and reported that the application for registration of the marks for Certified Health Physicist, CHP and logo (the one in the upper left corner of CHP News) have been submitted.

An ad hoc committee constituted at the June, 2005, annual meeting in Spokane presented revised Standard Operating Procedures, Committee Charters, and a new level of operational documents called Good Things to Know About My Job (GTTKs) for adoption by the Executive Committee. Existing SOPs were reformatted

and revised to be certain they incorporate requirements of the Academy's Articles Incorporation and Bylaws and to reflect the processes that are conducted. actually GTTKs provide practical, ground-level advice from past office holders, committee chairs and appointees to their successors. This effort was initiated and urged completion by Frazier Bronson. Reformatting and renumbering guidance was provided by Regis Greenwood.

Members of the ad hoc committee included Frazier, Ken Eger, Gary Kephart,



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Kyle Kleinhans, Brian Methé and myself.

These operations documents are now available to all Academy members on our website (http://www.hps1.org/aahp/) by following the 'AAHP Reference Library' link in the 'Members Only' section.

This same ad hoc committee also reviewed and recommended revisions to the Academy's Bylaws. The recommended changes are being balloted by the members as these comments are written. I hope that, by the time this issue of CHP News is published, the recommended changes are approved and the revised Bylaws are posted on the website for reference by all the members.

One of the recommended Bylaws changes is to add a permanent standing Title Protection and Professional Recognition Committee. The existing committee, created by the Executive Committee, is now chaired by Tom Buhl. Progress in this area to date includes recognition of ABHP Certification as meeting the test for expertise as a Medical Health physicist in the state of New York, thanks in part to efforts by Brian Methé. State-by-state legislative initiatives are proposed to pursue title protection, a strategy used with some success by the American Industrial Hygiene Association. A favorable title protection bill (containing language regulating use of the title HP or CHP) was signed into law in Georgia on May 9, 2005, but efforts in Ohio have met with only mixed results and will continue in the next legislative session. Legislation in California, and possibly Nevada, is also targeted for the near future. Frazier Bronson recognized significant contributions by Howard Dickson in initiating this effort, which is pursued jointly with AIHA, HPS and NRRPT.

Jim Willison reported that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has recently made subtle changes to the educational component of hospital qualifications requirements for certifying organizations like the ABHP. These organizations must verify that the specified educational components have been met by their candidates for professional certification in order for NRC to list the organization as one whose certification constitutes

adequate basic competence in a professional discipline (hospital RSOs, in this case). The newly promulgated NRC educational requirements are subtly different from those used by ABHP. (As an example, engineering courses are not considered by NRC to count as physical science for those holding degrees in biology.) The Board, assisted by Nancy Johnson and the Secretariat, has reviewed the educational profiles of a large number of CHPs to assure that they meet the new guidelines, and is considering several options for dealing more broadly with this issue.

Balloting for officers of the Academy should be complete by the time this issue of CHP News goes to press. I think you will agree that the Nominating Committee did an excellent job in putting together an outstanding slate of candidates. Please join me in thanking both 2005 Chair Jerry Hunt and 2006 Chair Carl Paperiello, along with their committee members.

And, finally, I would like to invite you to attend the 51st Annual Meeting of the Health Physics Society in Providence, Rhode Island, June 25-29. The Executive Committee meets Saturday afternoon and Sunday, June 24 and 25. EC meetings are open to all diplomats of the Academy. Contact me or Nancy Johnson if you want to include an agenda item. The Academy also sponsors an excellent selection of continuing education courses on Saturday, June 24. We can keep you fully engaged Tuesday, June 27, with an all-day technical session organized by Past President Frazier Bronson, "Radiation Measurement Instrumentation for HPs - Looking Back at the Past and Looking Forward to the Future," followed immediately by the annual Business Meeting, both in Room D of the Convention Center. The Annual Academy Luncheon will be at noon also on June 27. Details about the Academy's technical session and courses are available on both the AAHP and HPS websites and in Health Physics News, and you can arrange to attend the luncheon when you register for the HPS meeting.

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF HEALTH PHYSICS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of January 22, 2006 Scottsdale, AZ

1.0 Call to Order

President Frazier Bronson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. local time and welcomed those present. It was noted that there were 9 current Academy Executive Board members present as the quorum.

