

Mid-America Chapter Report for HPS Society Year 2009-2010

General Information

Official Year: January - December

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Dues Information:

Plenary: \$0.00
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Affiliate: n/a

Charter Date: 14 December 1967

Science Teacher Workshop? no

Collaboration with other societies? yes

Collaborations: Possible collaborations: Greater St. Louis Chapter, HPS, regional ANS & SNM groups, and Missouri River Valley AAPM chapter. Have also discussed collaboration with Industrial Hygiene Association local, but nothing formal has come of it this year so far. We mutually advertise meetings, though.

Web site: working on it

Chapter Leadership & Officers

President: Robert Fairchild

President-elect: Susan Masih

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Vacant

HEADER Coordinator: Robert Fairchild

Program Chair: Susan Masih

Director Liaison: Alex J. Boerner

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: 25

non-Members: 25

Total: 50

ABHP Certified: 7

NRRPT Certified: 2

Meetings/Activities:

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(Aug-09 to Jul-10)

Oct '09 Meeting Topic: Decommissioning, Dental Radiology, Education

Type: Technical

Speaker: various

Attendance: 17

Apr '10 Meeting Topic: DOT (Class 7 only) Workshop

Type: Technical, Other

Speaker: Sean Austin; Ed Maher(Pres-Elect visit)

Attendance: 29

Comments

In April we sponsored an all-day DOT refresher training workshop. We advertised it "lightly" through the chapter email and a couple other email lists. Our resulting response and attendance

was overwhelming for the area--we even had people who knew people in the chapter and decided to come in from outside of the chapter area. We also worked in the President-Elect's talk for a break from the Transportation Regulation topic. I think we saw people there who hadn't bothered coming to a meeting in "years" as well as people who are normally non-participants in professional society activities. I won't say "Build it and they will come" but I will say this was organized in line with the survey results we did last year, i.e. people were looking for local/regional workshops with topics that were pertinent to their area of use. The certification that met regulatory requirements and continuing education credits for certified individuals who needed CE credits was also a draw. I believe this was a big factor for success for this chapter event. Now we need to consider how to find other similar topics, as I believe this is the best way to grow the chapter members' interest in participating in a purely volunteer organization. Also, our secretary-treasurer effectively resigned in April for a variety of reasons. This would automatically kick in elections to rework the chapter governance this fall, but there are issues with that as well-- our President is out of the country on sabbatical, and won't return until August. With our current by-laws, there is only so much we can do to facilitate a change in officers, or any volunteer professional activity, for that matter, in this situation.

This Chapter report was created on 24 May 2010 by Susan T Masih.