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PRESIDENT'S REPORT JUNE 1994

William R. Casey, CHP President, AAHP, 1994

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I view this communication as an opportunity to share my perspective on the state of the American Academy of Health Physics. Our organization and mission is complicated and cannot be assessed in a simple manner.

Perhaps we should start with the fundamental question: Why does the Academy exist? Last year's questionnaire submitted to the CHP community indicated a certain amount of confusion regarding this fundamental question. Our by-laws provide the following guidance:

The purpose of the Academy is:

 to provide an effective means for active CHPs to participate in and contribute to the Certification Program

 to elevate and advance the profession of health physics by encouraging its study and improving its practice

- to encourage and insist on the highest standards of professional ethics and integrity in the practice of health physics

 to enhance communication between CHPs in those matters of common interest - to support the activities of the ABHP in the conduct of the certification renewal process

- to provide input of certified health physicists into the selection of members of the ABHP

When the Academy was formed, it was made clear that the main purpose was to permit direct input of CHPs into the selection of ABHP members. We have succeeded very well in that effort. Every member of the Board is nominated by a committee named by the Executive Committee of the Academy, which is elected by the general membership. I grade us an A in that area.

Another major purpose was to reduce the work load of the ABHP by taking on a number of ancillary functions, for example: scheduling exam sites and preparing budgets. The Academy has succeeded very well in this function. I will give us an A in this area. It is a good thing, because the work load of the ABHP has grown almost to impossible levels.

Judging by the incredible demand for the certification exam, the Academy and the Board have succeeded in encouraging the study of health physics. The HP

certification process is widely valued and recognized as extremely desirable. This success is due in no small way to the efforts of the Board itself. I believe there is no volunteer job more arduous in the health physics community than that demanded of the Board and its panel members. I tip my hat to those folks and to their contributions to the success of the certification process. Score that an A+.

The development and maintenance of continuing education programs is another major commitment to our membership. Our current committee and its chairperson, Dave Snellings, also do an incredible service in putting on the continuing education programs twice a year. Score that group an A also.

Our communication programs consist of our "CHP Corner" column in the HPS Newsletter and our semi-annual CHP News newsletter. Our CHP News/"CHP Corner' Editor, Nancy Daugherty, is another unsung hero who doesn't always get the credit that her efforts are due. Score her efforts an A, but I think communications in general is one area that we should examine further. Are we really on the mark in communicating with ourselves and our stakeholders? How do you score that area?

Evaluation of the function of encouraging and insisting on the highest standards of integrity and practice is a difficult area. On one hand, the obvious example of the high integrity of the CHP community in general is clear and is a noteworthy model for all young professionals in any profession. On the other hand, we can be criticized for not implementing a self-policing program to deal with breaches in ethical practice within our community. This is a very difficult issue and fraught with legal complexity. The Academy officers will be considering a proposal for establishing a program for evaluating charges of unethical practice by CHPs at our June meeting in San Francisco. We will keep you apprised of this development.

The final functional area that I will comment on lies in the domain of professional development, particularly with regard to the value of certification. It is clear from my earlier comments that respect for HP certification as measured by the demand for such recognition by our peers is at an all time high. On the other hand, it is clear that there are many initiatives alive in the U.S. and elsewhere that would reduce the value of certification. The licensure efforts in some states and the current certification proposals with regard to mammography are good examples. We need to actively participate in these processes to ensure that the capabilities of CHPs and the significance of the certification are properly considered. We need to do more in this area.

Finally, no evaluation of the state of the Academy would be complete without acknowledging the dedication and contributions of Nancy Johnson and her coworkers at the HPS Secretariat. They provide much-needed energy and continuity to our on-going programs. Score that group an A also.

I look forward to hearing your views on the state of the Academy. Please send me an e-mail at **Casey1@bnl.gov** or write to me at Brookhaven National Lab. See you in San Francisco.

