

**Health Physics Society Section Report**  
Society Year: 2008-2009

**General Information**

Section Name: Accelerator Section

Official Year: July 2008-June 2009

Mailing Address: address of current section president

Dues: \$5.00

Charter Date: August 24, 1993 (revised)

Sponsorship of HPS special sessions or regional/topical meetings? Y

If Y, brief description(s): Midyears 1997 & 2008 on radiation-generating devices, professional development school 2008 on accelerator health physics

Collaboration with other societies or sections? N

If Y, brief description: NA

Web site: <http://hpschapters.org/sections/accelerator/>

**Section Leadership (for coming year, 2009-2010)**

President: Linnea Wahl (2010)

President-elect: Mike Grissom (2011)

Secretary: Mike Sandvig (2010)

Treasurer: Marcia Torres (2010)

Past President: Henry Kahnhauser (2010)

Section Council/Board Member: Mike Duran (2010)

Section Council/Board Member: Mike Singh (2010)

Section Council/Board Member: Sam Baker (2011)

Section Council/Board Member: Elsa Nimmo (2012)

Section Council/Board Member: Reg Ronningen (2012)

Section Council/Board Member: Jack Topper (2012)

Newsletter Editor: Keith Heinzelman (2010)

Other (please specify): L. Scott Walker, newsletter editor (2009); Kamran Vaziri, HPS Ask the Expert Topic Editor

HPS Board Liaison: Nolan Hertel

**Other Meetings/Activities (please describe briefly)**

In 2008-2009, the Accelerator Section

- planned a day-long Accelerator Section session at the 2009 annual meeting,
- prepared to choose two student presentations to receive the H. Wade Patterson Award at the 2009 annual meeting,
- appointed a member to serve as topic editor for the HPS Ask the Expert website,
- nominated members to receive the 2009 Morgan Lecturer Award and the Founders Award,
- nominated a deceased member to receive the 2009 Fellow Award,
- nominated members for election to the 2010 HPS board of directors,
- added a new link on the section website for accelerator-related questions,

- added a new document to the section website that describes the responsibilities of section officers,
- increased section membership to 165,
- issued three newsletters, sponsored a delegate to the 2008 IRPA12 conference,
- continued preparing ANSI N43.1 for publication, and
- maintained a strong budget with a balance of \$9583.30 after expenses.

### **Additional Comments/Concerns/Suggestions**

The Accelerator Section typically nominates a Morgan lecturer to speak for the first hour of our special session at the annual meeting. The deadline for detailed planning of the special session is before March, but the Morgan lecturers are not confirmed until May. This requires that the Morgan lecture nominees submit an abstract and start working on their hour-long presentation months before the awards announcements are made. This has created difficult situations when our nominee is not chosen as a Morgan lecturer. In this case, we have had to inform the nominee that he has wasted his time in preparing an hour-long talk and in scheduling time for the July trip, and we have had to revise the schedule of the special session with little flexibility. We request that the HPS Awards Committee discuss this issue and seek a solution to the timing conflict.

**Person completing report: Linnea Wahl, Kamran Vaziri, Henry Kahnhauser**