Agenda

- Introduction
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Introduction

Purpose –
- Enhance current Chapter leader effectiveness;
- Encourage others to lead

Players –
- Howard Dickson - HPS President
- Nancy Daugherty - HPS Society Support Com.
- Chris Martel – New England Chapter
- Brett Burk - Burk & Assoc., HPS Secretariat
- Keith Dinger, Fred Baes, Reudi Berinheide, Thomas Johnston - HPS/Chapters Web pages
Resources

- Each other!
  - Chapter contacts
  - Annual Chapter Council
- HPS Web site – www.hps.org
- HPS Chapters Web page
  - Some Members Only material; encourage HPS membership!
  - Chapter forum – Share questions/ideas!
  - Chapter Web sites – What are others doing?
  - Chapter reports
Welcome to the Health Physics Society Web site, where you can find information and answers to your questions about radiation and radiation safety/protection.

For many years, ionizing radiation has been beneficial to human beings for medical diagnosis and therapy, scientific research, and generating electrical power. However, when used in unsafe ways, ionizing radiation can harm people. Care must be taken to properly use radiation and to minimize unnecessary radiation exposures.

The health physicist’s job is to manage the beneficial use of ionizing radiation while protecting workers and the public from potential hazards. The Health Physics Society is dedicated to making sure that health physicists have the information and capabilities to do this.

The Health Physics Society also has a goal of providing information for the public to assist in the understanding of the field of health physics. We invite you to explore our Web site and click on any features that might be of interest to you.

We also invite you to explore another Web site we sponsor that is dedicated to public education. This site (www.radiationanswers.org) contains objective, scientific information about radiation in a friendly, easy-to-read format.
Welcome to the Health Physics Society Chapter Support and Information Area

The Health Physics Society (HPS) is committed to supporting its chapters with information and with services where they are needed and where the Society has the resources to do so. On this page we have tried to provide links to the information chapter officers and members can use to more effectively organize and operate their chapter.

Some of the links are only accessible to HPS members, even though the only requirement is that the chapter president and president-elect be members of the Society. The links that are only accessible to HPS members are necessary to protect information and services that are provided as a benefit to HPS membership or to minimize personal information that is posted in the public access area.

Why is this chapter logo here? We will change the logo appearing on this page on a regular basis. Watch for your chapter's logo to appear here in the future.

If you do not see a link to information that you are looking for regarding chapter operations, please click here to contact the Society Support Committee via email and give us your request or comments.

General Information

- Chapter Map and Information
- Chapter Listing with Officers
- Chapter Reports
- Chapter Council
- HPS Members Only Chapter Web Site (HPS Members Only)
- President-Elect Chapter Visit Schedule (HPS Members Only)

Chapter Resources

- Chapter Contacts and Help
- Chapter Calendar
- Chapter Discussion Forum (HPS Members Only)
- Chapter Officer Description - Sample courtesy of the South Texas Chapter
- Science Support Committee Materials
- Chapter Volunteer Awards
- Videos of Technical Lectures
Chapter Map

HPS Chapters

Hover your mouse over the location nearest you for the Chapter name. Click on the Chapter location to get contact information. If the Chapter is not shown on the map, select the Chapter from the dropdown list below the map.
Chapter Contact Information

Central Rocky Mountain Chapter

915 Forest Street
Denver, CO 80220
United States
Charter Date: 1962

Web Site
http://hpschapters.org.crmchps/

Get Information
Chapter Discussion Forum

Members Only Area
Access Limited to Members • http://hps.org/membersonly/

Members Forum

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Key:  - List Messages  - Active Thread  - Create New Thread  - User Preferences

If you have ideas and suggestions for features you would like to see in this section, please use our feedback form. For a list of HPS contacts, please see our contacts page. If you encounter any problems using the “Members Only” section of our Website, please contact our Website.
Resources (continued)

- **HPS Board Liaisons** – See Chapter listing on Chapters Web site
- **Society Support Committee** – Supports:
  - Chapters
  - Sections
  - Members
- **HPS Secretariat**
  - Has time for only a limited number of questions
  - Use other resources first!
## Chapters of the Health Physics Society

The following is a listing of the Health Physics Society Chapters as of 7 June 2010. A listing of Chapter Reports may be found here.