2.0 Welcome to Members and Guests

Executive Committee Members:

Harry Anagnostopoulos - Associate Editor of the Newsletter

James Bogard - AAHP President

Frazier Bronson - AAHP Past-President

Regis Greenwood - Past Parliamentarian

Nancy Johnson - Program Administrator

Edward F. Maher - AAHP President - Elect

Brian Methe' - Director

Robert Miltenberger - Secretary

David Myers - Parliamentarian

Paul Stansbury - Treasurer

Jim Willison - ABHP Board Chair

James Yusko - Director

Committee Chairs:

Tom Buhl - Title Protection Committee

3.0 Discussion and Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda and handout packet had been distributed electronically to the Executive Committee in advance of the meeting.

4.0 Approval of Minutes of January 2006 Meetings

Secretary Robert Miltenberger had provided a draft of the meeting minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held in July 2005 in Spokane, WA.

5.0 Reports of 2005 Officers

5.1 President's Report (Frazier Bronson)

Frazier summarized his written report which had been included in the meeting packet. Of particular interest, Frazier mentioned the following:

- ✓ Two articles were written for CHP corner;
- ✓ The application for registration of the marks for Certified Health Physicist, CHP and logo were submitted:
- ✓ Responded with Mary Birch and Jim Bogard on the response to 10CFR35;
- ✓ Received letters regarding the Medical Health Physics qualifications specified in 10CFR35 and forwarded them to Christine Donahue and the Professional Development Committee;
- ✓ Reviewed the minutes of Spokane meeting.
- ✓ Received two NCRP draft documents and sent them to the membership for review and comments;
- ✓ Received the notice of death of Edwin Bemis and requested Tom Buhl to prepare an obituary;
- ✓ Prepared new SOP on creation of the GTTK documents and submitted to Ad Hoc SOP review Committee:
- ✓ Revised all GTTK documents submitted to date to fit the new format, and sent them to incumbents for their review;
- ✓ Participated with the Ad Hoc SOP review committee.
- ✓ Prepared a revised set of Bylaws; and
- ✓ Received a note from Keith Dinger that there was supposed to have been Congressional recognition of radiation protection professionals by declaring November 6-12 as a National Radiation Protection Professionals week. This did not happen. Now there is a resolution for the same thing introduced by Senator Domenici.

5.2 President-Elect (Jim Bogard)

Jim summarized his written report which had been included in the meeting packet. Of particular interest, Jim mentioned the following:

- ✓ Frazier Bronson, Ken Eger, Kyle Kleinhans, Gary Kephart, Brian Methe and Jim constituted the Ad Hoc committee formed in Spokane to review articles of incorporation, revise SOPs so that the SOPs match the articles of incorporation and reflect the processes that are actually conducted;
- ✓ Chuck Roessler, confirmed by the Executive Committee in Spokane as the Chair of the Nominating Committee, recently resigned his position for personal

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reasons; and

✓ Carl Paperiello has agreed to serve an additional year on the Nominating Committee as Chair.

5.3 Past President (Tom Buhl)

Tom summarized his written report which had been included in the meeting packet. Of particular interest, Tom mentioned the following:

- ✓ Chaired the AAHP Special Session at the Spokane Meeting;
- ✓ Chaired the Title Protection/Professional Recognition Committee:
- ✓ Wrote the obituary for Edwin Bemis; and
- ✓ Wrote the GTTK for the Title Protection/Professional Recognition Committee.

5.4 Secretary (Gary Kephart)

Gary submitted the minutes of the July AAHP meeting and participated in the Ad Hoc committee on SOPs.

5.5 Treasurer (Paul Stansbury)

Paul summarized his written report which had been included in the meeting packet. Of particular interest, Paul mentioned the following:

- ✓ Changes approved by the Executive Committee in July 2005 were incorporated into the Investment Policy;
- ✓ A review of an alternative to the LBGC Index was completed. While the report goes into detail regarding an alternative to the LBGC, the short version is that there is not a good alternative and changing is not possible:
- ✓ The current value of the AAHP investments was presented. The assets are all performing ahead of expectations; and
- ✓ The un-audited balance for the end of the fiscal year has receipts and disbursements equal. Plus we received \$64K in investment income.

There was some initial discussion that because we are making money, we may need to spend more to stay within IRS allowed levels for not-for-profit organizations.

