

# New England Chapter Report for HPS Society Year 2012-2013

## General Information

**Official Year:** August - July

**Mailing Address:**

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**Dues Information:**

Plenary: \$10.00  
Associate: \$10.00  
Student: \$0.00  
Emeritus: \$0.00  
Life: n/a  
Affiliate: \$300.00

**Charter Date:** March 1961

**Science Teacher Workshop?** no

**Collaboration with other societies?** yes  
Collaborations: AIHA, ANS, CCHPS, AAPM

**Website:** <http://www.nechps.org/>

## Chapter Leadership & Officers

**President:** Nasser Rashidifard  
**President-elect:** Rick D'Alarcao  
**Secretary:** Vincent Chase  
**Treasurer:** Michael Whalen  
**Past President:** John Salladay  
**Admissions Chairperson:** Steven Snay  
**Publications Chair:** Steven Marsh  
**History Chairperson:** Michael Talmadge  
**Affiliates Chair:** Dave Meissner  
**Education Chair:** Haneef Sahabdeen  
**Board Member:** William Lorenzen

**Webmaster:** Vincent Chase

**Director Liaison:** Andy Miller

## **Chapter Incorporation & Exempt Status**

**Applied for Incorporation?** yes

Incorporation granted: yes

Incorporation state: Massachusetts

**Applied for an Employer Identification Number?** yes

Applied to IRS for Tax Exemption? yes

IRS tax exemption granted? yes

Type of IRS tax exemption: 501c3

Tax Exemption application done by: professional assistance

Professional assistance contract cost: (not indicated)

**Insurance?** no

**Willing to share IRS paperwork?** yes

## **Chapter Membership & Certifications**

**HPS Members:** 208

**non-Members:** 142

**Total:** 350

**ABHP Certified:** 71

**NRRPT Certified:** 8

## **Meetings/Activities:**

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**(Aug-12 to Jul-13)**

**Sep '12 Meeting Topic:** HPS President-Elect Meeting with CTCHPS

Type: Joint, Executive Council

Speaker: Darrell Fisher

Attendance: 60

**Dec '12 Meeting Topic:** Annual Vendor Social

Type: Social

Attendance: 65

**Jan '13 Meeting Topic:** CSB Invegestion Process for Root Cause

Type: Technical, Executive Council

Speaker: Mark Griffin

Attendance: 60

**Apr '13 Meeting Topic:** DOT Shipment of Radioactive Materials Refresher Class

Type: Technical

Speaker: Roy Parker

Attendance: 63

**Jun '13 Meeting Topic:** NECHPS Annual Meeting

Type: Annual

Speaker: Various

Attendance: 110

## Comments

The NECHPS is an Active Organization. Some of the current activities include: using multiple social programs to contact with our membership. We are using a LinkedIn account with 176 members currently and a mass email program called Get Response which has 208 members signed on. We are using this approach to quickly contact our membership with newsletters, meeting notices, and coordinating with aligned chapters (AIHA, ANS, AAPM..). 1. NECHPS web site: This is an on-going project to update and utilize all the options available through the internet. We asked HPS president-elect Fisher to update the HPS website to make chapter access easier which was promptly accomplished. We would like to make the chapter website a one-stop shop where members and affiliates can easily update their information, renew their membership and register for meetings. We would also like to have a secure area where we can store chapter financial records and information as well as membership and affiliate information for access by current executive board members. This is an area I believe the national HPS can help with as far as setting up a template web-site for the chapters. 2. Email Software: The chapter has purchased a subscription for mass mailing software called Get Response. This allows us to send mass emails to the membership for meeting reminders and other chapter information. This is a stop-gap measure until we can bring this functionality into the website.

3. Credit Card/Debit Card payments: The chapter has purchased an IPAD Mini and card scanner to allow the membership to prepay or pay at the door via credit or debit card. Since most facilities have Wi-Fi, the chapter doesn't incur any additional cost to process funds this way. We have gotten good response from the membership on the addition of this service.

4. Interaction with other Societies: We have been adding communication with other societies such as the ANS and AIHA to share meeting information. The NECHPS sponsored a meeting with the Honorable M. Griffon as the featured speaker. Mr. Griffin is member of the Chemical Safety Board and gave a talk on Root Cause Investigation. We did have some AIHA members in attendance. Our plan will be to have hot-links to these local chapters and notify our membership of meetings of interest from these other groups. The Chapter has developed a MOA with the ANS-NE chapter with reciprocity agreements for meetings. We have included ANS-NE hot-link information on the NECHPS web-site.

5. General Chapter Health (membership): The membership and affiliate numbers remain fairly constant. The Affiliate Member Chairperson has made some contact with vendors and we have added a couple of new affiliates. We are also looking at other areas in Health Physics where we can attract new membership. One area the chapter has been focusing on is student membership and student involvement. In my opinion, this is the best way to maintain and improve membership at both the chapter and national level. The Chapter has elected three new officers into the Board of Directors and one of their charges is better interaction with local health physics students.

6. General Chapter Health (financial): From a financial standpoint, the chapter is running with a modest negative cash flow. We are trying to keep the costs as low as possible to maintain interest and attendance. We have been discussing raising the dues for our membership but we hope to keep that for a last resort. Therefore any help from the National HPS would be greatly appreciated. I believe the local chapters can act like a conduit or liaison to/from the National society and should be vital to the long term health the Health Physics Society. We have just completed our elections during our annual meeting June 4th and Rick D'Alarcao, Ph.D. will be our new President Elect as of August 1st. Contact information is as follows: Rick D'Alarcao, Ph.D. Office: (603) 271-7578; Email: rdalarcao@dhhs.state.nh.us. I will update the officer listing after August 1st

This Chapter report was created on 29 July 2013 by John L Salladay.