2020 HPS Virtual Workshop

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2020 HPS Virtual Workshop



It was a year like no other. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health Physics Society held the 2020 HPS Virtual Workshop in place of the annual meeting, 10 September–21 October. The seven-week workshop included two technical sessions and two days of PEP courses each week and featured the leading-edge education and practices only HPS can bring:

- 1. **Content** Weekly courses, specialized topics, and expert speakers.
- 2. Continuing Education Credits attending technical sessions and/or PEP courses.
- 3. **Interaction** Panel discussions and questions answered by industry experts.
- 4. **Value** Technical sessions for only \$250 for all seven weeks of content or \$50 for individual sessions. PEP courses for only \$79 each.
- 5. **Community** Bringing the HPS community together in this time of distancing!

Technical sessions and PEP courses were recorded and available for viewing at any time. Anyone who purchased a session or a PEP but could not attend in person, was able to login and see videos of the sessions purchased.

HPS Special Session on Diversity and Inclusion



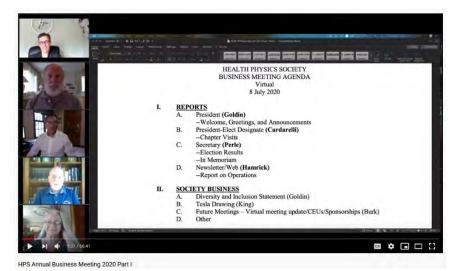
On 10 September 2020, the HPS Women in Radiation Protection Section and Membership Committee kicked off the 2020 HPS Virtual Workshop with the special session "Diversity and Inclusion." There were over 260 attendees and many actively participated throughout the session. A video of this first special session is available here.

"Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity" included three

presentations that were supplemented by a panel discussion during the second half of the session. The presenters for the session were Kendall Berry, Sidni Moore, and Bae Chu. Berry introduced earlier and current Society initiatives to increase diversity, support inclusion, and further equity within the Society. Moore presented a shocking historical account of segregation and exclusion in the field of health physics during the Manhattan Project and post-war eras and tried to answer the question of how these early experiences by African-American radiation safety specialists might still have an impact today. Chu quizzed the audience on their experience with diversity, inclusion, and equity in their respective workplaces.

For the panel discussion, the presenters were complemented by three others: Lisa Manglass, Jermiah Billa, and Michael Bellamy. Moderated by Nicole Martinez and Alex Brandl, the discussion centered on personal experience with harassment or difficulties and discomfort in the workplace or during professional functions due to personal traits.

2020 HPS First Business Meeting



The first virtual HPS business meeting was held 8 July 2020 and was attended by over 100 members. Among other items of business, new Board members were welcomed and departing Board members were thanked, President Eric Goldin announced the "HPS Statement on Diversity and Inclusion" and reminded everyone to volunteer for one of the HPS committees, the winner of the HPS Tesla raffle was announced. Presidentelect John Cardarelli invited chapters to reach out to schedule visits, names of

HPS award winners were given, and a moment of silence and remembrance was held for colleagues who passed during the last year. There was also a good deal of discussion by the attendees. A recording of the meeting <u>can be seen here</u>.

2020 HPS Second Business Meeting



HPS Second Business Meeting

The HPS held its second virtual business meeting to close out the 2019-2020 year on 16 September 2020. After a welcome from HPS President Eric Goldin, Past President Nolan Hertel shared the names of the 2020 award winners. The Secretary's Report was given by Sandy Perle, and the Treasurer's Report was given by Steve King. The meeting was then opened up to questions from the HPS members participating. The video of the meeting is now available for viewing here.

New HPS Officers and Board Members

Congratulations to the officers and Board of Directors members who took office at the 2020 HPS business meeting on 8 July. The full list of officers and Board members can be found on the <u>Leadership page</u> of the HPS website. (Submitted photos)



Treasurer Ali Simpkins



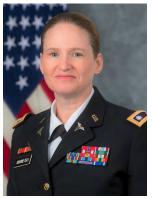
President-elect John Cardarelli



Secretary-elect Nicole Martinez



Director Kathryn Higley



Director Jama Van Horne-Sealy

2020 HPS Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2020 HPS awards. Information on HPS awards can be found on the Awards, Fellowships, and Scholarships pages of the HPS website. (Submitted photos)



John Till
Distinguished Scientific
Achievement Award



Mike Boyd
Distinguished Public
Service Award



Emily Caffrey Elda E. Anderson Award



Thomas Johnston Health Physics Honor Roll



Daniel Blumenthal Fellow



Caridad Borràs Fellow



Bill Harris Fellow



Phil Jenkins Fellow



Mike Mahathy Fellow



Chris Martel Fellow



Bob May Fellow



Tim Taulbee Fellow



Latha Vasudevan Fellow



Christian Maynard Student Science Award



Ethan Asano HPS Fellowship



Paige Witter HPS Fellowship



Keith Griffin Robert Gardner Memorial Fellowship



Suman Shrestha Robert S. Landauer, Sr., Memorial Fellowship



Joshua Hayes Burton J. Moyer Memorial Fellowship



Jordan Noey Richard J. Burk, Jr., Fellowship



Alexander Perry J. Newell Stannard Fellowship



Robert Olsen F. Ward Whicker Scholarship



Samantha Labb Dade Moeller Scholarship Award



Anna Deak Dade Moeller Scholarship Award Memorializing Kelly Austin

In Memoriam: 2019-2020

We remember the following HPS members who have died since the 2019 HPS Annual Meeting:

