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Part II Examination Panel

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The Part II Examination Panel is appointed by the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) and is typically comprised of 25 to 30 CHPs with varied expertise encompassing the entire breadth of the health physics profession. Each member is appointed for a four-year term. The panel is charged with the task of developing, producing, and grading the Part II Exam, which includes 11 categories of questions representing five domains of practice (Measurements and Instrumentation, Standards and Requirements, Hazard Analysis and Controls, Operations and Procedures, and Fundamentals and Education).

The panel is one of the hardest-working groups, with a tight, nonnegotiable schedule. The entire process begins in September with subgroups developing four to six questions (with stock solutions) for each of the 11 categories. Questions submitted during previous years are often used as starting points.

The panel meets for two days during the Health Physics Society midyear meeting to evaluate the submitted questions. By the end of the two-day workshop, three questions from each category are selected for further consideration.

The selected questions in each category are then ranked by secret ballot by panel and ABHP board members. The chair selects the top two questions in each category for an additional QA review by select ABHP board members. A

draft of the exam is assembled and sent for a final “Wise-Person” review and comment by three senior health physicists who are experienced and familiar with the Part II Examination process.

Finally, the panel chair incorporates the comments from the “Wise-Person” review and, in conjunction with the ABHP board chair, produces the final exam.

The final task of panel members is to grade the examination, which is accomplished during August-September.

Participation on the panel is one of the most rewarding and satisfying experiences for a CHP. Apart from the obvious benefits of gaining a substantial number of continuing education points towards recertification, members derive considerable satisfaction from knowing that they have made a truly significant contribution to our profession and to the aspirations of budding CHPs. It gives members an opportunity to exchange ideas and insights with fellow panel members, many of whom they would otherwise not have met. Members not only learn a lot, but also enjoy the intellectually stimulating environment of the annual workshop and the opportunity to network with fellow members. If you are interested in participating on the panel, please indicate your interest when you submit your American Academy of Health Physics annual dues, or contact any of the panel members.



2006 Panel II Workshop Attendees, left to right, Casper Sun, Robert May, Dave Tucker, Richard Belanger, Andy Miller, Ron Mlekodaj, David Burkett, Mike Campbell, Toshihide Ushino, Tim Paul, Gus Potter (Vice Chair), Herman Cember, Jerry Thomas, Sunita Kamboj, Pat LaFrate, Krzysztof Szornel, Nora Nicholson (ABHP Board member), Wayne Gaul, Govind Rao (Chair), Daniel Menchaca; **not pictured but attending the workshop**: Camille Abboud, Jack Higginbotham (ABHP Board member); **other Panel II members not pictured**: David McLaughlin, Johnafred Thomas, Jack Buddenbaum, Christine Donahue, Jeff Vollmer, Willie Harris

