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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOVEMBER 1991

John A. Auxier, CHP  
President, AAHP, 1991

**A major milestone was reached when the Executive Committee approved ... elimination of the Power Reactor Specialty.**

It seems to me that it takes longer and longer to get less and less done in this changing world. With highly efficient communications, including telecopying and speedy computers, we should be getting more accomplished. But computers and other equipment can handle only what they are fed and it is increasingly difficult to get people to commit to getting something done now. As frustrating as this is to me, I am a part of the problem; why have I not accomplished more this year? Generally it reduces to the "squeaking wheel and priorities" syndrome. What has been done is less than I expected but it is not zero.

A major step this year, started last year with the appointment of Nancy Daugherty, is the rapid development of the *CHP News*. As of now, too few of us are taking advantage of it, but, like the *HPS Newsletter*, *CHP News* will grow because it serves a useful purpose. Nancy has done an outstanding job! The logo chosen for the Newsletter has been approved by the Executive Committee. Further, it will be made available in the form of lapel pins.

Recently, at the invitation of the American Industrial Hygiene Academy and Board, Tom Crites

and John Taschner attended a meeting in Pittsburgh. They are interested in sharing information concerning many common facets including examination procedures and insurance issues. It appears that such joint efforts could be both constructive and cost effective. Consequently, we have invited them to join us for further discussions at the meeting of the Executive Committee in Dearborn, Michigan, January 1992.

Due to an unexpected circumstance for one committee person, Jerry Thomas was called upon to chair the Nominating Committee. The Committee came up with an excellent slate of candidates. The members of the Academy chose Jim Turner for President Elect, Joyce Davis for Secretary, and Jerry Martin as a Director. This is a great group.

We increased dues this year and the response has been highly positive. The budget is balanced. Also, methods of increasing revenues to provide desired services are being explored. Further the incorporation in the State of New York was accomplished.

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certification exam which were proposed by the ABHP; i.e., elimination of the Power Reactor Specialty. As one of those people instrumental in getting this specialty to meet a need of the times (1977-78), I am pleased that the Power Reactor Health Physicists have, overwhelmingly, opted for Comprehensive Certification.

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A great number of issues are being worked on by our committees, including ethics, continuing education, domains of practice, and an AAHP handbook. Dr. Paul Rohwer is committed to a vigorous continuation of ongoing work and the initiation of new efforts. ■

## **FROM THE CHAIRMAN NOVEMBER 1991**

*Leroy F. Booth, CHP  
Chairman, ABHP, 1991*

The 1991 ABHP Certification exams have been graded and the results will be reviewed by the Board this month. Panel and Board members are to be commended for their efforts in grading a large number of exams in a relatively short period of time. Results will be sent to candidates by the end of November. This is later than

normal, but was necessary due to the late date of the exam this year.

The cycle for 1992 has already begun, with Panel members preparing draft exam questions for the first round of review in January.

During the Board's summer meeting in July in Washington, D.C., several significant actions were taken:

- The Power Reactor Specialty Exam will be discontinued in 1993. The reasons for this decision have been described elsewhere (*HPS Newsletter*, AAHP Open Meeting), and emphasize the Board's belief that there are no differences between Power Reactor health physicists and other health physicists with respect to education, experience, competency, and interests.

- The requirement for using serial multiple choice [SMC] questions on the exam has been dropped. Panels are free to use SMC questions if they desire; however, the Board will not require any specified number on the exam. Our brief experience with these has shown that they are difficult to properly prepare, especially when the preparers (Panel members) are less than enthusiastic about them.

- The reuse of questions from previous exams was strongly endorsed by the Board. These would be reworked so that candidates would not be able to simply memorize the answers. The reuse of certain questions

would allow the Panels to maintain a bank of good performing questions to use when the current group is weak in a given area, would provide the Board with a valid method of predicting performance and establishing passing points, and may even provide candidates a motive for working previous exam questions (which is an effective way of preparing for the exam).

- A review of the Domains of Practice, which provide the basis for exam content, will be undertaken. This will require the assistance and input from many CHPs, so be prepared to help us with this project.