FROM THE CHAIR JUNE 1994

Ruth E. McBurney, CHP Chair, ABHP, 1994

1994: A Year of Transition for ABHP/AAHP

This is a year of change for the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) and the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP), not only organizationally but also regarding the types of issues that the Board and Academy are asked to address. Plans are moving forward to combine AAHP and ABHP under one corporate structure by deincorporation of the Board and modification of the bylaws of the two groups. Other issues, such as mammography physics support and qualifications of mammography physicists and state licensure of certain professional groups, are of interest and potential impact to Certified Health Physicists. In addition, significant increases in the number of applicants for certification over the past few years is causing the Board to reexamine the method of grading Part II of the certification exam.

The following is a short discussion of each of these issues.

Merger of ABHP and AAHP into a Single Corporation

Discussions and plans for addressing the issue and associated concerns of merging AAHP and ABHP have been occurring for over a year. An ad hoc committee, made up primarily of representatives from the ABHP and AAHP Executive Committee, have met several times in person and by conference call to discuss how deincorporation of the Board and merger of the two groups could be effected with little disruption in the activities or status of either group. The cooperative efforts of the members of the committee led to a mutually agreeable solution. which was presented to the AAHP Executive Committee in February and was accepted with minor modification. The major concerns of the Board, namely selection of appropriate replacement Board members and relative autonomy of the Board in modifying operating procedures, were addressed.

Changes in the AAHP bylaws necessary to bring about the plan will be presented for a vote of the membership. Likewise, changes in the ABHP bylaws and policy and procedures manuals will be needed and will be discussed and voted on at the Board's summer meeting. Key points of the merger under the AAHP corporation are;

- AAHP would continue to appoint ABHP members.
- ABHP would have
 representation on the AAHP

Nominating Committee, giving Board input to the Board member replacement process.

- The major policies and procedures of ABHP would be approved by the AAHP Executive Committee. Formal policies and operating procedures will be placed in separate documents.
- The partnership between the AAHP and ABHP would be strengthened by the attendance of the AAHP President and/or President Elect at Board meetings and by the ABHP Chair being a voting *ex officio* member of the AAHP Executive Committee.

Mammography Physicists

The implementation of the 1992 Mammography Quality Standards Act has begun. Interim regulations were published on December 21, 1993, under which all mammography facilities must be certified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) by October 1, 1994.

One of the areas of concern to health physicists who are currently performing mammography surveys at their institutions or on a consulting basis is the requirement under §900.12 (a)(3) of the regulations that, by 1997, medical physicists must either:

- have a license or approval by a State to conduct mammography equipment and procedure evaluations; or
- have certification in an accepted specialty area by one of the

bodies approved by FDA to certify medical physicists.

We have been informed that the only acceptable certification bodies at this time are the American Board of Radiology and the American Board of Medical Physics. For ABHP to be recognized by FDA, a specialty exam in diagnostic medical physics and specialized continuing education credits would be required. The current Comprehensive exam would not be acceptable.

<u>Licensure</u>

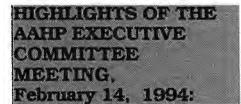
Somewhat associated with this concern is the issue of licensure. The Health Physics Society is monitoring the actions of individual states concerning licensure of health physics disciplines. The increase in the licensure efforts could potentially impact CHPs unless the ABHP certification is recognized as qualification for performance of the practices concerned. The Academy and the Board will continue to discuss these issues.

Exam Grading

Over the past two years, we have seen an increase in the number of exam applicants of over 50 percent. This has resulted in a tremendous workload for the Part II Comprehensive Exam Panel. The Board, along with the Part II Panel, are exploring methods and statistical backup to cut down on the grading workload without loss of statistical validity. The Board relies on a great deal of voluntary effort in the certification process, and time is a commodity in short supply to many CHPs these days.

In conclusion, the Board and Academy are continuing to work together to address the organizational, technical, and logistical Issues involved with certification. I encourage other CHPs to get involved by serving on an ABHP Panel or AAHP committee in order to spread out the responsibilities and challenges facing us.

