

# Health Physics Society Prospectus

## **An Affiliate of the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA)**

The Society is a professional organization whose mission is to promote the practice of radiation safety. Society activities include encouraging research in radiation science, developing standards, and disseminating radiation safety information. Society members are involved in understanding, evaluating, and controlling the potential risks from radiation relative to the benefits.

The activities of the Society are those appropriate to the mission including: (1) promoting cooperation and communication among people engaged in radiation safety activities within particular geographic areas and technical specialties through chapters and sections, (2) disseminating and exchanging information through scientific and professional meetings and publications, (3) encouraging scientific, professional, and public education, (4) promoting scientific research, (5) supporting the development and use of radiation safety standards, and (6) pursuing other activities appropriate to radiation safety.

The Society has approximately 6,000 members in over 40 countries and has established 48 chapters and 17 student branches throughout the United States. The membership of the Society is divided into two general subdivisions to include Voting Members and Non-Voting Members. Classes of voting membership available are Plenary, Fellow, Emeritus, and Life. Classes of non-voting membership are Associate, Student, Section, and Affiliate. Voting members are entitled to hold office in the Society. Student, Section, and Affiliate members may hold office in their respective groups. Dues are set each year by the Board of Directors. Application forms for membership are available from the Office of the Executive Secretary and should be returned to that office.

The official publications of the Society include, the journal *Health Physics*, *Operational Radiation Safety* magazine, the Health Physics Society *Newsletter*, and the *Membership Handbook*. The Society edits *Health Physics*, the official journal of the Health Physics Society, and the only journal devoted exclusively to the field of health physics. A monthly subscription to the Journal and a quarterly subscription to *Operational Radiation Safety* are included in the yearly membership dues. (All memberships are calendar year, January through December, any application received after October 1, will be processed for the following year). The Journal is available to non-members at a moderate cost. The *Newsletter* is issued monthly to all members, regardless of class. It regularly carries meeting notices, technical news, letters, book reviews, employment opportunities, and other communications from the Society. The Executive Secretary issues an official *Radiation Safety Professional's Membership Handbook* to each member in the Fall. The *Handbook* includes an alphabetical and geographical listing of all members, the By-Laws, and listings of the officers, committee members, chapters, Certified Health Physicists, Registered Radiation Protection Technologists, official position statements, and other useful information.

The Society maintains a Web Site, [www.HPS.org](http://www.HPS.org), that provides the most current information about the Society, including public education materials, official Positions of the Society, and a member's only area.

The Society is affiliated with the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA), the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP), the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP), the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP), and other Societies and institutions. As an

affiliate of IRPA, the Society lends support to the promotion of health physics activities throughout the world. As the Secretariat for ANSI Main Committee N-13 (Radiation Protection), the HPS is provided with a mechanism to contribute toward a better environment through assisting in the development of national standards reflecting good practices in radiation safety.

The Society holds an Annual Meeting each calendar year in June or July. In addition, the Society sponsors Topical Symposia in January or February each year. Information on these meetings is given in the Society's website, in the official publications, or may be obtained from the Office of the Executive Secretary. The meetings include presentations on scientific endeavors and practical experience of specialists in radiation safety and exhibits of radiation safety equipment and services. The Elda E. Anderson Award is presented each year to an outstanding young member of the Society for excellence in research or development, discovery or invention, or other significant contributions to the profession of health physics. Distinguished Scientific Achievement Awards recognize outstanding contributions of fundamental significance for the profession. Founder's Awards recognize members for exceptional contributions to the advancement of the Society or the field of radiation safety. The Robley D. Evans Commemorative Medal recognizes scientific achievement and other accomplishments as demonstrated by Professor Robley Evans. Senior members of the Society, who have made significant administrative, educational, and/or scientific contributions to the profession of health physics, are honored by awarding them the status of Fellows of the Society.

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