Your comments on any of the above actions are welcome.

This will be my last contribution to the Newsletter as Chairman of the Board. I suppose I will miss our editor's pleading, frantic, last-minute phone calls pleading for my article. I know I will miss the almost daily contact with the many dedicated, hard working CHPs who contribute to Board and Academy activities. I'm certain all of you will provide Carl Distenfeld the same support and encouragement I received.

Thanks ■

[And thanks to you, Lee. It's been a pleasure working with you. You've responded to the phone calls graciously. Nancy]

**AAHP  
COMMITTEE  
UPDATES:**

CONTINUING EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE

*Frederick J. Borst, CHP,  
Chair*

We are continuing to prepare for the Dearborn meeting. You have probably received your meeting announcement, which contains the details of the continuing education classes to be held on SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1992. As a reminder, the classes are on external exposure estimates and internal exposure estimates. These classes are designed to be an upper level review of the subject matter. Attendance is limited to 30 per class, so get those reservations in early!

The Continuing Education Committee is looking for ways to be of more help to you. We plan to continue to offer the continuing education classes at future annual and midyear meetings, so if you have topics of burning interest, let one of the Committee members know. Also, if you have ideas regarding different times or locations for continuing education classes, e.g., local chapter meetings, let us know. My telephone number is (303) 620-1000. See you in Dearborn! ■

**AAHP-SPONSORED  
CONTINUING EDUCATION  
CLASSES SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 11, 1992!!!**

NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE

*Jerry A. Thomas, CHP,  
Chair*

**NOMINATIONS FOR AAHP &  
ABHP COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
& OFFICERS -**

The Nominating Committee of the American Academy of Health Physics is seeking candidates for appointment to the positions of President-Elect, Treasurer, and Director for the AAHP and for Board Member for the ABHP.

All active, certified health physicists are eligible. Those interested in nominating or being a candidate should contact:

Jerry A. Thomas  
9117 Paddock Lane  
Potomac, MD 20854  
(301)295-3246 W  
(301)295-3893 FAX ■

TELLER'S COMMITTEE

*Lester A. Slaback, Jr., CHP*

Having been involved in counting ballots for several years, I want to pass along the fact that in every election there has been at least one close ballot. Specifically, one year the difference was 4 votes and in another 9 votes for one of the positions. The custom of not releasing the actual vote count hides some of the close votes.

The point is obvious: Every vote counts, and - in many years - **your vote can make a difference!** ■

EXAM SITE SELECTION  
COMMITTEE

*Robert W. Van Wyck, CHP,  
Chair*

Arrangements were completed to hold the 1991 ABHP exam at 12 locations throughout the country, in addition to the HPS Meeting Site in Washington, D.C. Three hundred forty-six applicants will be taking 428 separate examinations. [The following summary] shows the number of candidates taking each category of exam and the number of each type of exam to be given at the 13 sites.

The Committee is again indebted to the CHPs who have agreed to set up and proctor these examinations. A summary of the lead and support Proctor for each site is presented in [the summary]. These individuals freely give a long, hard day to administer the exams, and their willingness to do so is an asset to the AAHP program.

A special arrangement was made this year to accommodate an applicant with a visual medical disability at the Chicago site. However, the individual was unable to take the exam.

This is the final year of Gerry Davidson's term on the Site Selection Committee, and I want to acknowledge his support, cooperation, and effort during the past three years. Lastly, we thank Nancy Johnson, who does most of our work.  
July 11, 1991 ■

**1991 ABHP CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SUMMARY**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TAKING EACH CATEGORY OF EXAMINATION**

<u>Pt. I Only</u>	<u>Pt. I &amp; IIC</u>	<u>Pt. IIC</u>	<u>Pt. IIPR</u>	<u>Pt. I &amp; II PR</u>
184	61	681	12	21
Total Number of Candidates:		346		
Total Number of Exam Parts:		428		