### Alabama

**Contact Information**

Alabama Health Physics Society, ATTN: Bill Harris
AMSAM-TMC-DR
Redstone Arsenal AL 35898
United States
Web Site: [http://hpschaptehrs.org/alabama/](http://hpschaptehrs.org/alabama/)
Charter Date: 1968

**Leadership**

President: William S. Harris, Jr.
President-elect: Stephen V. Howard
Secretary: Jean Moore
Treasurer: Ralph G. Wallace
Director Liaison: Patricia L. Lee

**Officers**

Council Member: Keith Rose
Council Member: Jerry Gray
Council Member: Ann Stevens

### Lake Mead

**Contact Information**

1421 Las Vegas Lane
Las Vegas NV 89117
United States
Web Site: [http://www.hps1.org/chapters/lm/](http://www.hps1.org/chapters/lm/)
Charter Date: 1961

**Leadership**

President: Dixie O'Dou
President-elect: Jeff Tappen
Secretary: Gary Snodgrass
Treasurer: Lynn Anspaugh
Director Liaison: Barbara Hamrick

**Officers**

Council Member: Don Van Etten
Council Member: Rajah Montgomery
Council Member: Robert Hayes
Past President: Steven Curtis

### Arizona

**Contact Information**

3245 North Washington Street
Chandler AZ 85225
United States
Charter Date: February 1979

**Leadership**

President: Robert L. Metzger
President-elect: Vacant
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Vacant
Director Liaison: Barbara Hamrick

### Mid-America

**Contact Information**

Robert Fairchild, Nebraska Wesleyan University
5000 Saint Paul Avenue
Lincoln NE 68504-2794
United States
Web Site: [working on it](http://www.hps.org)
Charter Date: 14 December 1967

**Leadership**

President: Robert Fairchild
President-elect: Susan Mash
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Vacant
Governance

- Chapter charter & bylaws
  - Models available from HPS Secretariat
- HPS Rules for Chapters
  - Rule 10.1 – Chapters
  - Rule 7.3 – Chapter Council
- Chapter Student Branches
  - Enhanced vitality, mentoring, HP academic support, collaboration on meetings
  - E.g., Colorado State University Student Branch of the Central Rocky Mountain Chapter
Governance (continued)

- Chapter Volunteer Award
  - From the Chapter to its outstanding members
  - HPS Pres-elect may present
  - Recipient listed in HPS annual meeting Awards Banquet program
  - Recognize those who make your Chapter a success!
Chapter Volunteer Award

Do you have a member of your local chapter who has been the “glue” that holds the chapter together? Do you have someone who has routinely taken on additional tasks to help support the chapter? Do you have someone in your chapter who is always willing to give a talk at your meetings when others are unable or unwilling to do so? If you have answered “yes” to any of these questions, these individuals can be honored with the Chapter Volunteer Award. Presented by a local chapter to individuals in that chapter, the Chapter Volunteer Award recognizes outstanding contributions to the accomplishments and long-term success of the chapter. A plaque is prepared by the Secretariat of the Society to be given to the honoree. Also, if scheduling permits, the HPS president-elect can be available to present the award.

If you select someone to receive a Chapter Volunteer Award, the HPS Awards Committee and Secretariat need to know the recipient of the award for the following reasons:

- The Secretariat prepares the award.
- If possible, the president-elect presents the award(s) during his/her visit to the chapter.
- The Secretariat ensures Chapter Award recipients are listed in the HPS annual meeting Awards Banquet program.
Governance (continued)

- Optional, but worthwhile, documents:
  - Operating procedures
  - Officers’ handbook
  - Basic officer duties description
    - Example: South Texas Chapter
  - Officer turnover checklist
    - Develop from officer duties
    - Calendar
    - Records
    - Pertinent information
- Consider archiving on Chapter Web site
STC Officers’ Duties Description

Duties for Chapter Officers and Volunteers

This is a listing of duties and hints for incoming and potential officers and volunteers of the South Texas Chapter [STC]. Because this is a living document, please feel free to comment and to make additions and clarifications.