NOTE: APPLICATIONS FOR THE 1995 CERTIFICATION EXAM MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 1995!



✓ \$Money\$ - Jerry Thomas, Treasurer, AAHP, reported that in the near future the AAHP will have twice its operating capital on hand. Once that objective is achieved and there is a firmer basis for predicting the number of applicants for the Certification Exams, the AAHP will want to pursue more long-term planning for its financial resources. Dick Burk, AAHP Secretariat, was asked to provide recommendations concerning long-term financial planning at the AAHP Executive Committee summer meeting in San Francisco.

 ✓ <u>Continuing Education</u> - The AAHP Continuing Education courses continue their popularity. Two courses were presented at the Albany, New York, Midyear Meeting: AI Tschaeche presented a course on standards and Ken Swinth on instrumentation. Approximately 30 people attended each course.

✓ Grading of the 1993 Exam -The ABHP concluded that the 1993 Part II certification exams were excessively long. In response, the Board developed an Historical Adjustment Factor (HAF) to compensate for the length of the Part II Comprehensive and Power Reactor examinations. The passing rate based on raw scores was approximately 24% for the Comprehensive Exam, and with the application of a 5-year HAF, the passing rate was 47% (42% for the Power Reactor exam). Ron Kathren suggested that the Board investigate the merits of a twoday exam, as is done by some other professional certifying organizations.

✓ <u>Mammography Quality</u> <u>Standards Act</u> - Ruth McBurney was appointed by the AAHP and ABHP to the Mammography Quality Standards Act Advisory Committee. Ruth circulated a list of the full committee for information.

✓ <u>Electronic Mail</u> - Dick Burk reported that the AAHP now has access through the Secretariat to e-mail on Internet. The address is:

ahpburkmgt@aol.com

✓ Public Relations - Dick Burk also reported that the HPS now has a contract with a public relations firm, John Adams and Associates of Washington, D. C. The firm will deal with matters of legislative tracking, public relations, and identification of spokespersons for various issues. Dick suggested that the AAHP might want to provide input on issues of interest to the Academy.

✓ Basic Ionizing Radiation Protection Standards - Al Tschaeche distributed a report concerning the proposal to develop Basic Ionizing Radiation Protection Standards. The HPS Board of Directors and the N13 Committee for standards development both were considering this issue and had requested additional information. No further action was being taken at this time.

✓ AAHP Parliamentarian and <u>Rules Committee</u> - Ron Kathren was appointed Parliamentarian for the AAHP Executive Committee. In addition, an *ad hoc* Committee on Rules was formed with Bob Casey, Jim Turner, Paul Rohwer, Ron Kathren and Regis Greenwood named as members. The committee will address the formalization of AAHP policies, procedures and documentation.

✓ <u>NCRP Collaborating</u> <u>Organization</u> - The AAHP agreed to accept an invitation to join the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements as a Collaborating Organization. ■

Don't Forget! • Nominations for the Wm. B. McAdams Award are due <u>March 1, 1995</u>. • HPS Annual Mtng, June 28: 8:30-11:00, AAHP Special Session. 11-Noon, AAHP Open Mtng.

3 GREAT COURSES!

ANNUAL MEETING AAHP CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Saturday, June 25, 1994, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

AAHP-1 Radiation Litigation -David Wiedis, Jose & Wiedis Attorneys at Law

This course will begin with a discussion of basic legal concepts which are fundamental to understanding radiation litigation. The student will learn how lawyers investigate a radiation case and how the case proceeds from the incident, through the discovery process, preparation for trial, and trial. Practical examples from cases will include strategy developed for depositions and trial. Cases will be examined from both the plaintiffs and defendant's points of view. The course will examine issues currently being litigated in this field. Those issues Include: The role of the federal dose standards, the role of ALARA, statutory employer, what constitutes compensable injury, what is adequate proof of causation, and probability of causation. The question of "expert" testimony and "junk science" will be discussed along with some role playing using actual trial transcripts. Emphasis will be placed on how to avoid litigation and what to do in the event you are sued.