5.6 Parliamentarian—Regis Greenwood

Regis summarized his written report which had been included in the meeting packet.

6.0 Installation of 2006 Officers

Frazier thanked all outgoing committee members and turned the meeting over to Jim Bogard.

7.0 Committee Correspondence and Reports

7.1 Appeals Committee (Cindy Bloom/Bob Gallagher)

No Appeals Committee report submitted. There has been one appeal requested and the committee is in the process of reviewing the situation. Since the committee can only review if the grading process was followed and not regrade an examination, a change in grade is not expected.

7.2 Continuing Education Committee (Jeff Kotsch/Joe Alvarez)

There were 118 participants in the AAHP sponsored, eight-hour training sessions at the Spokane meeting. The AAHP is sponsoring 2 courses at January 2006 midyear There have been 75 applications for CEUs since the annual meeting.

7.3 Exam Site Selection Committee(Donald Brady/Dawn Banghart)

The written report lists 11 exam sites that were used in 2005. The number of sites is stable except for Rocky Flats. There is no projected impact from the loss of this site since there are exam sites available at Los Alamos and Idaho Falls.

7.4 Finance Committee (Paul Stansbury)

All relevant Finance Committee topics were covered in the Treasurer's Report.

7.5 Nominating Committee (Jerry Hunt/Carl Paperiello)

The Committee was unable to find two people to run for President-Elect and submitted the name of one candidate for President-Elect, two individuals for Treasurer and three people for the position of Director. The By-Laws require that there be two candidates for the position of President-Elect. The Executive Committee discussed potential candidates and who might be suitable and willing to run for President-Elect but no conclusions were reached during the Executive Committee meeting.

7.6 Professional Development Committee

(Christine Donahue)

The report was presented by Jim Bogard. The committee conducted the following significant business activities:

- ✓ Finalized the amendment of the Healthcare RSO SO/P
- ✓ Updated the GTTK document;
- ✓ Developing an expert witness guidance document with the assistance of Armin Ansari and Dave Bernhardt. The document is expected to be ready for review in Rhode Island.

✓ Mid-year meeting needs volunteers for exhibit hours. Nancy Johnson routed schedule for volunteers.

7.7 Professional Standards & Ethics Committee (Carol Berger/Charlie Meinhold)

No ethics complaints were filed and SOPs 2.7.2 and 2.7.3 were submitted to the Executive Committee and SOP 2.7.2 was revised.

7.8 Liaisons' Reports

7.8.1 ABMP - No report

7.8.2 CRCPD – No report

7.8.3 Health Physics Society (Ed Maher)

The HPS is in the final stages of restructuring so that the structure matches the long-term goals of the Society. Restructuring realigns committees with strategic objectives.

7.8.4 NRRPT (David Kent)

The NRRPT conducted a survey of registered RCTs regarding what brought them into the industry and would they recommend the profession to others. The results of the survey are located on the NRRPT Website. The survey results appear to indicate that NRRPT RCTs were very unhappy with the way rent-a-techs are treated. Comments indicate that no one should pursue this profession. Recommended that Jim Bogard talk to Tom Laiche who has been doing a resource study with other DOE contractors.

7.9 Ad Hoc Title Protection Committee (Tom Buhl)

Tom discussed several issues identified in the written report. First, title protection effort went very well in the state of Georgia but efforts in the state of Ohio did not go as well. Our efforts to get title protection are linked with the AIHA efforts. Aaron Trippler is the AIHA contact person. In Ohio, it appears that the legislative changes supported by the AIHA did not reflect all the changes need to satisfy the HPS/AAHP goals. In addition local lobbyist indicated that they were not being funded by either the AIHA or the HPS/AAHP efforts. The result is that the Ohio legislation does not contain wording that includes the profession of health physics and the title Health Physicist. We will need to try again in Ohio this year. In January 2006, California and (probably) Nevada will have legislation pending that supports HPS/AAHP Title Protection issues. Also, the Title Protection and Professional Development Committee is developing a one to two page document written in terms that a politician can understand that describes the duties and responsibilities of a Health Physicist.

7.10 ABHP input into the AAHP Strategic Plan (Paul Stansbury)

The ABHP at their fall meeting had three general comments:

- ✓ Remove implementation strategy from the strategic plan;
- ✓ Combine goals 4 and 6 and re-align the subgoals appropriately; and
- ✓ The strategic plan is internally focused and does not seem to address external threats (example the NRC's revision to 10CFR35).