A common "requirement" may be to have access to the Internet, especially to email services.

President

1. One-year term
2. Officer of the Chapter
3. Presides and conducts meetings of the Chapter in accordance with the Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order
4. Develops and prepares meeting agenda before the meeting
5. President represents Chapter in all business
   a. Signs contracts
   b. Negotiates and coordinates with meeting hotel, event rooms, caterer, transportation, overnight accommodations, local attractions, and technical tours
   c. Delegates authority
6. Makes appointments to Committee Chairs
7. Calls and establishes ad-hoc committees
8. Gives State-of-the-Chapter report at the annual business meeting
9. Installs new officers
10. Designate 2 individuals to represent Chapter at National HPS Chapter Council
11. Becomes Past-President after one year

President-Elect

1. One-year term
2. Officer of the Chapter
3. Becomes president after one year
4. Attends EC meetings called by the President
5. Performs all duties delegated by the President
6. Assumes duties of the President in his absence
7. Responsible for obtaining and presenting the outgoing President’s plaque
8. Serves as Chair of the Program Committee

Secretary

1. Two-year term
2. Officer of the Chapter
3. Responsible for disposition of Chapter banner
4. Attends EC meetings called by the President
Legal/Financial

- Incorporation – **State-issued**
  - Optional, but recommended
  - Why? Taxes; defines financial authority, responsibility, liability
  - How?
    - Seek Chapter member/Internet information
    - IRS Employer Identification Number (EIN)
      - Can make incorporation easier if obtained first
      - Apply on-line
Legal/Financial (continued)

- Example: CRMC incorporation in CO
  - Web-based through Secretary of State
  - $50 fee; 1 hr of work
  - Required information –
    - Entity name, principal address, & description
    - Bylaws required by many states
    - Registered agent
    - Assets disposition if dissolved: national HPS
    - Chose non-profit status, but does not confer IRS tax-exempt status
  - Certificate issued electronically
  - Annual report/fee thereafter
Legal/Financial

- Taxes & tax-exempt status – Federal
  - 501(C)(3) – Apply on-line
  - Contact Baltimore-Washington chapter for more information
- Liabilities & insurance
- Chapter accounts
- Legal support/opinions
Communications

- Chapter news/announcements
  - Email
  - Chapter Newsletter
    - E.g., South Texas Chapter
  - *Health Physics News*

- Chapter Web site
  - Server space/assistance provided free by HPS
  - But, not managed/maintained by HPS
  - Web master: Ruediger (Ruedi) Birenheide
  - Web editor: Thomas P. Johnston, HPS volunteer
Chapter Web Sites

Once you are in the chapter report utility, you will find a link to the help and instructions page at the top of the first page and at the bottom of every page. Please read the help page if it is your first time using the report utility.

It is important to note that you must go through all five screens, even if you don’t change something on every screen, to get to the sixth screen, which is a summary of the report for your review. After reviewing the report, click on the "Complete Report" button at the bottom of the screen. If you don’t click the "Complete Report" button, the report will not get submitted.

Most problems occur on the second screen, where you change/add names for the officers. If the person you want to add is an HPS member, click the "Click Here" button at the top of the screen. You will be led through a series of screens where you can choose members who are already on the list or you can add people who aren’t there. You must add HPS members from the directory database to the list in order to put them in the report.

Any problems with the chapter report utility or requests to give members access to the chapter report utility should be addressed to the Web site associate editor for Society operations.

Chapter Web Sites

Chapter Web sites are the responsibility of each individual chapter and are not under the Society’s operation or control. However, the Society does provide, at no charge to the chapter, a server to host a chapter Web site with Webmaster support. Most chapters with Web sites take advantage of this offer.