AAHP-2 A Comprehensive Review of the Basic Regulations for Transportation of Nuclear Materials - Alfred W. Grella, Grella Consulting, Inc.

This course is intended to provide a comprehensive review of the

current and basic regulations of the USA for safe transportation of radioactive materials. Principal regulations discussed are those of DOT in 40 CFR Parts 171-178 and NRC in 10 CFR Part 71. The International standards basis of U.S. transport regulations as found in IAEA Safety Series No. 6 (SS#6) is discussed, as is the current status of DOT/NRC rulemaking to adopt regulatory revisions based on the 1985 version SS#6. Whether experienced in nuclear transportation activitles, or just a beginner, successful completion of this course will provide the attendee with a firm basis of technical knowledge and understanding of the DOT/NRC transport regulations. The course is also designed to be a possible factor an employer might choose to consider in his certification of a hazmat employee's training pursuant to the new training regulation in DOT Docket HM-126F. The course manual will prove to be a comorehensive information resource for future reference.

AAHP-3 Low Level Radioactive Waste Management, Past, Present and Future - Frank X. Masse, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

This presentation includes a review of the circumstances leading to Congress' 1980 and 1985 actions shifting the responsibility for siting LLRW disposal facilities to the states and the results of those actions. The regulatory changes following the congressional action are also reviewed. The states' efforts in forming compacts or independently seeking solutions plus the progress of such efforts are summarized.

This entire program has had a profound financial and technical impact on the radioactive materials user community and that impact is analyzed. Drastic changes in waste management are occurring and waste avoidance gains increasing importance as most of the LLW generators in the nation face loss of access to operating LLW sites. The developing techniques in LLW management designed to help radioactive materials users through the impending mandatory storage periods are presented and analyzed.

The impacts these developing techniques are likely to have on the slow-moving site development programs are also discussed. The financial and scientific commitment gradually unfolding in this entire issue is discussed and suggestions made on approaches to consider that might help to avoid or minimize the impending crisis.

Want to teach a course? Suggestions for courses you'd like to take? Contact the RAHP Continuing Education Committee.

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A Question of Ethics

Ronald L. Kathren, CHP March 2, 1994

In the wake of the rediscovery by DOE Secretary Hazel O'Leary of human experiments involving radiation, it seems appropriate to reexamine the Code of Ethlcs for Certified Health Physicists, as expressed in the by-laws of the Academy. Regrettably, the results of the reexamination yield the unsatisfying observation that our Code of Ethics is vague and general, and really fails to directly touch upon what might well be the fundamental guiding health physics principle: No person should be subjected to any additional radiation exposure unless the benefit to be derived exceeds the risk to be incurred. Thus (and perhaps incredibly so) it would appear that a CHP is under no ethical obligation to do anything whatsoever even to determine whether (let alone comment on or attempt to restrain) a planned or purposeful radiation exposure - whether occupationally or nonoccupationally incurred - does in fact provide a greater benefit than risk.

Arguably, the point could be made that the professional practice of health physics implicitly includes the benefit-risk equation, and thus this question needs no further consideration or action. On the other hand, one might argue that our Code of Ethics needs to have more specificity and be

made more relevant to the concerns of the forthcoming twenty-first century. As currently stated, our Code of Ethics refers only to obligations and responsibilities to the profession; should it not refer also to obligations to employers, clients, and members of the public? Or is this also implicit in the professional practice of health physics?

Having given the matter some thought. I am reasonably convinced that our Code of Ethics is in need of revision and expansion to more fully and specifically and unambiguously characterize our responsibilities and obligations not only to our profession and to our colleagues, but to our greater constituency the public and our clients - as well. Secretary O'Leary's action should jog our professional consciences, and in the light of her action, perhaps we need to better express the ethical obligations of the Certified Health Physicist, both for ourselves and for those we serve.