The ABHP also commented that AAHP goals one and two need to be examined to assure that the ABHP and AAHP are properly supporting each other.

Gary Kephart, Scott Medling and Paul Stansbury are looking for input for revising the Strategic Plan and distributed surveys to members of the Academy. Gary Kephart and Paul Stansbury did analyze questions 1a and 1b. The final report is due to AAHP by the summer meeting. Paul Stansbury noted that there was no appointment of a committee to conduct a strategic plan revision and recommended that Jim Bogard appoint a committee at this meeting to do this. Jim Bogard created an Ad Hoc committee to update the strategic plan. The committee is to be headed by Paul Stansbury and the committee membership is to be selected by Jim Bogard and Paul Stansbury. Gary Kephart should be part of the membership.

Recommendation is that the report be reviewed at the summer meeting for a time period of up to 1.5 hours.

8.0 Reports from the Editor & Webmaster

8.1 Newsletter Editor (Kyle Kleinhans)

The details of each *CHP Corner* were presented in the written report. However, the more interesting point was that people were submitting more articles that could normally be used for the one page space allocation normally provided to the *CHP Corner*. This resulted in several Newsletters with a multiple page *CHP Corner*. The Newsletter editor thanks everyone for their efforts and continues to encourage the position of having too much information to publish.

8.2 Webmaster – no report

9.0 Report of the American Board of Health Physics (Jim Willison)

Jim Willison, ABHP Chair reviewed his written report for the Academy Executive Committee. It is summarized:

9.1 Year 2005 Exam Statistics

At the last offering of the exam, the Board successfully administered 133 exams to candidates taking Part I and 75 exams to candidates taking Part II. Of those taking Part I, 56% passed. This passing rate was above the 2004 exam but consistent with prior examinations. The passing rate for Part II was 20%. This rate was the lowest since the 1995 exam which had a passing rate of 19%. The Board reviewed similarities between the 2005 exam and the 1995 exam and found that that both exams required more calculations than other recent exams. However, other indicators of exam performance were about the same. The Board has advised the Part II Panel to be sensitive to the number of calculations required on the exam in 2006.

In addition the to 2005 Exam Statistics, Jim reported that the Board had passed some Policy Manual changes at the Fall Meeting, but that he did not have copies of the approved text with him for the Winter Meeting. The topic of the changes dealt with non-active CHPs.

9.2 10 CFR Part 35 and Protection of Certification

The NRC used to list certifying organizations which, if an RSO had a certification from that organization, constituted adequate basic competence to the NRC. The ABHP being on this list was a clear benefit for CHPs who wanted to be hospital RSOs. However, the NRC recently made subtle changes to the educational qualifications component of the hospital qualifications requirements which were not required to sit for the ABHP exam. Consequently, when the Board filed a submission to be a listed as a certifying body, the Board could not assure that all CHPs met the current requirements. There were two issues raised. First the Board allowed a candidate with a biological science degree and with the ability to demonstrate completion of 20 credits in a physical science or engineering to site for the exam. The NRC allowed only 20 physical science credits. The Board changed the requirements for the 2006 exam but could not be sure that anyone who passed between now and 2012 had not been allowed entrance to the exam process under the old rules. To ensure that all CHPs certified in the future met the new requirements, the current Board Chair and the Program Director reviewed all applications in the files of individuals who could be certified from 2006 onward. All individuals who could be certified from 2006 onward met the new requirements. However, this does nothing for existing CHPs. This leaves three options:

- 1. Request that the NRC change the rules in 10CFR35 to allow all existing certified HPs to be considered qualified to be hospital RSOs (most people think this is the correct answer but the one with the longest lead time):
- Evaluate, on a case by case basis as requested by the CHP or the NRC if needed for being listed on a hospital RSO license, if people with CHPs earned prior to 2006 met the current 10CFR35 education requirement when they sat for the exam; or,
- 3. Evaluate the educational requirements for all individuals with CHPs and advise them if they don't meet the new requirements.

Options 2 and 3 are labor intensive efforts and the documentation is not easy to locate based on a trial run by the current Board chair. In addition, Options 2 and 3 requires the AAHP to make distinctions between degreed and non-degreed CHPs which diminishes the value of Certification for some CHPs.

