New England Chapter Report for HPS
Society Year 2015-2016

General Information

Official Year: July - June

Mailing Address:
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Dues Information:
Full Member: $20.00
Associate: $20.00
Student: $0.00
Emeritus: $0.00
Life: n/a
Affiliate: $300.00
Chapter Funds as of 1 May: Over $10,000

Charter Date: March 1961

Science Teacher Workshop? no

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

Website: http://www.nechps.org/

Chapter Leadership & Officers

President: Haneef Sahabdeen
President-elect: Michael Talmadge
Secretary: Jennifer Collins (non-HPS)
Treasurer: Vincent Chase
Past President: Steven Snay
Admissions Chairperson: Erin Poitras (non-HPS)
Publications Chair: Vincent Chase
History Chairperson: Michael Talmadge
Affiliates Chair: Dave Meissner
Education Chair: Karen Farris
Board Member: James Cherniack
Webmaster: Vincent Chase
Board Member: Fred Straccia
Board Member: Matt Carey (non-HPS)

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: 501(c)(3) / 509(a)(2)
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: 204
non-Members: 90
Total: 294

ABHP Certified: 69
NRRPT Certified: 10

Meetings/Activities:
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(Aug-15 to Jul-16)

Sep ’15 Meeting Topic: Accounting for DU Spotting Rounds
Type: Technical, Joint, Executive Council
Speaker: Bob Cherry
Attendance: 50
Nov '15 Meeting Topic: NERCH / NECHPS Technical Meeting (All Day)
Type: Technical, Joint
Speaker: Various
Attendance:

Dec '15 Meeting Topic: Vendor Social
Type: Social
Speaker: Affiliate Vendor Reps
Attendance:

Apr '16 Meeting Topic: DOT Radiation Shipping Refresher Training (All Day)
Type: Technical
Speaker: Roy Parker
Attendance:

May '16 Meeting Topic: NECHPS Annual Technical Symposium (All Day)
Type: Annual, Technical, Executive Council, Other
Speaker: Various
Attendance:

Comments

We have incorporated as the non-profit NECHPS, Inc. d.b.a as New England Chapter of the Health Physics Society. We have IRS tax exempt status under 501(c)(3) and are classified as a 509(a)(2) Public Charity by the IRS. We are able to accept donations as a tax exempt entity and provide donors with IRS compliant donation reports. We will be changing the NECHPS ByLaws to add Assistant Secretary to the Treasure definition and Assistant Treasurer to the Secretary definition. This is necessary as we ran into issues with who could be signatory on various banking documents as we incorporated as a non-profit. The President-Elect will have the additional title added of "Vice President". We have secured the web addresses nechps.org, nechps.com and nechps.net. We have trademarked our logo and the letters "NECHPS". We have copyrighted NECHPS. We have assigned a Board Member to generate a password template and security question template that is consistent from administration to administration. We found that people who set up account were using personal information that was not intuitive to all members of the Executive Council. We have abandoned PayPal and Square as a methods of credit card
payment. We have consolidated all our accounts with Bank of America. We have entered into an agreement with BoA to use their Clover credit card processor, which handles credit cards with RFID chips. We are using BoA software to execute credit card payments via our website. We have obtained an office. The physical address of NECHPS, Inc is 1595 Lakeview Ave., Dracut, MA 01826. A physical address was necessary to complete the non-profit incorporation process with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Secretary of States office. All mail is still being directed to our PO Box 1404, Lowell, MA 01854. We also needed to name one of our members who lives in Massachusetts as our "Resident Agent". We have moved our membership record keeping and other document archives to Outlook.com cloud. We are looking at discontinuing our electronic newsletter. We will be putting a blog on our website instead with a link to member emails as we post new information. In April, 2016, we will be sponsoring an all-day DOT Radiation Shipping refresher training course to be taught by Roy Parker of FedEx. We are going through the FedEx training group to execute the contract. We will be charging $180 per person and not limiting the training to NECHPS members. The costs are being kept low as we are not offering the IATA manual with the training.

This Chapter report was created on 15 October 2015 by Vincent D Chase.