Steven H. AllenLeo G. FaustMichael T. RyanAllen BrodskyGlenn P. GlasgowJoseph K. SoldatRoger C. BrownRichard V. GriffithJohn C. Villforth

Mel Chew Ronald S. Hafner

2020 HPS 25-Year Members

The HPS recognizes and congratulates the following individuals who have been loyal members for a quarter century:

Richard Adams Mitch Belanger Dennis N. Brown Iulian Apostoaei Roland Benke Melanie M. Byers Rex Ayers Brian J. Bjorndal Karen M. Colucci

Douglas F. Farver Alan G. Lurie Dennis M. Schaeffer
Earl W. Fordham William J. McCabe Kenneth J. Sejkora
Debbie B. Gilley Ronald J. McConn, Jr. Philip Shaver
Kevin G. Hart Michael W. McNaughton Eric J. Simpson

Richard P. Harvey, III David Medich Claudia C. Stenstrom
Darin R. Hekkala Kevin Minter David A. Thompson
Gregory S. Hisel H. Justin Mohler Lawrence D. Thorp

Andrew Hodgdon Harry F. Palmer Hazel Upton
David G. Hoel Michael G. W. Phillips James Voss

Lane Howard Oleg Povetko Joshua P. Walkowicz

Janine F. Katanic Steven E. Rademacher Alan E. Watts Neil C. Kiely Ricardo Reyes Duane White

Janice M. Kuczynski David Rynders Michelle B. Lee Riad Safadi

2020 HPS 50-Year Members

The HPS recognizes and congratulates the following individuals who have been loyal members for a half century:

Judith D. FoulkeArnold F. JacobsonJames F. StiverStanley E. FrostNancy P. KirnerPaul S. WebbDaniel A. GollnickHenry W. MortonRobert J. Wilson

James R. Goodgame Stephen Rudin K.L. "Ken" Groves Ronald Scheele

Raymond A. Guilmette Bruce Schoenbucher

2020 HPS Section Awards

Congratulations to the following individuals who have received 2020 HPS section awards:

Military Health Physics Section

Master Sergeant Danny McClung, USA (Ret.)—2020 John C. Taschner Leadership Award
The award is intended to acknowledge outstanding (1) contributions to the profession of health physics
while in military service and (2) service to the general public that significantly contributes to the
relationship between the military, the Veterans Administration, and the health physics profession.

Mr. William "Bill" Harris, USA Civilian—2020 Superior Civilian Service Award

The award is intended to acknowledge outstanding (1) contributions to the profession of health physics while serving as a senior civil servant supporting the Department of Defense and (2) service to the general public that significantly contributes to the relationship between the military and the health physics profession.

Lieutenant Jeffery Caudill, MSC, USN—2020 Young Military Health Physicist of the Year Award The award is intended to acknowledge outstanding (1) contributions to the profession of health physics while currently serving with the military and (2) service to the general public that significantly contributes to the relationship between the military and the health physics profession.

Homeland Security and Emergency Response Section

Glen Reeves, MD—2020 Service Award

The award is intended to acknowledge outstanding (1) contributions to the profession of health physics while supporting the Society's homeland security and emergency response efforts and (2) service to the general public that significantly contributes to the relationship between the HPS and the health physics profession.

Tesla Raffle





This year the Finance Committee tried to inject a bit of fun by having the HPS raffle off a 2020 Tesla Model 3 Long Range. The raffle fundraiser was a great success, and the winner was HPS member Dennis Clum.

"My wife and I are really excited," Dennis said.
"Thirty-five years ago, both Chuck and Genevieve
Roessler were my graduate school professors and

I remember them encouraging us to become student members of the Society, touting the many benefits of membership. I never dreamed that one benefit would be winning a new car!"

Submitted photo

Baltimore-Washington Chapter







Photo courtesy of Jeff Chapman

Three members of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) from the Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the HPS (BWCHPS) met for a photo op and dinner on 1 July 2020 (left to right: Jeff Chapman, Ed Tupin, and Koressa Williams). The Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center was closed, so they moved the photo out front, sporting the HPS 2020 polos and holding the booth flag. When the LAC first met to assemble the 2020 HPS Annual Meeting, no one of course ever imagined that National Harbor would be a ghost town over the holiday weekend. BWCHPS looks forward to possible annual meetings later into the 2020s because National Harbor is such a nice place to visit.

Academic, Industrial, and Research Radiation Safety Section





Photos courtesy of AIRRS Section

The Academic, Industrial, and Research Radiation Safety Section (AIRRS) held a very successful roundtable session at the HPS 2020 Virtual Workshop. Thirteen panelists spent three hours hanging around the virtual water cooler and engaging in discussions on decommissioning/radwaste, generally licensed devices, air sampling, HP recruitment, and other miscellaneous topics. They were kept organized and on topic by Mark Linsley. Other panelists included Bryan Edwards, Steve Grimm, Ike Hall, Bryan Lemieux, Patrick McDermott, Fred Mis, Troy Prutzman, Cathy Ribaudo, Caitlin Root, Greg Sackett, Dan Szatkowski, and Carl Tarantino.

Following the roundtable, AIRRS held its annual business meeting to report on several significant accomplishments and expenditures. Despite the cancellation of many events the section intended to support, AIRRS was able to make a difference this year by funding the Public Information Committee and the virtual US Science and Engineering Festival. AIRRS continues to look for opportunities to offer grants, scholarships, career fair assistance, awards, and other outreach activities.