<u>Testing for</u> <u>Recertification?</u>

Leroy F. Booth, CHP March 8, 1994

Not long ago, I was sitting at home filling out my application for Certification renewal. My wife, Kathy, always concerned with what I am doing (and whether I am doing it correctly) began to question me about the process. I carefully explained the renewal

requirements, including participation in ABHP approved courses, meetings and other activities. She was, I would say, appalled to learn that I did not have to be reexamined to be recertified. (She didn't lend much credence to the attendance of HPS meetings, since she has accompanied me to several.) I did my best to defend our process. pointing out that most CHPs stay active and current in the field through many professional activities and work experience. She remained unmoved. In fact. she suggested that if she were to hire a CHP for a consulting task, she might select a newly certified health physicist over ME1 Her reasoning was basic: the new CHP has recently demonstrated technical competence by passing a written examination. All I had going for me was my age, i.e., experience (a small consolation for growing old).

I suspect she wasn't completely serious, only trying to tweak me into a friendly argument. However, I fear her arguments have merit, and I believe it is likely others might not be impressed with our renewal process. In fact, I have always been quietly in favor of examinations as a part of renewal. My primary concerns, other than likely weeping and wailing from CHPs, have been related to the construction and application of such an exam. The Board is already heavily burdened with preparation of the Part II Exam each year. An additional exam for renewal would seem to be too much.

In spite of these problems, I believe there is an answer. To

maximize the renewal experience, and to minimize the administrative headaches, 1 propose the following;

The Certification renewal process should include a written examination. This examination would be comprised of two parts: one consisting of a number of multiple choice questions, and the second of several written/calculational questions, from which the CHP would select a subset. The multiple choice questions would be selected from the bank of Part 1 auestions. The written auestions would be selected from the fundamentals part of previous Comprehensive Part II Exams. The exam could be given each year in conjunction with the Part I Comprehensive Exam. Each CHP would be required to pass this written exam once during his/her 4-year renewal period.

The advantages to this process are many:

1) The written exam would assure that each CHP remains knowledgeable, at least with respect to the fundamentals of health physics.

2) Preparation for the renewal exam would be made easier by the limited scope and by the fact that the written exam questions would be drawn from a bank of questions available to CHPs.

3) Preparation and grading of the exam is simplified since all questions are taken from existing banks of reviewed and QAed questions. 4) The renewal process is strengthened with the incorporation of a written exam (in addition to existing requirements).

I believe this addition would enhance the Certification process, with minimal impact on the Board's activities and would require only a reasonable effort from all CHPs. Besides, it would be good for us!

Any comments?

TROM THE EDITOR:

Nancy M. Daugherty, CHP

Ulp. As a CHP who took the exams way back in 1981, I can't help shuddering at Lee Booth's suggestion for retesting. On the other hand, as editor of the CHP News, I'm delighted with his letter. Even an editor of a professional newsletter likes a little controversy from time to time. Let's hear from others on this topic.

Consider what the implications of required periodic retesting might have on certification's relationship to licensure. Would this requirement advance the cause of the acceptance of ABHP Certification as sufficient demonstration of meeting licensure requirements?

<u>Technical issues in the</u> <u>Courtroom</u>

I recently completed two weeks of jury duty on a fairly complicated medical malpractice sult. Since many friends had told me that only nincompoops who were easily swayed by smooth-tongued lawyers were ever chosen for juries, I was embarrassed to have been selected. However, it proved to be a fascinating experience and gave me hope for the future of radiation-related litigation. Both sides presented rational cases with clear explanations of technical concepts and adequate repetition and visual aids so that these new concepts were thoroughly understood. If medicine can do it, I'm sure health physics can too.

Nancy Who?

Some of you may not have noticed yet, but there are two Nancys currently associated with the AAHP. The first and most important is Nancy Johnson, our Program Director from the Secretariat. Nancy has been with Dick Burk's organization since 1981. She provides considerable continuity, administrative competency, and sage advice to the AAHP Executive Committee. (She also provides proofreading for this newsletter.)

