

Rio Grande Chapter Report for HPS Society Year 2010-2011

General Information

Official Year: May - April

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Dues Information:

Plenary: \$15.00
Associate: n/a
Student: n/a
Emeritus: n/a
Life: n/a
Affiliate: n/a

Charter Date: 1961

Science Teacher Workshop? no

Collaboration with other societies? yes

Collaborations: ANS -- Trinity Section NM Waste Handler's
Association

Web site: <http://hpschapters.org/riogrande/>

Chapter Leadership & Officers

President: Elaine Marshall (non-HPS)

President-elect: William (Pat) Roach (non-HPS)

Secretary: Bert Morales (non-HPS)

Treasurer: Karen Barcal (non-HPS)

Board Member: Mark Miller

Board Member: Matt Griffin (non-HPS)

Past President: John Bliss

Director Liaison: Edgar D. Bailey

Chapter Incorporation & Exempt Status

Applied for Incorporation? yes

Incorporation granted: yes

Incorporation state: New Mexico

Applied for an Employer Identification Number? no

Insurance? no

Willing to share IRS paperwork? no

Chapter Membership & Certifications

HPS Members: 30

non-Members: 10

Total: 40

ABHP Certified: none

NRRPT Certified: none

Meetings/Activities:

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(Aug-10 to Jul-11)

Aug '10 Meeting Topic: Isotopes Game

Type: Social, Joint

Speaker: None

Attendance: 54

Sep '10 Meeting Topic: Pit Disassembly and Conversion Project

Type: Technical

Speaker: Kathy Pryor

Attendance: 30

Jan '11 Meeting Topic: Planning Spring Technical Meeting

Type: Executive Council

Speaker: None

Attendance: 6

Feb '11 Meeting Topic: Experiments with the Dragon Machine

Type: Joint

Speaker: Richard Malenfant
Attendance: 60

Apr '11 Meeting Topic: 2011 Spring Technical Meeting
Type: Technical
Speaker: Various
Attendance: 55

Comments

I did try to correct the Officer's Listing, but I am unable to add individuals to our pop-up listing to reflect HPS membership.

Text to accompany our report: The Rio Grande Chapter has been working hard this year to reestablish itself and maintain the momentum it gained from being the local hosts for the HPS Mid-Year meeting in 2010. The focus for the year was to make sure that chapter membership provided something to every member and we did just that.

Doesn't get much better than great weather, all you can eat hot dogs and hamburgers, and baseball. Along with our colleagues in the New Mexico Waste Handlers Association, the Rio Grande Chapter went to Isotopes Park on August 9th to watch the Isotopes play and enjoy some great camaraderie. Between the two groups, more than 50 people watched the Albuquerque Isotopes win over their opponent. Plus, our own Bob Miltenberger caught an errant foul ball!

The Rio Grande Chapter hosted national President-Elect Kathryn Pryor on September 16, 2010 at our Fall Dinner Meeting held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, NM. Ms. Pryor spoke to the almost 30 people present about the radiological design considerations with the Pit Disassembly and Conversion Project of which she has been associated.

February 25, 2011 found many of our members at the joint meeting we held with the ANS Trinity Section. Eighteen members of the RGC HPS listened to Mr. Richard Malenfant (retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory) speak about Experiments with the Dragon Machine. The history lesson was well worth the drive to Santa Fe.

On April 11, 2011, Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute

(LRRI) provided the facilities for one of our most successful Spring Technical Meetings in recent history. For this meeting, we had attendance by 3 students and 44 colleagues representing various aspects of health physics. These individuals were from LRRI, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratory, Kirtland Air Force Base, ThermoFisher Scientific, University of New Mexico, Presbyterian Hospital, the Department of Energy, the State of New Mexico's Radiological Control Bureau and Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, AW Safety Incorporated and Weston Solutions. Also present were representatives from six of our 8 affiliate members: Philotechnics, Mirion Technologies, ThermoFisher Scientific, Radiation Instruments, Bladewerx and UniTech Service Group. Quite a diverse group that came together to hear about novel activities and research being conducted by health physicists in New Mexico as well as new products and services being offered by the vendors. Several of the presentations will be posted to the chapter website by the end of April.

At the April 11, 2011 Business Meeting, elections were held. The new Board lead by President-Elect, William (Pat) Roach, is excited about the opportunities the upcoming year holds.

This Chapter report was created on 5 May 2011 by Elaine T Marshall.