



Virginia Chapter Report for HPS Society Year 2016-2017

General Information

Official Year: June - May

Mailing Address:

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Dues Information:

Full Member: \$15.00
Associate: \$0
Student: \$10.00
Emeritus: n/a
Life: n/a
Affiliate: \$150.00
Chapter Funds as of 1 May: Between \$1,000 and \$10,000

Charter Date: July 1975

Science Teacher Workshop? yes

Held: Regularly
Frequency: 4.5 day STW annually
Last workshop: July 24-28, 2017
Average number of teachers attending: 40

Collaboration with other societies? yes

Collaborations: Virginia Section of the American Nuclear Society, North American Young Generation Nuclear (NA-YGN), Women in Nuclear, Local Chapter (WIN-LC), and Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the Health Physics Society

Website: <http://hpschapters.org/vahps/>

Chapter Leadership & Officers

President: Tanya Palmateer-Oxenber

President-elect: Barbara Thompson

Secretary: Crystal Levenson

Treasurer: Bob May

Past President: Andrea Geyer

Western Council Member: Mike Welling

Central Council Member: Carl Tarantino

ANS Liaison: Eric Duvekot (non-HPS)

Science Teacher Coordinator: Carl Tarantino

Science Teacher Coordinator: Keith Welch

Director Liaison: Elizabeth Gillenwalters

Chapter Incorporation & Exempt Status

Applied for Incorporation? no

Applied for an Employer Identification Number? yes

Applied to IRS for Tax Exemption? no

IRS tax exemption granted?

Insurance? no

Willing to share IRS paperwork? no

Chapter Membership & Certifications

HPS Members: 25

non-Members: 19

Total: 44

ABHP Certified: 12

NRRPT Certified: 8

Meetings/Activities: Meetings/Activities (Aug-16 to Jul-17)

Sep '16 Meeting Topic: Planning Meeting

Type: Executive Council

Speaker: N/A

Attendance: 4

Oct '16 Meeting Topic: Planning Meeting

Type: Executive Council

Speaker: N/A

Attendance: 5

Nov '16 Meeting Topic: Fall Meeting

Type: Social, Technical, Executive Council

Speaker: Paul Riley, Virginia Commonwealth Univ and Keith Welch, Jefferson Lab

Attendance: 24

Feb '17 Meeting Topic: Annual Meeting and Officer Nominations

Type: Executive Council

Speaker: N/A

Attendance: 6

Mar '17 Meeting Topic: Annual Meeting and Officer Nominations

Type: Executive Council

Speaker: N/A

Attendance: 7

Apr '17 Meeting Topic: Annual Meeting and CHP review training, HPS President Elect Visit

Type: Annual, Social, Technical, Joint, Other

Speaker: Training: A.Geyer, R.Johnson, E.Tupin, A.Brodsky; Meeting: G.Komp, R.Johnson,

E.Abelquist, E.Tupin, J.Hiatt, A.Brodsky

Attendance: 33

Comments

We tried to have joint meeting with the VA-ANS chapter, but the ANS-HPS liaison was not responsive to emails. The VA-ANS chapter is supposed to change liaisons so that we can collaborate on at least one joint, if not two meetings with the local chapter so that we can reach as many of the HPs in the State as possible. The VA-ANS has monthly meetings that occur in Central and Western VA in addition to the Richmond area. The annual meeting was very successful this year. Dominion allowed us to use their Innsbrook Technical Center. The first day, Friday, April 28, was a CHP Parts I and II Exam Review from 8:30 to 6:00 PM with the following sessions: Andrea Geyer- Interaction of Radiation With Matter Ray Johnson - Instrumentation Ed Tupin - Transportation and Fuel Cycle Allen Brodsky - Medical Ray, Ed, and Allen members from the Baltimore-Washington Chapter assisted our Chapter and also stayed over to present the following day at our meeting. 18 attended the training session as students. We had one vendor, Mirion, attend on Friday to display instrumentation and brochures and join us for dinner. Saturday was the annual meeting that consisted of our speakers with various topics, the President-Elect's visit, and our annual business meeting and election of officers. The agenda included: Greg Komp, "A Brief Synopsis of Army Contributions to Early Health Physics and Nuclear Engineering," Ray Johnson, "Why Telling the Truth about Radiation May Not Work," Eric Abelquist, "How Radiation Protection Programs Would Be Affected If the Linear No- Threshold (LNT) Hypothesis Abandoned," Ed Tupin, "Mars Science Lab & the Nuclear Launch Approval Process," Jerry Hiatt, "Commercial Nuclear Power: Assessing & Meeting the Need," and Allen Brodsky, "Re-Building Society Membership." The Chapter received a grant from the Society Support Committee, which was a great help in putting together a meeting with so many speakers and instructors that allowed us to cover the cost of their lodging and meals. We had 29 attend the second day meeting. Two lessons learned - (1) don't schedule the

meeting on the same day as an NASCAR event in the same city. The hotels would not give us the government rate even though we planned it months in advance. Don't have the training on Friday and meeting on Saturday. The vendors will not come on Saturday for a chapter meeting. We should have had it in reverse - training on Saturday and the meeting on Friday. We count on the dues from the vendors to help support the costs of the meeting.

This Chapter report was created on 8 August 2017 by Marcia Hartman.