

HPS Accelerator Section – 2004 Annual Report

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Abstract: This report summarizes the activities of the HPS Accelerator Section for the 2003-2004 business year.

Annual Report to the HPS Board of Directors

Recommendations for Action

None

Section Information

The Accelerator Section of the Health Physics Society held its annual business meeting during the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Society in San Diego. At this meeting, newly elected officers were announced, and their terms began. The officers of the Section for 2003-04 are:

OFFICERS

President Bob Casey, Brookhaven National Lab
President-Elect Sayed Rokni, Stanford Linear Accelerator Lab
Past President Carter Ficklen, Jefferson Accelerator Facility
Secretary Lorraine Marceau-Day, Louisiana State University
Treasurer Marcia Torres, Argonne National Lab
Newsletter Editor Linnea Wahl, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

Directors

Stephen Butala (2006), Argonne National Lab
Ted DeCastro (2004), Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
Elaine Marshall (2005), Fermi National Accelerator Lab
Roger Sit (2005), University of North Carolina
Tosh Ushino (2004), Global Dosimetry Solutions, Inc.
Kamran Vaziri (2006), Fermi National Accelerator Lab

Treasurer's Report

As of April 30, 2003, the section account is as follows:

Accelerator
Health Physics Society
Statement Of Income & Expenses And Account Balance
For The 8 Month Period Ending April 30, 2004

ACCOUNT BALANCE 8/31/03	6,462.39
INCOME RECEIVED	
Dues from HPS Members	620.00
Contributions	0.00
Interest Income	0.00

TOTAL INCOME COLLECTED	620.00
EXPENSES PAID	
Collection & Management Fee	62.00
TOTAL EXPENSES PAID	62.00
NET INCREASE FOR YEAR	558.00
ACCOUNT BALANCE 4/30/04	7020.39

Accelerator Section Special Session and Morgan Lecturer

As has been the practice for a number of years, a special session devoted to accelerator radiation protection has been arranged for the annual meeting in Washington. The President-Elect, Sayed Rokni, coordinated the scientific program.. A full program of ten presentations covering a full morning and afternoon session is scheduled.

The Accelerator Section's nomination of Graham Stevenson for the G. William Morgan Lecturer Award at the Annual Meeting was approved by the Health Physics Society (HPS) Emeritus Committee. The Section is very appreciative of this lecturer award and the ability it creates to recognize outstanding health physicists like Dr. Stevenson. Graham recently retired from CERN where he was one of the best-known and internationally renowned health physicists in the field of high-energy accelerators. Graham will deliver the keynote address to open the Accelerator Section Special Session.

H. Wade Patterson Memorial Award

This is the second year of the H. Wade Patterson Memorial Award for the best student accelerator paper/poster presented at the annual meeting. The Patterson Award winner will receive a \$250 cash prize, a certificate and a plaque. The Award was announced in the HPS Newsletter and also distributed to the HPS student chapter advisors. Disappointingly, to this point no applications have been received. The Officers of the Board will discuss at the annual meeting how we should proceed with this matter.

Accelerator Section Newsletter

In the past year, we distributed four quarterly newsletters to the members of the Accelerator Section and other interested readers. Newsletters were distributed by e-mail and posted on the Accelerator Section website.

Newsletter contributors included accelerator radiation safety professionals from US Department of Energy laboratories, universities, and international accelerator facilities. The newsletters included special articles on regulations, recommendations, and other issues of interest to

accelerator health physicists. The officers of the Accelerator Section board of directors submitted articles on section activities such as elections, technical sessions planning, and awards.

Feedback on the newsletter was sparse but positive. There were few changes in the circulation numbers from one quarter to the next, which suggests that readers were relatively satisfied. The newsletter is reaching an international audience, as was made clear when the Dutch Radiation Protection Society (*NVS Nieuws*) requested permission to reprint Ralph Thomas's summary of his 2003 G. William Morgan Lecture.

Election of New Officers

A Nominating Committee for new officers was formed made up of the Past President, Carter Ficklen, and two previous presidents, Joe McDonald and Scott Schwahn. Ballots were distributed on June 4 for president-elect, secretary, newsletter editor, and two board members. Ballots were distributed by e-mail to all section members with e-mail. Letters or faxes were sent to those members without known e-mail addresses. The announcement of new officers will be made at the Accelerator Section business meeting at 11:45 AM, Tuesday, July 13, at the annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Mid-year Topical Meeting – 2008

The Accelerator Section board of directors is engaged in preliminary planning with the Northern California Chapter of the HPS for holding a 2008 midyear meeting on radiation-generating machines in the San Francisco Bay area. The Section would be responsible to prepare the technical program and the Chapter would coordinate the local arrangements. A proposal will be presented to the HPS Venues Committee at the Washington Annual Meeting.