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
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’Alarcaeo 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 978-934-3373 Haneef Sahabdeen hms@ehs.umass.edu 413-545-5131

This Chapter report was created on 21 August 2014 by Nasser B Rashidifard.