9.3 Review of Successful Exam Candidates

As a result of the opportunity to examine the NRC 10CFR35 issue, the ABHP Chair decided to look at the 255 applications and compare pass rates of individuals. The results are listed below:

- 9.3.1 For the Part I exam, the difference between traditional vs. non-traditional, and single versus multiple degrees is noticeable but not significant;
- 9.3.2 For the Part I exam, it was not possible to tell if the major of the degree played a significant role in the pass rate.
- 9.3.3 For the Part I exam, increased years of experience is associated with a better pass rate.
- 9.3.4 For the Part II exam, candidates with non-traditional degrees or with a single qualifying degree fared significantly less well than candidates with traditional or multiple degrees
- 9.3.5 For the Part II exam, the low pass rate for 2005 precludes allowing any conclusions to be drawn.
- 9.3.6 For the Part II exam, the least experienced candidates (6 years) performed the best on the 2005 exam regarding degree major.

The Board is going to continue this process of looking at these four parameters and any association with exam performance.

9.4 CRPA Certification Program Update

The Canadian Radiation Protection Association (CRPA) is exploring expanding their program to certify radiation protection technicians to health physics professionals. We are trying to encourage them to use our processes. Ideas for improving relationships include:

- ✓ Having an exam site in Canada
- ✓ Using more Canadian CHPs on the Exam Panels
- ✓ Providing CECs for CRPA meetings

The decision made at the last Executive Committee meeting was that the discussions with the Canadians were the purview of the Board.

9.5 Policy Board Changes

Bob Cherry proposed changes to strengthening prohibition of people who had their certification lapse and still claim that they are CHPs. There has been no further action of on this issue.

9.6 CESB Renewal and Value of Membership Application submitted for renewal.

10.0 Report of the Secretariat (Nancy Johnson)

The list of Voting members of the AAHP, appointed positions, AAHP appointees, AAHP liaisons, AAHP Committee chairs and committee members, voting members of the ABHP, ABHP appointed positions, and Part I and Part II panel of examiner lists were reviewed.

It was determined via consensus there was no business requiring that the Executive Committee convene in Executive Session.

11.0 Old Business

11.1 Bylaws Changes Recommended by Ad Hoc SOP Committee (Jim Bogard)

Jim summarized his written report.

11.2 Valid Copy of Bylaws and Bylaws Changes (Frazier Bronson)

Frazier Reviewed format and found no reason to make changes other than those noted in 11.1. Jim Yusko said that minor format issues still remain. For example there are 4 instances of Arabic versus Roman Numerals.

11.3 The Great SOP Revision Project (Jim Bogard) The SOP review committee consisted of James Bogard (chair), Ken Eger, Gary Kephart, Kyle Kleinhans, Frazier Bronson, and Brian Methe'. Their report was submitted to the EC January 19, 2006. The project addressed the many problems with the SOPs that have accumulated over the

past years. Twelve SOPs had substantive changes, three new ones were added, and all 20 were reformatted in a standardized manner. In addition, the GTTK documents and the Charters were incorporated into the SOP collection.

11.4 GTTK Document Status (Frazier Bronson)

Documents for 15 of the 16 positions have been completed. Thirteen of them were created by the incumbent as it was supposed to be, but there were two resisters and those two were created by Frazier. All have been sent to the incumbents for review. The review comments will soon be incorporated and the final documents sent to the Parliamentarian.

11.5 Certification Mark Status (Frazier Bronson)

All have been submitted for registration as marks intended to be used by Members (logo, CHP, and "Certified Health Physicist"). There should be no problem with the logo and the term "Certified Health Physicist". The use of CHP may have issues since others use it. Logos apply currently only to the pin. If we want to expand the protected use of the logo, we need to register it for each intended use.

11.6 Official Report on Electronic Ballots (Nancy Johnson)

11.6.1 Change to ABHP Policy

Subject: Policy Manual 3.1.1.1

The following motion to concur with the changes approved by the ABHP Board was approved to change the 1st paragraph of 3.1.1.1 of the Policy Manual to read:

"As a minimum, the applicant must submit evidence (for example, official college transcripts or certified translations of official transcripts) of earning a bachelor's or graduate degree from an accredited college or university in physical science or engineering or in a biological science with a minimum of 20 semester hours in physical science."

and to change the Prospectus to read substantially the same.

