

# Lake Mead Chapter Report for HPS Society Year 2008-2009

## General Information

**Official Year:** July - June

**Mailing Address:**

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**Dues Information:**

Plenary: \$20.00  
Associate: n/a  
Student: n/a  
Emeritus: n/a  
Life: n/a  
Affiliate: n/a

**Charter Date:** 1961

**Science Teacher Workshop?** no

**Collaboration with other societies?** yes

Collaborations: Women in Nuclear, Nevada section of ANS, ASCE, ASME, IEEE, ICOSE

**Web site:** <http://www.hps1.org/chapters/lm/>

## Chapter Leadership & Officers

**President:** Dixie O'Dou

**President-elect:** Jeff Tappen

**Secretary:** Gary Snodgrass (non-HPS)

**Treasurer:** Lynn Anspaugh

**Council Member:** Don Van Etten (non-HPS)

**Council Member:** Rajah Montgomery

**Council Member:** Robert Hayes

**Past President:** Steven Curtis

**Director Liaison:** Barbara Hamrick

# Chapter Incorporation & Exempt Status

**Applied for Incorporation?** no

**Applied for an Employer Identification Number?** no

**Insurance?** no

**Willing to share IRS paperwork?** yes

# Chapter Membership & Certifications

**HPS Members:** 35

**non-Members:** 50

**Total:** 85

**ABHP Certified:** 14

**NRRPT Certified:** none

# Meetings/Activities: Meetings/Activities (Aug-08 to Jul-09)

**Sep '08 Meeting Topic:** CTBT is Effectively Verifiable

Type: Technical

Speaker: David Hafemeister

Attendance: 25

**Oct '08 Meeting Topic:** Crisis Communications

Type: Technical

Speaker: Harold Denton

Attendance: 30

**Nov '08 Meeting Topic:** Will They Ever Learn?

Type: Technical

Speaker: Howard Dickson

Attendance: 30

**Dec '08 Meeting Topic:** Renovating the Panama Canal

Type: Annual, Joint

Speaker: David Ashley

Attendance: 50

**Jan '09 Meeting Topic:** Roles and Missions of the Weapons of Mass Destruction

Type: Annual, Technical, Joint

Speaker: LTC Edward Locke

Attendance: 25

**Feb '09 Meeting Topic:** Advantages of Reprocessing & Reprocessing and Proliferation Resistance

Type: Technical

Speaker: Amber Wright and Jamie Warburton

Attendance: 40

**Mar '09 Meeting Topic:**  $E=mc^2$  - Symbol of the Coming Nuclear Age

Type: Technical

Speaker: William Tucker

Attendance: 30

**Apr '09 Meeting Topic:** Death By Any Means

Type: Technical

Speaker: Dr. Leonard Kreisler M.D

Attendance: 20

**May '09 Meeting Topic:** The Discovery of Heavy Elements

Type: Annual, Social, Technical, Joint

Speaker: Ken Moody

Attendance:

## Comments

The Lake Mead Chapter had a very successful year. We were able to have a technical program every month and the attendance increased during the spring events. Our membership remains relatively inactive, but we are making inroads into attracting back to the Chapter with technical programs. In the coming year, our emphasis on increasing membership participation will be a top priority.

Our membership suffered quite a loss with the severe reduction in Yucca Mountain activities since many members moved out of town to get other jobs.

We had no candidates for elections this year, so we decided to retain the same officers for the next year. This is a direct

function of the loss of active members related to the Yucca Mountain debacle.

The Chapter was instrumental in two major outreach programs. The Nuclear Science Boy Scout Merit Badge program was very successful. We ran the first two iterations of the class in November 08 and May 09. The result was that 45 Boy Scouts earned the Nuclear Science merit badge. We are committed to supporting this event, but will go to once a year in 2010 because we have less demand because so many Scouts have received the merit badge.

Our members continue to be active in the National HPS and we have a very strong student section. In addition, we held a CHP test at our meeting room on the campus of UNLV in July 08 and will host another one in July 09.

In an effort to increase our public outreach, we have opened our monthly technical meetings to the general public. We have had a marginal success with this and it adds an average of 10 people to our attendance list.

This Chapter report was created on 8 July 2009 by Fred Baes.