**NUMBER OF PARTS BEING TAKEN AT EACH EXAM SITE**  
(As of July 1, 1991)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Part I</u>	<u>Part IIC</u>	<u>Part IIPR</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Proctor/Assistant</u>
Atlanta, GA	11	4	2	17	Elizabeth Donnelly/Ralph Kenning
Charlotte, NC	17	3	12	32	Lionel Lewis/Melody Greer
Chicago, IL	16	8	0	24	Bill Munyon/Harold Moe
Denver, CO	8	1	0	9	James Johnson/Arvin Lovaas
Houston, TX	6	7	0	13	Adrian LeBlanc/G. Neil Midkiff
Idaho Falls, ID	5	5	0	10	David Steffes/Richard Dickson
Las Vegas, NV	13	5	0	18	Milton Chilton/Joe Wells
New York, NY	10	2	0	12	Michael O'Brien/Roy Craft
Oak Ridge, TN	14	12	1	27	Alex Boerner/David Simpson
Richland, WA	6	6	1	13	Bruce Napier/Don Bihl
San Francisco, CA	13	6	1	20	Robert Lorenz/Jim Mecozzi
Seabrook, NH	13	4	3	20	Eric Darois/Nick Panzarino
Washington, DC	<u>134</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>213</u>	Joe Logsdon/James Harden
Total	266	129	33	428	

**THE 1991 ABHP CERTIFICATION EXAM WAS THE BEST YEAR YET FOR NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TAKING THE EXAM.**

**KEEP THOSE APPLICATIONS COMING!**

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AN ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD

*H. Wade Patterson, CHP*

The *Ad Hoc* Committee on an Electronic Bulletin Board is comprised of members Howard Dickson, Hector Mandel, and Wade Patterson. The purpose of the Committee is to evaluate the feasibility and desirability of an electronic bulletin board system (BBS) for radiation protection professionals.

The Committee distributed a market survey questionnaire at the Annual Health Physics Society Meeting in Washington, D.C. The questionnaire was designed to determine what is needed and what would be supported by the health physics community. Topics addressed in the survey included the potential user community, potential financial support, services appropriate for the BBS, services for which users would be willing to pay, and other general information.

Response to the survey was generally positive, but light. Only about 49 completed questionnaires were returned.

The Committee will be reporting its conclusions and recommendations at the AAHP Executive Committee meeting in January. Anyone interested in completing a questionnaire or in discussing the BBS proposal should contact Wade Patterson or other Committee member. Is this an idea ahead of its time? ■

LAPEL PINS, ANYONE?

*Paul S. Rohwer, CHP*

The AAHP Executive Committee at its July 22, 1991, meeting authorized the purchase and distribution of CHP lapel pins for all active members of the Academy. A subcommittee consisting of Nancy Daugherty, Joel Lubenau, Paul Rohwer, and Jim Tarpinian was appointed to follow through with the task.

The lapel pins are an adaption of the logo displayed on the header of this newsletter. The pins will be round, approximately one-half inch in diameter, and have gold letters on a dark blue background. The pins have been ordered and are scheduled to be available for distribution in January 1992.

Our objective is to distribute pins at the Health Physics Society Midyear Topical Meeting in Dearborn, Michigan, January 12-16, 1992, to those Academy members attending that meeting. The balance of the membership would receive their pins via mail soon after the Dearborn meeting. Our hope is that our members will be proud to wear the lapel pins signifying their certification by the American Board of Health Physics. ■

MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

*Paul S. Rohwer, CHP*

The Executive Committee is continuing to consider possible development of a Membership

Handbook. That development is being spearheaded by Paul Rohwer and George Vargo. If you have suggestions concerning the handbook and/or would like to assist with the development of the handbook, please contact either Paul or George. ■

KUDOS TO CHPS!

John Auxier's objective of raising the visibility of CHPs seems to be working. Joel Lubenau brought to the *CHP News'* attention the following examples of recognition recently received by CHPs. Let us hear from you, if you know of others.