11.6.2 Paperiello as Chair, Nominating Committee *Subject: Approval of Carl Paperiello as 2006 Nominating*

Committee Chair

MOTION: The motion to appoint Carl Paperiello to serve the remaining term of Charles Roessler (through 2006), and to appoint him Chair of the Nominating Committee was approved.

12.0 New Business

12.1 Academy Special Session in Providence, RI (Frazier Bronson)

Frazier reviewed the progress that he detailed in his written report. Currently he has 19 speakers who have agreed to speak on the proposed agenda.

12.2 NCRP Document Reviews (Frazier Bronson)

Frazier reviewed the progress that he detailed in his written report. In summary, two documents were sent out for review to the membership via notification to the members in good standing by e-mail. They were told where they could get the URL for the reports. Four responses were received for the topic "Preparing, Protecting and Equipping Emergency Responders for Nuclear and Radiological Terrorism" and 11 responses were received regarding NCRP Statement No. 11, "New Special Name for Dose Equivalent and Radiation Weighted (Equivalent) Dose Quantities – The Taylor(Ty)". Comments were compiled by the Program Director and sent to the NCRP without edits or changes as individual comments and not those of the Academy.

12.3 Website Review (Jim Bogard)

Jim Bogard would like to see requests for CECs and the payment of recertification fees be something that an Academy member could do from the AAHP website. Jim Bogard asked Ed Maher to chair an Ad Hoc committee to review the possibility of implementing these ideas and to AAHP website more exciting. Jim Willison added that he had requested that AAHP award winners be posted on the website too. The Ad Hoc committee will report to the EC at the summer meeting. Suggestions for improvements should be sent to Ed Maher. The Ad Hoc committee needs to see the Yusko report for what has been done in the past. This is especially important regarding the issue of on-line payments.

12.4 Election of Parliamentarian (Frazier Bronson) David Myers was elected parliamentarian, replacing Regis Greenwood.

12.5 New HPS Liaison – Ed Maher

Ed Maher was providing a report to another committee at the time this topic was presented. However, the short version is that due to Ed's position as President-Elect of the Academy, he can no longer serve as the HPS liaison.

12.6 Strom's Dosimetry Monograph Idea – Paul Stansbury addition at the request of Dan Strom

Paul reported that Dan Strom had an idea that the Academy should take his handout from this mid-year's PEP course, his chapter from last year's summer school, and transform them into a more robust presentation by having big name speakers make the presentation at the summer meeting as an 8 hour course and then publish the presentation and the chapter from the summer school. This would be one of the AAHP courses for the annual meeting.

At this time, neither Paul nor Dan was requesting any action by the Academy only a sense if there was a need and opportunity for this kind of effort. The EC wasn't sure about the need, number of potential attendees (only about 25 had registered for the mid-year course) and did express opinions that this was probably late for the program committee to get such an idea and that the material, while technically accurate needed to be checked against other published information by the national authorities. The EC recommend that John Poston be contacted as author of NCRP-138 to make sure that the content of the PEP course and the summer school chapter are not in conflict with NCRP-138. Also, since the material is quite technical, there was some concern raised about its usefulness for training early responders. Where to publish this is still in discussion. Dan Strom also is suggesting that a bigger stipend and a higher registration fee to cover expenses would be needed. The EC felt the idea needed to be developed more and that, at a minimum the following needed to be completed:

- ✓ Verify that the information was not in conflict with the way federal authorities are recommending first responders handle this type of situation. The starting point for this verification should be John Poston.
- ✓ Verify that the Program Committee could accommodate the time, room requirements etc. for such an effort.
- ✓ Verify that the Continuing Education Committee would be prepared to engage in such an endeavor and if higher honoraria and registration fees are required, the Continuing Education Committee would need to seek to exceed their charter and getting this approved through the EC; and,
- ✓ Finally, determine the mechanism for getting the information published.

12.7 June 2006 Meeting Dates

The meeting dates for the annual meeting were announced to be June 24 and 25, 2006. The June 24 date has a start time of immediately after lunch and the June 25 date is scheduled for the entire day.

13.0 Adjournment

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NOTE: Term expires at the end of the year indicated.

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