

# THE HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY

An Affiliate of the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA)

## PROSPECTUS

THE HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY is a professional organization whose mission is excellence in the science and 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 accomplishment of the mission including (1) promoting cooperation and communication among people engaged in radiation protection activities within particular geographical, functional, and technical areas through chapters and sections, (2) providing for the dissemination and exchange of information through scientific and professional meetings, education, and publications, (3) encouraging scientific, professional, and public education, (4) promoting scientific research, (5) encouraging and supporting the development and use of radiation protection standards and recommendations, and (6) pursuing other activities appropriate to radiation safety.

The Society has approximately 5,000 members in over 40 countries and has established 46 chapters, 13 student branches, and 8 technical sections throughout the United States. The membership of the Society is divided into two general subdivisions to include Voting Members and Nonvoting Members. Classes of voting membership available are Plenary, Fellow, Emeritus, and Life. Classes of nonvoting 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 on the Society Web site.

The official publications of the Society include the monthly journal *Health Physics*, the quarterly magazine *Operational Radiation Safety*, the monthly newsletter *Health Physics News*, and the annual publication *Radiation Safety Professional's Membership Handbook & Directory*. 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. The Journal is available to nonmembers at a moderate cost. *Health Physics News* is issued to all members, regardless of class. It regularly carries meeting notices, technical news, letters, book reviews, employment opportunities, and other Society communications. The Executive Secretary issues the official *Radiation Safety Professional's Membership Handbook & Directory* to each member in the fall. The *Handbook* includes an alphabetical and geographical listing of all members; the By-Laws; listings of the officers, committee members, chapters, certified health physicists, and registered radiation protection technologists; and other useful information. A subscription to all publications of the Society is included in the yearly membership dues. (All memberships are calendar year, January through December; any application received after 1 October will be processed for the following year).

The Society maintains a Web Site ([hps.org](http://hps.org)) that provides the most current information about the Society, including public education materials, official Positions of the Society, and the Members 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) and N-43 (radiation-producing equipment), the Society is provided with a mechanism to contribute toward good practices in radiation safety through the development of national standards.

The Society holds an annual meeting in June or July. In addition, the Society sponsors a topical symposium in January or February each year. Information on these meetings is given on the Society's Web site and in the official publications or may be obtained from the Office of the Executive Secretary. These 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. The Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award recognizes outstanding contributions of fundamental significance for the profession. The Founders Award recognizes 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. The Distinguished Public Service Award acknowledges outstanding contributions to the profession of health physics while in public service or service to the general public that significantly contributes to the relationship between the public and the health physics profession. The Outstanding Science Teacher Award honors a teacher who has made significant contributions to educating students in topics related to the field of radiation safety. The National Student Science Award recognizes outstanding contributions by students in grades 6-12 to the understanding of the applications of radiation and its impact on the environment and health. 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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54<sup>th</sup> 2009 Minneapolis, Minnesota  
55<sup>th</sup> 2010 Salt Lake City, Utah