(Courtesy of the September 1991 *HPS Newsletter*, and thanks to Joel Lubenau for bringing them to our attention - )

NRC honored the following CHP employees at its Fourteenth Annual Awards Ceremony on May 2, 1991, in Rockville, Illinois:

**Carl J. Paperiello**, Deputy Regional Administrator, Region III 1990 Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award;

**Harold T. Peterson, Jr.**, Senior Health Physicist, Radiation Protection and Health Effects Branch, Division of Regulatory Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research - Distinguished Service Award; and

**Jack W. Hornor**, Regional State Agreements Officer, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards, Region V - Region Based Inspector Excellence. ■

**WILLIAM B. McADAMS  
AWARD**

*Dale H. Denham, CHP*

The William B. McAdams Outstanding Service Award is made annually by the ABHP and the 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. Nominees shall be CHPs who have served the health physics community through outstanding and extended work on the AAHP, ABHP, teaching or other assistance in increasing knowledge of HPs, or other areas that enhance the professionalism of health physics. All CHPs, whether currently active or not, are eligible and posthumous awards are permitted.

**Nominations for the William B. McAdams Outstanding Service Award should be submitted by March 1, 1992.**

All AAHP members are encouraged to submit nominations. Present your nominations in a letter to the Awards Committee chairman for 1992, Ruth E. McBurney (ABHP Vice Chair, '92), detailing the rationale for your nomination and giving background information on your nominee. Other Committee members will include Carl H. Distenfeld (ABHP Chair, '92) and John A. Auxier (AAHP Past President '91). Nominations should be sent to the McAdams Award Committee Chairman by

March 1, 1992, to be considered for the 1992 award. Address your nomination letter to:

Ruth E. McBurney, CHP  
Bureau of Radiation Control  
1212 E. Anderson Lane  
Austin, TX 78752 ■

**1991 RECIPIENT OF THE  
WILLIAM B. McADAMS  
AWARD:**

**Richard R. Bowers, CHP**

At the 36th Annual Health Physics Society Meeting in Washington, D.C., the AAHP and ABHP recognized Richard R. Bowers with the third annual William B. McAdams Award. The following has been excerpted from the citation for this award, written by Dale Denham and published in full in the October 1991 issue of *Health Physics*.

"This year it is our pleasure to announce the third recipient of the William McAdams Outstanding Service Award, Richard R. Bowers. Dick was involved with the certification process for nearly two decades, serving two terms on the Comprehensive Panel of Examiners from 1972 through 1978 and chairing that Panel in 1978; setting up and chairing the Power Reactor Specialty Panel from 1979 through 1981; serving on the ABHP from 1986

through 1990; and setting up and chairing the Part I Panel from 1988 through 1990. In all of his ABHP-related activities, Dick has been very generous with his time and, more importantly, with his ideas and wisdom. His contributions to the development and refinement of the certification process, as well as the ongoing conduct of the program, are numerous and substantial.

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"Dick is the type of CHP that the McAdams Award was meant to recognize. He was a key player in establishing the Power Reactor Specialty Certification, a program that has been instrumental in elevating the professionalism in the power reactor health physics community. Most recently, his efforts to upgrade the Part I exam by using a computer model to help assure a consistently performing exam, and a question data base to track the performance of each question over a period of many years, have resulted in significant improvements in the quality of the Part I examination. Hence, it is fitting that we should recognize Dick Bowers as the third recipient of the William McAdams Outstanding Service Award."

1991 WILLIAM B. McADAMS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD  
ACCEPTANCE

*Richard R. Bowers, CHP*

Thank you.

I have worked with the Board for about 17 years. The working relationship, although it has taken a significant commitment of personal time, has been something I have enjoyed. There are three major reasons why I have found this association to be rewarding.

First, are the people. I have gotten to know and become friends with many people whom I would not have met otherwise. I have had the help of a large number of people. I originally thought I would acknowledge those people who have given me significant assistance. When I started my list, it became so large that it became apparent it would be inappropriate to take so much time. I also realized I might accidentally leave out a few people. Rather than risk such an oversight, I decided not to list names. Those of you who have been so supportive over the years know who you are. Thank you for your help.