The second Nancy is myself, Nancy Daugherty, editor of the semiannual *CHP News* and of the monthly "CHP Corner." When in doubt, call Nancy Johnson at the Secretariat. The chances are she'll know the answer. She is definitely the source of information regarding ABHP Certification requirements, application forms, due dates, etc.

She's also a great person to get to know.

RESPONSE TO THE AAHP/ABHP QUESTIONNAIRE

James E. Turner, CHP Past President, AAHP

A total of 312 replies were received on the questionnaire mailed last fall to the approximately 1,000 members of the American Academy of Health Physics. The responses were tabulated by the Secretariat, who also compiled a list of all comments. The Academy Executive Committee discussed the findings at its February midyear meeting in Albany. The respondents provided important information on a number of matters, particularly on the will of the membership regarding the relationship between the ABHP and the AAHP, the potential impact of the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) on CHPs, membership opinions on whether the Academy should be active in having input into national standards, the Academy's continuing education courses, Part II of the ABHP exam, and ways of providing effective communication among Academy members.

There is an overwhelming mandate (91.3%) to proceed with formalizing the partnership of all CHPs into a single organization. Some 57 respondents indicated that they would be affected by the new MQSA. The Academy has been active in trying to represent the interests of CHPs in the implementation of the Act. Ruth McBurney, 1994 Chair of the ABHP, has been appointed to the Mammography Quality Standards Act Advisory Committee. The poll was 266 "yes," 33 "no," and 13 abstentions on whether the AAHP should be actively involved in providing input to national standards, such as those being developed for mammography. Should the Academy consider other types of licensure/certification efforts? The poll was affirmative by about 60%. The 8-hour continuing education courses on Saturdays before the annual and midyear meetings got high marks on quality and value. Of those responding "yes" or "no," 93% indicated that the Part II ABHP exam reflects the comprehensive practice of health physics. The "CHP Corner" and *CHP News* are regarded as useful and should be continued.

Individual comments, tabulated for each item on the questionnaire, filled more than 10 pages of small type. They covered a spectrum of observations and suggestions. They were all read, and many were discussed. It is apparent that we are all working toward the same basic goals for certification. The diversity of opinion and the discussions are essential if we are to carry out our responsibilities effectively.

This very brief summary can only indicate the valuable input that the questionnaire provided. We thank those who took the trouble to respond.

Incoming 1994 AAHP President, Bob Casey, presents a plaque of appreciation to Past President, Jim Turner, for Jim's contributions to the AAHP.



KUDOS!

Ruth E. McBurney - CRCPD Gerald S. Parker Award of Merit

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., has announced the selection of Ruth E. McBurney as the 1994 recipient of the Gerald S. Parker Award of Merit. The CRCPD cites Ruth

"for her significant contributions in the field of radiation protection, and in particular for her contributions to the efforts of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors. Ms. McBurney has served on the Board of Directors, during which time she served as Treasurer of the CRCPD. Both as an officer and a member of the Board, she served the organization in an exemplary manner. Ms. McBurney has served on several CRCPD committees, many of which she served as chairperson.

"Ms. McBurney was a ploneer in the development of recommendations for state activities in mammography and in reducing X-ray examinations for administrative purposes.

"Some of Ms. McBurney's major contributions to radiation protection and to the CRCPD include the development of a Five Year Plan, a written history of the first twenty-five years of the organization, initial drafting of NARM suggested regulations, and she is currently the CRCPD Liaison to CIRRPC.

"Without reservation, Ruth McBurney has been a leader in the field of radiation protection, especially in providing guidance to states in various technical aspects of their radiation control programs, and in serving as a very active member of the CRCPD."

