AIRRS Section EC Meeting

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AIRRS Section President

Primary Objectives of AIRRS

Academic, Industry, and Research Radiation Safety Section

- Disseminate information related to operational health physics and radiation safety programs
- Provide a forum for dealing with regulatory issues
- Promote professional development within radiation safety programs
- Develop consensus standards of practice for radiation safety programs
- Provide for open lines of communication between Section members

- *Encourage scientific publications dedicated to Academic, Industry, and Research Radiation Safety*

AIRRS Section Officers

- Latha Vasudevan, President ‘24
- Steven Grimm, President-elect ’26
- Zachariah Tribbett, Secretary/Treasurer ’25
- Michael Martin, Board Member’25
- Danny McClung, Board Member’25
- Alexander Bakken, Board Member’24
- Caitlin Root-Board Member’26

Activities for 2023-2024

- AIRRS conducted board meetings via Zoom on November 11, 2023, and April 9, 2024
  - Meeting minutes will be posted on the AIRRS section website
  - This year AIRRS opened up the Outstanding Radiation Safety Program Award
  - The award submission was announced in January 2024 with a due date of March 2024
  - Worked with Reudi on updating the webpage with the announcement
  - Submitted announcement through HPS news
  - Implemented new application form and criteria
  - Applications reviewed by three members (Caitlin, Danny and Steve)
  - 5 great applications
  - Winner-University of Utah Radiation Safety/Environmental Health and Safety

Congratulations!!!

- University of Utah Radiation Safety Program
- AIRRS section offers Plaque for the “outstanding radiation safety program”
- Registration fee waiver for the representative.
  - Mary J. Handy is accepting the award
- AIRRS section will organize a zoom meeting soon and will be inviting Mary Handy to present their outstanding radiation safety program details.
- Will announce that to all AIRRS section members

Activities for 2023-2024

- AIRRS decided in 2023 to alternate between travel grant and outstanding radiation safety program award.
- However, AIRRS webpage still showed travel grant announcement, and members were applying for travel grant
- Worked with Reudi to update that information to avoid confusion
- AIRRS conducted election for two new officers, secretary-elect and one board member

Welcome New Officers

- Secretary/Treasurer-elect- Alexander Bakken
- Board member- Frederick A. Monette
  - Their term starts after this meeting

Activities for 2023-2024

- **Student travel grants**
  - AIRRS reviewed HPS travel grant applicants and chose two students whose project lies closely with the AIRRS mission
    - 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 offered **$500 each** to two student grant recipients:

Annual report

- Submitted annual report July 2022-July 2023
- Will be updating webpage to include the recent annual report

Budget- AIRRS Secretary/Treasurer (as of July 2024)

Zachariah Tribbett

- AIRRS section balance through 11/30/2023
- $66,570.22
- Dues Collected = $ 492
- Recent Expenses
  - Awards = $ 183.95
  - Collection and Mgmt. Fees = $
  - Website Fees = $
  - Total Exp = $
- Comparison to Beginning of Fiscal Year ($) = $308.05

President-Elect Report-Steve Grimm

- We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to the following outgoing officers
- Alex Bakken –Board Member
  - New Secretary/Treasurer-elect
- Latha Vasudevan- President
  - Past President
- Carl Tarantino-Past President
- AIRRS to present a token for their dedicated service

Continued Initiatives….

- AIRRS will offer travel grants for HPS members to attend annual meeting every other year-travel grants will be announced for 2025
- AIRRS will continue with “ Outstanding Radiation Safety Program” award every other year-this will be announced for 2026
- AIRRS to host Special Session in the upcoming years?
- CRSO legacy Initiatives
  - Continue to offer young HP/new RSO travel grants to HPS meetings?
  - Support young HP/new RSO training course attendance
  - Conduct sessions/seminars at HPS meetings
  - Provide opportunities to promote information exchanges on matters relevant to and affecting academic, industrial, medical, and research radiation safety initiatives
  - Support Regional Roundtables
  - STEM program?
- Ideas for future initiatives

Conclusion

- AIRRS continue to build its outreach programs
  - Please update your contact information in the HPS site
- Need members to sign up for leadership roles
- Need members to share work experiences by making contributions to the AIRRS website
- Please look through HPS news for AIRRS section announcements, etc
  - Social media postings
  - AIRRS section web page
  - Section emails
- Need more applicants for travel grants next year!!
- Other thoughts??

QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
CONCERNS?
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