Second, is the gain of knowledge. Just by associating with the various experts on panels and the Board, I have at least tripled my technical knowledge in Health Physics. It has always amazed me how much knowledge is present in these relatively small groups of people.

Third, and probably the most important, is the feeling of contributing to something very worthwhile. During the 17 years, I have attended all but about four Board meetings - first as a Panel member, then as a Panel chair, and finally as a Board member. One of the reasons I have been willing to put forth the effort required over these years is that early-on I saw how extremely objective the Board's actions are. They have consistently bent over backwards to give candidates the benefit of any close call. I have never seen any hint of any preferential treatment of one person over another. All decisions are made based on the facts available, and with the most professional candor I have ever witnessed in any group I have been a part of. This is the type of group I am pleased to have been associated with.

The Board members take their responsibilities seriously. This very professional approach to business can only make Certification more meaningful. Certification to me is one of the best things professional Health Physicists (whether certified or not) have going for them. We must try to get more people involved in the Certification process.

This award is very meaningful to me. It is definitely one of the highlights of my career.

Thank you very much. ■

*Marshall S. Little, CHP*

In viewing the first issue of the CHP News that I have received, I was rather astounded to note that you are in need of a word processor with a spell-checker. The word "consensus" was misspelled about 45 times, and spelled correctly only once. With a spell checker, it would quickly tell you that "concensus" is not correct. Except for that one irritating error, I enjoyed the newsletter, and look forward to reading future issues (hopefully after they have been checked by a computer spell-checker.)

10 June 1991 ■

*John D. Buchanan, CHP*

I'm generally pleased with the new CHP News; however, on an editorial note, I see that the word "consensus" is consistently misspelled as "concensus" in the May '91 issue.

This occurs:

Twice in the Draft Code of Ethics on p. 3, three times in the letter from B. R. Thomadsen on p. 4, and once on p. 8 in the title of the talk by A. N. Tschaeché.

7 June 1991 ■

[Ulp. The *consensus* seems to be that the *CHP News* Editor goofed. Not just a little, inconspicuous goof, but an egregious display of carelessness. Since I'm my own typist and editor, I accept all responsibility. An English major gone astray. You're right,

Marshall; I don't even have a spell checker installed. I'm sorry (and embarrassed).

Thanks to both of you for the speedy feedback. I hope future errors are fewer, or at least less conspicuous. Nancy ■]

The AAHP expects to begin distribution of CHP logo lapel pins at the 1992 HPS Midyear Topical Meeting in Dearborn, Michigan.

The following letter was received by copy from Ken Kase. The topic of a Code of Ethics for CHPs continues to stir thoughtful discussion.

Mr. Sydney W. Porter, Jr.

Dear Sid:

I have just read the latest issue of CHP News, which contains the *Draft* Code of Ethics for the AAHP. I also read the letter from Bruce Thomadsen and reread Keith Schiager's column from the previous Newsletter. My first comment is that, as far as I know, the AAHP has a Code of Ethics in its By-Laws, Section XI. I can only find a draft copy of the By-Laws dated 5 March 1985. This was the draft that was voted on as part of the process establishing the Academy, and I believe it was adopted as proposed, including Section XI.

**LETTERS:**

(Can you spell "consensus"?)



**Nominations for the  
William B. McAdams  
Award are due  
March 1, 1992**

Since I had a role in drafting those original By-Laws, and actually wrote the Code of Ethics section, I would be rather upset if it has been expunged. Consequently Keith's statement that the AAHP has no formal code of ethics is not correct. There is also a procedure for enforcement of the Code, although not specifically for presenting an "opinion that conflicts with scientific consensus." That specificity is very dangerous, as Bruce points out in his letter. We must be very careful not to censor people who have honest disagreements with the "scientific establishment." If personal statements have no scientific basis, they can be refuted and the individual can be discredited. If the individual has misrepresented himself or herself as an authority in an area, or has otherwise acted dishonestly or without integrity, there is a specified disciplinary process that the AAHP can follow.

