

Mid-America Chapter Report for HPS Society Year 2012-2013

General Information

Official Year: January - December

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Dues Information:

Plenary: \$0.00
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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. AIHA local section is a possible, but so far only mutual meeting announcements. We occasionally colocate meetings.

Website: none

Chapter Leadership & Officers

President: Robert Fairchild

President-elect: Susan Masih

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Vacant

HDER Coordinator: Robert Fairchild

Program Chair: Susan Masih

Director Liaison: Linnea Wahl

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: Meetings/Activities (Aug-12 to Jul-13)

Oct '12 Meeting Topic: Nuclear Medicine topics; Emergency response

Type: Technical, Joint

Speaker: Joint meeting with Missouri Valley Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging

Attendance: 10

Comments

In May we tried something different in this chapter. We arranged to have an on-line, webex delivery of the DOT workshop through Dade Moeller Radiation Safety Academy. It was a first for the chapter and Dade Moeller, apparently. Since we didn't have the response to an on-ground meeting needed to get people in as we did 2 years ago, we decided to try something else. We are evaluating the results now with an eye to sponsoring short

chapter meetings using technology so that we can increase participation by HPs in the chapter geographic region in between on-ground meetings in the region. The next on Ground meeting will be in October, 2012, in the KC metro area. It is a joint meeting with the Missouri Valley Society of Nuclear Medicine. The Chapter is providing a radiation safety track for the SNM group. This is a first collaboration for these two regional professional societies. The President-Elect (Dr. Fisher) was kind enough to say he would be a plenary speaker for the meeting. Is any other chapter exploring this type of option for short get-togethers? We would be interested in comparing notes. The October meeting went well, especially considering the specialized group we were meeting with and the narrow HP topic we focused on (primarily emergency response and safety culture.) We had several nuclear medicine people come in to the radiation protection track in the afternoon, though, as we did a regulatory update for local regulators as well as the review of a regional emergency response exercise and a safety culture talk. Dr. Fisher's talk was well-received in the plenary session in the morning.

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