



Mid-America Chapter Report for HPS Society Year 2020-2021

General Information

Official Year: January - December

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Dues Information:

Full Member: \$0.00

Associate: n/a

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Life: n/a

Affiliate: n/a

Chapter Funds as of 1 May: Less than \$1,000

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 co-locate meetings.

Website: none

Chapter Leadership & Officers

President: Robert Fairchild

President-elect: Susan T Masih
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Vacant
HDER Coordinator: Robert Fairchild
Program Chair: Susan T Masih
Director Liaison: Jan Braun

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: 10
non-Members: 10
Total: 20

ABHP Certified: 7
NRRPT Certified: 2

Meetings/Activities: Meetings/Activities (Aug-21 to Jul-22)

No meetings reported.

Comments

Dec. 15, 2020-- The Midwest Chapter, HPS invited us to their HP trivia night! There were about 11 attendees total (both chapters). The topic was Medical Health Physics. It was an excellent experience for those of us attending!

October 21, 2020 Meeting. Started our Zoom platform noon "Lunch and Learn" Technically oriented hour long seminars again with the Regulatory Update session for the year. State regulators were asked to provide regulatory updates for their state. Speakers were: Becki Harisis, NE Radioactive Materials, Ben Ashman, NE X-Ray Program, James Uhlmeier, KS programs, and John Langston, MO Radiation Producing Device program. NE and KS are Agreement States, MO is not. This was a well-attended session! It, as well as the previous two meetings, are available for viewing

by chapter members on a moderated YouTube channel after the session. We did invite the Greater St. Louis chapter to join us, but am not certain if anyone was able to. They will be provided the link though. /STM

September meeting skipped so members can attend the HPS national virtual workshops.

August meeting, 2020: Down to our "normal" 8 or 9 people signing in live for the meeting. I think it is the talk topic that draws individuals, not the fact that it is a chapter meeting over lunch! I do know of several individuals who would sign in if they could, but the time slot is not a good one for their work. (Evenings are probably "inconvenient" also, but that means that we need a good solid technical talk of interest to them to get people attending.) We will Skip September as a meeting time for a technical talk because of the HPS national Virtual Workshop--encouraging individuals to join those meetings online. October is planned as a stronger interest topic for the region and we hope to draw more individuals to that./STM

2020

July 31, 2020. Our first online meeting was held July 22, 2020! A Zoom platform was used, and the President hosted it. It worked well, especially for starters, and we had 20 attendees, plus several who requested the recording as the "Lunch and Learn" format was not possible for them. (We distributed the technical talk link to seven more individuals during the next week.)

We formally invited the Greater St. Louis Chapter to join us, but we are not certain if anyone from that chapter joined the live presentation. We plan for another regional oriented talk in October that would work well with the Greater St. Louis Chapter, so we will be contacting them for that meeting.

Note: This would have been the year that an on-ground meeting time in the spring would have been organized, but the Pandemic and resulting travel issues ensured we would try to develop another method for providing regional communications within the HP group. The every other year "Radiation Safety Roundtable"--or at least a longer online meeting in the spring-- is more likely now, with this first online meeting completed. (We have hopes at least.)

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Pertinent 2019 Report section, re spring meetings:

Every other year a "Radiation Safety Roundtable" open to regional and national attendees is organized by a person affiliated with the chapter. It has been held in the Kansas City metro area, during the "traditional" time for the chapter annual meeting. This was the year for that event. We can't see asking our chapter members to come to two on-ground meetings in the year, so that is where we stand right now. Many people who were active members of the chapter attend that, but it doesn't cover all of the subspecialties present in the chapter membership.

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