With regard to the *Draft* Code of Ethics that you presented, I have a few comments. It may be that the Code that is currently in the By-Laws is too vague and needs more specificity in its requirement of "the highest standards of professional ethics and integrity." I think that some of the statements in your *Draft* add that specificity.

These are:  
ETHICAL RELATIONS  
Parts 1 and 3;  
TECHNICAL  
Parts 1 and 2 up to  
"others";  
BUSINESS  
All Parts.

I think that the first sentence in ETHICAL... Part 2 is fine, but the rest of that section appears to be specifically directed at a certain, unspecified, group of individuals, and smacks of the censorship that I mentioned above. The last phrase of TECHNICAL... Part 2 is just too specific in defining how an individual is to contribute.

Thanks for the opportunity to have input to this process. I hope that my comments are constructive.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth R. Kase, CHP, FACR

cc: John Auxier  
Nancy Daugherty  
Keith Schiager  
Bruce Thomadsen

10 June 1991 ■

Thanks.

You may have noticed some subtle changes in the CHP logo on the masthead for this *CHP News*. We expect this to be our final version. As mentioned elsewhere in the *News*, the AAHP Executive Committee is making up lapel pins with the new logo for distribution beginning January '92. The logo will be cast in metal, if not concrete.

Both the changes and the original version of the logo, as well as the masthead design itself, are thanks to the considerable efforts of **Danene Warnock**, Ebasco Environmental. Nancy Kirner, also of Ebasco, introduced us to Danene after the Executive Committee had chosen a rough design for the logo. (You'll remember Keith Schiager provided that initial concept.) Danene's interests are in graphic arts, not health physics; nevertheless, she volunteered personal time to help our fledgling newsletter get off the ground. Thanks, Danene. Your work is being immortalized in metal already!

Has the definition of CHP changed?

In "From the Chairman," Lee Booth discusses the ABHP's proposal to reevaluate the domains of practice of CHPs. Input is needed from practicing CHPs!

The importance of this evaluation is not limited to the certification exam. For example, the Spring

1991 edition of the *American College of Medical Physics Newsletter* - brought to our attention by Les Slaback - discusses a joint effort by the AAPM and the ACMP to arrange for the availability of professional liability insurance.

Working with an insurance consulting firm of "international repute," the AAPM and ACMP developed a professional liability insurance demonstration document that included the following:

- a characterization of the AAPM organization;
- a profile of the typical medical physicist and consultant;
- flow charts of the principal activities and areas of liability exposure within the various subfields of medical physics; and
- a summary of the AAPM's professional liability program requirements.

A clear, current, identification of the domains of practice would be an important first step for any similar efforts on behalf of HPs and/or CHPs.

Costs - either currently available or proposed - for liability insurance mentioned in the *ACMP Newsletter* article ranged from \$600 - \$3300 per year. Detailed information on the extent and availability of coverage was not provided.

What would be the potential implications of an AAHP Code of Ethics on liability insurance for CHPs? ■

**FROM THE EDITOR:**

*Nancy M. Daugherty, CHP*

A special thanks to **Danene Warnock**, Ebasco Environmental, for the design of the *CHP News* masthead!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE *CHP NEWS* EDITOR HAS CHANGED FROM THAT LISTED IN THE HPS MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK. IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO REACH HER AT WORK, CALL AT HER HOME.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE  
AAHP EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING,  
JULY 22 & 23, 1991:**

✓ **Thomas E. Buhl** was selected as Board Member for the ABHP beginning January 1992.

