AIRRS Section Business Meeting

July 15, 2025

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AIRRS Section President

Academic, Industrial, and Research Radiation Safety Section

Primary Objectives:

- 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

AIRRS Section Officers

- Steven Grimm, President-elect ’26
- Zachariah Tribbett, Secretary/Treasurer ’25
- Alexander Bakken, Secretary/Treasurer-elect ’26
- Latha Vasudevan, Past-President
- Michael Martin, Board Member’25
- Danny McClung, Board Member’25
- Caitlin Root, Board Member’26
- Frederick Monette, Board Member’26
- Angela Leek, HPS Director Liaison ‘25

Major Activities for 2024-2025

- University of Utah Presentation for Outstanding Radiation Safety Program Award (December 2, 2024)
- 5 Year Financial Plan
- Travel Awards
- Annual Meeting/Special Session Planning
- Elections for AIRRS Board Vacancies

AIRRS 5 Year Financial Plan

Summary of Board Discussion:

- AIRRS Balance as of May 2025: $69,453.82
- What balance should we spend this down to?
  - AIRRS Annual Dues received ~$950
  - AIRRS current annual expenses ~$3600 (travel grants, RSO Award, student grants)
  - Suggested Goal end of 5 years is to have funds to support grants and awards for the next 10 years ($26,500)
- This gives us a spend down goal of $8,280/year

Ideas for Spend Down

Board's objective - **bulk is spent to provide a benefit for AIRRS membership**

- Most of the AIRRS balance came in a donation from the CRSO with MOU that funds be spent on:
  - Conducting Sessions/Seminars during HPS meetings
    - $$? / PEPs
  - Financial Support for young HPs/RSOs
    - HPS Meeting Grants/ CHP support/ Support for RSO training course attendance
  - Opportunities for info exchange
    - Roundtables, meetings, training courses
- Other ideas
  - Donations/ initiatives with other sections/ annual meeting events

AIRRS 5 Year Financial Plan

Next Steps:

- Form Ad-Hoc Committee
- Seek AIRRS volunteers
- Determine what can manage

Travel Grant Winners

Grant covers registration and travel expenses up to $2,000

- Gregory Gibbons
  - “Battling the Operational Health Physics Brain Drain”
  - “Operational Health Physics for Beginners: Laying the Groundwork” (PEP)
- Ninni Jacob
  - Panelist AIRRS Roundtable
- Steve Grimm
  - President AIRRS; Roundtable Moderator; Conduct AIRRS Business Meeting

Student Travel Grant

Grant award = $500

- Austin Coleman
  “Alpha on a Budget: Modifying Consumer-Grade Geiger Counters for High-Performance Detection”

- Sebastian Harding
  “Enhancing Health Physics Education Through an Interactive Radiological Survey”

Annual Meeting

- Roundtable Special Session
  - 7 panelists from 6 different institutions
  - Tried to have an AIRRS reception, instead…
  - Sponsored a refreshment break (~$480)
- Sponsored ECP Headshot Initiative (~$1,150)

2025 AIRRS Officer/Board Elections

- President-Elect - Danny McClung
- Board Member - Angela Meng

Term starts after this meeting

Outgoing Officers

We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to the following outgoing officers:

- Zach Triblett - Treasurer
    - New HPS Board/ AIRRS Liaison
- Latha Vasudevan - Past-President
- T. Michael Martin - Board Member

Other Activities

- Website
  - Latha provided updates to websites, minutes, pictures, etc.
- HPAERC
  - Reached out requesting a donation. The Board requested that HPAERC representative provide a presentation to AIRRS (available to all members) before a donation is considered.
- By Laws Amendment to increase Board Members from 3 to 4.

Coming Up ’25/‘26

- Outstanding Radiation Safety Program Award
- Spend down funds with preference towards CRSO legacy Initiatives.
- Collaborate w other HPS Sections
- HPAERC Presentation
- Enhance the use of social media to keep members up to date on the latest technologies in the field.

To-Do for AIRRS Members

- Present!! We all have a unique experience to share.
- Volunteer!! Check Newsletters for volunteer opportunities.
- Also check Newsletters for grants or award opportunities.
- Share! Submit noteworthy information (articles, photos, video clips, links, lessons learned, current research, and latest events, etc.) and ideas to any section officer for posting on the AIRRS website.