[Note: Ruth recently was elected Chair Elect of the CRCPD. Her term of office will begin following their May '94 meeting. Trivia question for this issue: What does Ruth do in her spare time? Nancy]

Ronald L. Kathren - AAHP Hartman Orator

Ronald L. Kathren has been selected as the AAHP Hartman Orator and recipient of the AAHP's Radiology Centennial, Inc. (RCI) Hartman medal. RCI has

created the Centennial-Hartman medal to honor the late Glen W. Hartman, founder of the RCI. The medal will be donated to each sponsoring society for presentation to the individual selected as its principal or keynote lecturer for its Centennial observance. The AAHP, the HPS, and the AAPM will be sponsoring Hartman orators. A Hartman orator is to be a person of significant stature within the subspecialty, the society, or in close relation to the activities of the society, and able to deliver a significant lecture in terms of history, an important aspect of the present, or even new horizons in the area of radiation.

The Hartman Medal is a substantial bronze medailion, handsomely mounted to display both sides. The obverse side will bear the Centennial logo with the words "Radiology Centennial 1895-1995" running around the top and "Hartman Medal" across the bottom. The reverse side will be inscribed "Presented to [name of orator], Hartman Orator for the [name of society] 1995." The medal is not designed to be worn, but will be accompanied by an attractive certificate, both to be furnished to each participating organization free of charge by RCI. ■

Wanted: Part II Panel Members

Robert N. Cherry, Jr., CHP Vice Chair Part II Panel

The ABHP Part II Panel of Examiners needs new members (CHPs) to replace members whose terms are expiring. If you are interested in joining a group of dedicated CHPs who donate to the advancement of our profession, then please send a notice of your interest and a brief description of your areas of health physics expertise to

> Bob Cherry 1246 Everette Rd. Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010 (410)671-2303 W (410)671-9139 H (410)671-2084 FAX rcherry@aeha1.apgea.army.mil

THE CERTIFICATION YEAR AT A GLANCE

Nancy Johnson, HPS Secretariat

January 15 Late January January/February	 <u>Deadline</u> for candidates to mall application for examination Plaques and pins mailed to new CHPs The AAHP Executive Committee meets at the HPS Midyear Meeting The Part II Panel of Examiners meets at the HPS Midyear Meeting
March 1 Mid March	 Nominations due for William B. McAdams Outstanding Service Award Acceptance letters are mailed to examination candidates
Late March/	
Early April	 AAHP election ballots are mailed
Late April	 Recertification packages are mailed to all CHPs who must recertify that year
Late May/	Cotrans allocated first information is walled to avoid a second
Early June	 Entrance slips and final information is mailed to exam candidates
June	Certification maintenance fee envelopes are mailed
June/July	 The certification exam is given on the Monday of the HPS Annual Meeting
	 The ABHP Board of Directors meets at the HPS Annual Meeting
	 The AAHP Executive Committee meets at the HPS Annual Meeting
	 The AAHP Open Meeting is held at the HPS Annual Meeting*
	The AAHP William B. McAdams Outstanding Service Award is presented at the AAHP Open Masting
Late October/	Open Meeting
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Early November	The ABHP Board of Directors meets
	The Part I Panel of Examiners meets
Late November	 ABHP certification examination results are mailed

*The 1994 Academy Open Meeting will be held from 11 am - noon on Tues., June 28, in SanFrancisco, immediately following the AAHP Special Session on certification and legislative trends, from 8:30 - 11:00.

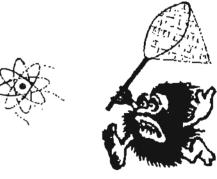
NAME THAT TUNE!

<u>I'm Looking Over an Overexposure</u> (To the tune of "Four Leafed Clover")

Ruth E. McBurney, CHP

I'm looking over an overexposure that I overlooked before; One dose is outside, The other is in... Added together, well now I can't win.

No need to tell me, it's T-E-D-E That caused that old dose to soar; Now I'm looking over an overexposure That I overlooked before.



[Atom Man says, "I'll give it an 8. It's got a good beat, and I can dance to It."]

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