✓ **Lester A. Slaback**, chairing this year's Teller's Committee announced the results of the AAHP election:

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AAHP Election Results

**James E. Turner** - President-Elect;  
**Joyce P. Davis** - Secretary;  
**Jerome B. Martin** - Director.

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✓ The following AAHP Committee appointments were made:

1992 AAHP Committee Appointments

Appeals -  
**Donald D. Busick**, to continue as Chair;  
**Robert L. Morris**, replacing John R. Mann

Continuing Education -  
**Frederick J. Borst**, to continue as Chair;  
**Alfred W. Grella**, replacing Regis A. Greenwood;  
**Kathryn H. Pryor**, replacing Kenneth W. Skrable;

Exam Site Selection -  
**Robert W. Van Wyck**, to continue as Chair;  
**Roman Kahn**, replacing Gerald R. Davidson;

Nominating -  
**Jerry A. Thomas**, to continue as Chair;  
**John S. Brtis**, replacting Bill L. O'Neal;  
**Wayne Lei**, replacing Daniel J. Strom;  
**Jay A. MacLellan**, replacing Monte J. Sula;

Professional Development -  
**Milton E. McLain**, to continue as Chair;  
**John D. Buchanan**, replacing John A. Dapolito;  
**Glenn L. Murphy**, replacing George J. Vargo;

Professional Standards & Ethics -  
**Sydney W. Porter**, reappointed to Committee and to continue as Chair;  
**Jack S. Krohmer**, replacing Herman Cember.

✓ The AAHP budget is getting better!!! This is primarily a result of two factors: The increased CHP maintenance fee and an increase in candidates taking the Certification Exams.

✓ **Lee Booth**, 1991 ABHP Chair, announced ABHP officers for 1992:

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1992 ABHP Officers

**Carl H. Distenfeld** - Chair;  
**Ruth E. McBurney** - Vice-Chair;  
**Thomas L. Pitchford** - Secretary.  
**Wayne R. Hansen** - Parliamentarian

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✓ The following ABHP Panel Member appointments have been made for 1992:

### 1992 ABHP Panel Appointments

#### Comprehensive Panel:

James S. Bogard ('95)  
Robert N. Cherry ('95)  
Michael L. Littleton ('95)  
Richard Moore ('95)  
Robert E. Sorber ('95)

#### Power Reactor Panel:

Donald M. Mayer ('93)  
Jayalakshmi Ramanuja ('93)  
R. Scott Schofield ('93)

#### Part I Panel:

Harold J. Moe ('95)  
Kathleen L. Shingleton ('95)  
William J. Walker ('95)

✓ The Executive Committee approved elimination of the Power Reactor Certification Specialty. Power Reactor HPs now are pursuing Comprehensive Certification and the Specialty is no longer needed. There will be a two-year period in which those who have applied and/or prepared for this exam can still take it. The Board will be considering whether to eliminate all designation of the Specialty. Would the AAHP Code of Ethics ensure practice only within the area of expertise?

✓ The Executive Committee approved elimination of the requirement for serial multiple choice questions in Part II of the Certification Exam. These questions had been required to make up to 30% of the Part II Exam and have not been good indicators of performance.

✓ The Executive Committee discussed review of the domains of practice for health physics. It has been eight years since the domains have been reviewed to assure that the Certification Exam addresses appropriate topics for practicing health physicists. The ABHP proposed to complete a review by 1993.

✓ The current *Draft* Code of Ethics has had legal review and comments are being incorporated.

✓ The American Board of Industrial Hygiene has requested greater communication with the AAHP/ABHP, including attendance at each other's Board meetings. The Executive Committee agreed with this and the following were appointed as a delegation to follow up on the suggestion: Lee Booth, Tom Crites, Joel Lubenau, Sid Porter, and John Taschner.

[Are any other CHPs out there interested in fostering this communication/cooperation? Please contact a delegation member if you are.]

✓ The AAHP will be exploring participation in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Roentgen's discovery of X rays. [CHPs: This could be an interesting experience. Contact an AAHP Executive Committee member if you'd like to get in on the planning.]

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!

The AAHP/ABHP Special Session at the 1991 Annual Health Physics Society Meeting was a resounding success!

The Topic:  
"CONSISTENCY AND UNITY IN RADIATION PROTECTION."

The participants were welcomed with a standing-room-only audience.

A special "Thanks" to Keith Schiager for organizing and moderating this session.

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What's missing on this page?

Your input to the *CHP News*!

(Next issue scheduled for February 1992.)

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF HEALTH PHYSICS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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