

North Central Chapter Report for HPS Society Year 2007–2008

General Information

Official Year: October – September

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Dues Information:

Plenary: \$10.00
Associate: n/a
Student: \$0.00
Emeritus: \$0.00
Life: n/a
Affiliate: \$25.00

Charter Date: 1959

Science Teacher Workshop? yes

Held: Periodically
Last workshop: 3/15/2008
Average number of teachers attending: 4

Collaboration with other societies? yes

Collaborations: North Central Chapter AAPM Wisconsin Association of Physics Teachers
Northland Chapter of the Society of Toxicology for the Fall 2007 Meeting

Web site: <http://hps1.org/chapters/ncc/>

Chapter Leadership & Officers

President: Mike Lewandowski

President–Elect: Dan Miron

Secretary: Kimberly Knight–Wiegert

Treasurer: Kimberly Knight–Wiegert

Council Member: Mary Ellen Jafari

Council Member: Leola DeKock (non–HPS)

Council Member: Stephen A Simpson

Council Member: David Paulu
Affiliates Chair: Chris Kessler
HDER Coordinator: Ken C. Kerns
Website Editor: Mike Lewandowski
Science Teacher Coordinator: Mike Lewandowski

Director Liaison: Lisa M. Bosworth

Chapter Incorporation & Exempt Status

Applied for Incorporation? no

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

Tax Exemption application done by: self

Insurance? no

Willing to share IRS paperwork? yes

Chapter Membership & Certifications

HPS Members: 80

non-Members: 40

Total: 120

ABHP Certified: 21

NRRPT Certified: 12

Meetings/Activities: Meetings/Activities (Aug-07 to Jul-08)

Sep '07 Meeting Topic: Reflections on the 2006 Po Poisoning Event in the UK

Type: Annual, Joint, Executive Council

Speaker: M. Bailey, R. Toohey, P. Schmidt, K. Classic, F. Entwistle, D. Hall, D. Walter

Attendance: 100

Apr '08 Meeting Topic: Spring Meeting

Type: Technical, Executive Council

Speaker: Doug Pohland, Stephen Simpson, Sander Perle, Paul Ward, Mike Lewandowski

Attendance: 35

Comments

The Chapter hosted an incredible fall (2007) topical meeting on the polonium poisoning event in the UK. We were fortunate to have Mike Bailey (UK HPA) attend and discuss the event in detail. Dick Toohey's presentations on the toxicity of polonium and on the science behind why it's so difficult for us to communicate about radiation risk were informative and engaging. The Chapter has purchased new equipment for use in science teacher workshops to be loaned out to teachers and will be using that equipment in workshops at the Wisconsin Society of Science Teacher and Minnesota Science Teacher Association meetings in March 2008. The Chapter recently used the equipment at a brief workshop in December 2007 and at both the Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers meeting and at the Minnesota Science Teacher Association meeting in March 2008. The Chapter participated in a three part seminar series televised on the Northern Lights educational television network in March, April, and May 2008. The spring technical meeting included a half day session on radiation litigation from the perspectives of an attorney, an RSO, and an expert witness. The remaining technical parts of the meeting included a presentation on shipping radioactive material and a tour of the Iowa State hazardous (including radioactive) waste collection and storage facility. Membership is steady and our plans to host the 2009 annual meeting are starting to move forward.

This Chapter report was created on 11 June 2008 by Michael Lewandowski.