The primary chapter Web site server provided by the Society is http://hpschapters.org/. If your chapter has a Web site on this server and you need help with your site, or if you want to inquire about establishing a new Web site on this server, contact the server Webmaster, Ruediger (Ruedi) Brenhede. Ruedi is assisted by the Web site editor, Thomas P. Johnston, who helps with the design and maintenance of chapter Web sites. There is no set limit on the size of the server space allotted to a chapter. Initially, it is set at a generous size of several hundred megabytes. However, if more space is needed, the chapter can contact the Webmaster, Ruedi, for assistance.

Web site space is also provided by the Society on server http://www.hps1.org/. However, use of this server does not include any Web site design or maintenance support. For information on using this server to host a chapter Web site, contact the Webmaster, Scott Medling.

Some chapters choose to use their own independent server provider.

Science Teacher Workshops

Resources provided by the Science Support Committee for conducting Science Teacher Workshops is provided on the Science Support Committee’s Members Only page. Access to this page requires that you be a member of the Health Physics Society.

The Science Support Committee has also placed some resources for teachers on the Teachers Gateway page, which is available in the public area.

Chapter Support and Information Area
Procedure for Setting Up HPS Chapter Online Voting

The contact for automating your chapter voting for officers, etc., is Ruediger Birenheide (ruedi@birenheide.com), the Webmaster for the Health Physics Society Chapter Website, www.hpschapters.org.

There is a standard "procedure" for HPS chapter voting pages. For chapter elections, Ruedi needs the (1) offices up for election, (2) names of candidates (write-ins can be offered as well), and (3) biographies (if you want them to appear on the site). For other types of voting, such as for rules or bylaws changes, etc., contact Ruedi, explain what you are sending for vote, and he will tell you what he needs.

In addition, Ruedi needs a list of eligible members with names and passwords (Excel file is fine). Log-in is necessary to prevent double voting or voting by nonmembers. Passwords are assigned by the chapter. They can be randomly generated by the chapter or with Ruedi’s help or they can be a chapter ID or member number already known by the chapter member. In any case, the chapter will be responsible for the members knowing their passwords.

Once Ruedi receives the complete information, he can set up a test site within about a week. A real-time vote count will available for authorized chapter administrators, and a preset shut-down date will be implemented.
How To Submit a How To Article

Submit a "How To" Article

If you have an article or description of a task that you feel would be helpful for chapters, you may submit the document in Word™ format (Word™ format only, please, since editing may be required) to the Web site associate editor for Society operations.

The associate editor will forward the article to the Society Support Committee chair for approval of posting pending copy editing. If approved pending copy editing, the Web site copyeditor will review it and make copy-editing corrections. **No substantive content changes will be made.** The copy-edited version will then be forwarded to the Society Support Committee chair and to you, the author, for final approval and posting.
Communications (continued)

- Communications with local media
  - Individuals must be authorized to speak for HPS or the Chapter!
  - HPS Web site –
    - HPS position statements
    - Ask the Expert – new and archived answers
    - RadiationAnswers – intended for lay reader
    - HPS Fact Sheet for Legislators and Regulators
Communications (continued)

- Community outreach
  - Science teacher workshops – HPS Science SC
  - Boy Scout nuclear science merit badge – Sci SC
  - Science fairs
  - School/civic organization talks
  - Science curriculum/textbook reviews
  - First responder training
  - Nuclear science cafes – Martha Dibblee, MPM-D.5
  - HPS Government Relations Program
    - Tips on Communicating with Congress
    - Congressional contacts
Science Support Committee

Welcome to the area provided to HPS chapters and members by the Science Support Committee in carrying out its responsibility to maintain and improve science and mathematics teaching. This is accomplished by developing, maintaining, and coordinating training materials for chapters to use in conducting Science Teacher Workshops (including pursuing sources of funding for workshops), providing to educators instructional materials that pertain to radiological science, providing guidance in the distribution of radiation instruments to entities requesting them for use in science education activities, and developing and maintaining a network of chapter contacts available to workshop sponsors and teachers.

