

# New England Chapter Report for HPS Society Year 2013-2014

## General Information

**Official Year:** August - July

**Mailing Address:**

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**Dues Information:**

Full Member: \$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:** Vacant

**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:** Ken Krieger

## **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: self

**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-13 to Jul-14)**

**Oct '13 Meeting Topic:** Meeting with the HPS President Elect

Type: Technical, Joint, Executive Council

Speaker: Barbara Hamrick

Attendance: 61

**Dec '13 Meeting Topic:** Vendor Social

Type: Social

Speaker: Affiliate Vendor Reps

Attendance: 70

**Apr '14 Meeting Topic:** Student Symposium

Type: Technical

Speaker: graduate students of the UML presenting their work

Attendance: 30

**May '14 Meeting Topic:** NECHPS Annual Technical Symposium

Type: Annual, Technical, Executive Council

Speaker: Bill Irwin keynote, additional presentations

Attendance: 100

## Comments

The NECHPS is an Active Organization with 348 members, many new members are students from UMASS Lowell through the revitalization of their student chapter. We have fully endorsed the chapter and are providing support to them. Some of the current ongoing activities include: using multiple social media avenues to contact 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.). The website is an on-going project to update and at this point we are remaining with the current hosting through the national chapter. We are currently researching additional hosting options that would provide more tools for the executive council and the board members. A new push to manage our chapter documents includes using OneDrive by Microsoft and a chapter email address, nechps@outlook.com, to provide a single repository for everything and allow access for the executive council. The continued use of a Square Up card reader has continued to provide ease of registration for chapter members, primarily of the president elect whom is the organizer. The use of PayPal through the website will be tested on the upcoming meetings to encourage preregisters. GoToMeeting has been used to host board meetings by conference call since the distance traveled and the heavy traffic associated with the Boston area make it difficult to gather. The membership has grown slightly over the past year both in full and student members. The affiliate membership has been the same from last year. To encourage student participation the chapter hosted a student symposium this spring and had a evening of the UMASS Lowell graduate students provide a brief presentation of their

research. Due to the short notice the attendance was low but it was well received by those who did attend, plans are underway to make this event an annual occurrence. From a financial standpoint, the chapter is incurring more costs than previous years and are looking for ways to cut costs on meetings. Lower than expected meeting attendance has caused the chapter to absorb the cost of meals for "no-shows" at functions. We are currently encouraging the chapter to preregister early to ensure attendance. The chapter does have an appreciable reserve but have not yet had to use it. We have contracted an accountant to provide some audits and guidance on our taxes and tax exempt status. We have just completed our elections during our annual meeting on May 29th and Haneef Sahabdeen will be our new President Elect as of August 1st. Due to the resignation of Rick D'Alarcao from the president elect position we had a special election for president. Steven Snay is currently the president of the chapter. Contact information is as follows: Steven Snay [steven\\_snay@uml.edu](mailto:steven_snay@uml.edu) 978-934-3373 Haneef Sahabdeen [hms@ehs.umass.edu](mailto:hms@ehs.umass.edu) 413-545-5131

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