Academic, Industrial, and Research Radiation Safety Section Report for 2023

Official Year: July - July

Mailing Address: 3216 Caterina Lane, College Station, TX 77845

Dues: $5.00

Charter Date: June 29, 1997

Sponsor HPS special sessions or regional/topical meetings? Yes

AIRRS facilitated a virtual zoom session specifically for General Accountability Office (GAO) on February 23, 2023. This was meant for them to reach out to many of the professionals and hear their perspectives on GAO's ongoing engagement on disposition of radioactive materials.

Collaborate with other societies or HPS sections? yes

AIRRS provided a generous contribution of $2500 to the Early Career Professional Section to foster their mission and to support their efforts and endeavors. This financial donation will assist them to grow as an HPS section.

AIRRS contributed $1000 for the Mentorship committee towards the purchase of a new commercially available virtual matching platform, Mentor loop. Through the platform, members can enter areas of expertise and interest, browse, and connect with other participants, chat, schedule and attend Zoom meetings, and ask questions. The mentor matching platform will result in a more effective matching of mentors with new HPs.

Website: http://hpschapters.org/sections/airrs/

Section Members:

Officer	Name	Year
President	Latha Vasudevan	'24
Past President	Carl Tarantino	'23
Secretary/Treas.	Caitlin Root	'23
Secretary/Treas. Elect	Zachary Tribbett	'23

Officer	Name	Year
Board Member	Danny McClung	'25
Board Member	Alexander Bakken	'24
Board Member	Steven Dewey	'23
Board Member '25	Michael Martin	
Director Liaison	Angela Leek	'23

Other Meetings/Activities:

Here is a list of activities for the 2022- 23 fiscal year:

- AIRRS conducted its business meeting during the HPS annual meeting on July 21, 2022. The new officers, Zachary Tribbett Secretary/Treasurer-elect, and the two board members, Danny McClung and Michael Martin, were announced.
- AIRRS presented the award for "Outstanding Radiation Safety Program" to University of Massachusetts Lowell. The award consisted of a Plaque and complimentary registration for the representative to attend the annual meeting.
- News articles summarizing the July 2022 special session (workshop) and the business meeting content were submitted for posting on the HPS website and Health Physics News.
- AIRRS conducted board meetings via Zoom on November 9, 2022, and February 3, 2023, during the year 2022-2023. Executive meeting minutes are posted on the AIRRS section website.
- Throughout the year, several decisions and voting by section officers were facilitated through email communications.
- Facilitated virtual Zoom meeting for General Accountability Office on Feb 23, 2023. Almost 70-75 HPS/AIRRS section members participated in the meeting. Jeffrey Barron and his team presented a brief overview of GAO and their pertinent topics for discussion. Several members joined in the discussion on the disposition of disused radioactive sources. The discussion topic is posted on the AIRRS section website.
- Donated $2500 to the Early Career Professionals Section and donated $1000 to the newly formed Mentorship committee.
- As part of AIRRS section sponsorship for HPS student travel grants, the section officers reviewed the list of HPS student travel grants recipients and their presentation titles. AIRRS offered $500 each to two student grant recipients: Chandler Burgos, Purdue University, and Samuel Arnold, University of Alabama, Birmingham.

- AIRRS section implemented a new travel grant as part of the legacy initiative from Campus Radiation Safety Officers (CRSO), for HPS members in good standing to attend the annual meeting. The AIRRS executive board created new travel grant application and selection criteria.
- AIRRS section provided $1000 travel grant to two members; Ashli Nieves, an early career professional, to attend the meeting and PEP course, and Dan Strom for attending the meeting and to support the science teacher workshop hosted by the Science Support Committee
- AIRRS section balance as of Feb 28, 2023, was $72, 893.97. The HPS treasurer indicated the updated balance will be available to the section prior to the annual meeting.
- AIRRS section Business meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2023, at the Gaylord National Resort and Conference Center, 3 pm-4 pm.
- AIRRS solicited nominations for two open positions, President-Elect and one Board member, but not enough nominations were received. AIRRS decided to opt for internal voting and select the members for the vacant positions. The new officers will be announced during the business meeting.
- AIRRS continues to invite members to submit noteworthy research, projects, news items, lessons learned work experiences, regulatory updates for posting on the website.

Report prepared and submitted by: Latha Vasudevan, President

Reviewed by: Carl Tarantino, Past President

Angela Leek, HPS Director Liaison

Additional Comments/Concerns/Suggestions:

AIRRS officers invite and encourage its members to submit noteworthy information (articles, photos, video clips, links, etc.) and ideas to any section officer for posting on the AIRRS website. We want to share lessons learned, current research, and latest events in the private, academic, and industrial segments of Health Physics. AIRRS wish to enhance the use of

social media to keep members up to date on the latest technologies in the field.