The Science Support Committee recognizes that there is a lot of expertise about presenting material to science teachers at the chapter and individual level. Any individuals with material that they are willing to share are encouraged to contact a member of the committee and offer it to us. Our plan is to review the material submitted and post information that could be of use to others. If you have any questions or comments about this area please don't hesitate to contact the committee chair and director liaison.

Science Teacher Meeting Resources

The Science Support Committee has funding and materials available for Chapters to use to participate in local science teacher meetings. Additional materials will be added to this listing as they become available. Funding is available now.

- Request for funding

Science Teacher Workshop Resources

- "How To" Outline
- Timeline Chart
- Funding Support
- Obtaining Survey Meters
- Modifying CDV-700 Survey Meters for Universal Audio Output

A Guide for Presenting the Boy Scouts of America Nuclear Science Merit Badge

Science Support Committee Chapter Survey
Communications (continued)

- Reports & reporting
  - Chapter reports:
    - Update 2X/year;
    - Before HPS Annual and Midyear Meetings;
    - Update on HPS Web site by authorized officer
      - Members only login => hot link to update;
      - Easy to do!
    - Per Rule 10.1: Failure to submit for 2 years in a row, risks HPS de-activation of Chapter
    - Helps Chapter maintain historical information
Chapter Reports

A Chapter Report covers the period of the HPS Society year, which is from one annual meeting to the next. Because the dates of the annual meeting are different each year, the Chapter Report period is taken as August through July for consistency in reporting. The year in the title of the Chapter Report is the year in which the corresponding Society year ends. For example, “Chapter Report for ’07” covers the period from August 2006 through July 2007.

Alabama

- Chapter Report for ’09

Arizona

- Chapter Report for ’10
- Chapter Report for ’09
- Chapter Report for ’08
- Chapter Report for ’07

Arkansas

- Chapter Report for ’10
- Chapter Report for ’09
- Chapter Report for ’08
- Chapter Report for ’07

Atlanta

- Chapter Report for ’09
- Chapter Report for ’08
- Chapter Report for ’07

Baltimore-Washington

- Chapter Report for ’10
- Chapter Report for ’09
Chapter Meetings

- A few models that work:
  - All day meeting, twice each year
  - Two day meeting, twice each year
  - Dinner meetings, multiple per year

- Failure to hold at least one meeting a year for two consecutive years can result in the HPS Board placing the Chapter in inactive status
Successful Meetings

- Location, location, location
  - Where are most of your members located?

- Travel Time
  - Are members concentrated within a specific region to allow dinner meetings?

- Venue
  - Who will you get to speak?

- Price point
Successful Meetings

- A more spread out membership, and longer driving distances, push chapters to have overnight meetings.
- The more concentrated the membership is, the more popular are dinner meetings.
- No more than about 5 meetings per year.
Successful Meetings

- Don’t be afraid to fly in speakers if you can afford it (about $500 for expenses is probably max.).
- Many members don’t like to drive into the city at the end of the work day.
- If members are government workers they may have travel restrictions.
Successful Meetings

- Members are price sensitive. Know what that is for your membership.
  - How many are retired?
  - Typically for a dinner meeting $30 is about max.
  - All day meetings are about $75 per person.
How much should you charge?

- Know what you can afford
  - Meeting Room
  - Hors d’ouerves
  - Food
  - Dessert
  - Audio Visual equipment (a ripoff!!!)
  - Cash bar (support by affiliates?)
  - Be careful of guaranteed minimum numbers
Agenda

- Establish a plan for the year
  - Pick a theme such as dosimetry.
  - Mix it up with types of speakers to appeal to the range of your membership.
  - Don’t forget about our sister societies such as AIHA, ANS, AAPM, etc. Have joint meetings.
  - Move meeting locations around to appease different members.
  - Consider trying to attract non-members.
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Lecture 1:
Health Effects of Ionizing Radiation (video file)

Lecture 2:
Uncertainty, Variability, Bias, Error, and Blunder (video file)
Questions/Comments?
Thanks!