Academic, Industrial, and Research Radiation Safety Section Report for 2024

Official Year: July - July

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

Dues: $6.00

Charter Date: June 29, 1997

Sponsor HPS special sessions or regional/topical meetings? No

This year AIRRS didn't facilitate any special session or regional meeting as the annual meeting of HPS is tied with IRPA. However, several AIRRS members have been attending and presenting at their individual chapter meetings.

Collaborate with other societies or HPS sections? No

AIRRS did not collaborate with any other societies or sections this year.

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

Section Members:

Officer	Name	Year
President	Latha Vasudevan	'24
President-elect	Steven Grimm	'26
Secretary/Treas.	Zachary Tribbett	'25

Officer	Name	Year
Board Member	Danny McClung	'25
Board Member	Alexander Bakken	'24
Board Member	Caitlin Root	'26
Board Member	Michael Martin	'25
Director Liaison	Angela Leek	'23

Other Meetings/Activities:

The list of activities for the 2023-‘24 fiscal year are as follows:

- AIRRS conducted its business meeting during the HPS annual meeting on July 26, 2023.
- AIRRS welcomed the new officers, Steve Grimm as president-elect and Caitlin Root as board member.
- AIRRS thanked the outgoing members Carl Tarantino and Steven Dewey. As a token of appreciation, AIRRS sent out a plaque for the outgoing president and a certificate for the board member.
- The business meeting content was submitted for posting on the HPS AIRRS section webpage
- AIRRS conducted board meetings via Zoom on November 11, 2023, and April 9, 2024, 2023, during the year 2023-2024.
- Throughout the year, several informal discussions were carried out with the board through email communications.
- As summarized in the 2023 business meeting, AIRRS will offer “Outstanding Radiation Safety Program” award and travel grants for HPS members every other year.
- This year, AIRRS formalized the “Outstanding Radiation Safety Program” award criteria and instituted an application form online.
- The selection criteria and the application form were uploaded in the AIRRS section webpage.
- AIRRS formed a small task force among the board who reviewed the applications without any bias, ranked them in order and selected the “outstanding program”.
- The Board selected “University of Utah radiation safety program” to be the winner for the 2024 award.
- AIRRS supported the representative from University of Utah radiation safety with the registration fee for attending the 2024 annual meeting.
- AIRRS will provide the plaque for the winner during their business meeting on July 11, 2024.
- 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 the following two students:

Bryanna Wattier, “Use of life cycle assessment (LCA) to advance optimization of radiological protection and safety”, Clemson University.

Yehansa Dissanayake, “Fused Filament Fabrication using Tungsten-filled Polyethylene Terephthalate Glycol for Radiation Applications”, University of Michigan.

- AIRRS section balance as of November 30, 2023, was $67, 570.22
- 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 11, 2024, at the Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando at 3:45 pm.
- AIRRS solicited nominations for two open positions, Secretary-elect and one Board member. Voting will close on June 14th. 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: AIRRS section officers

Angela Leek, HPS Board Director

Additional Comments/Concerns/Suggestions:

AIRRS section 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.