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Continuing Education Committee Activities

Jim Willison, CHP, Chair

Has it been a year already? One year ago, we set up the email address for the Continuing Education Committee to hopefully speed processing of continuing education credit requests. While some health physicists seem to resist the new-fangled process and still send (gulp) paper copies to the Secretariat, many of you have embraced the change and have used our mailbox. While we try to be responsive and our stated goal is to provide a response within three weeks for electronic submittals, occasionally responses for unusual requests take a bit longer. As I write this in mid-December, we have processed almost 250 requests for credit, many within a few days. Please keep using our email address (aahpcec@burkinc.com).

By the time this is published, the Health Physics Society (HPS) midyear meeting in Albuquerque will be just a memory. The American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) sponsored two eight-hour courses at the midyear. The first was related to the principles and applications of operational health physics and radiological engineering. The second related to stakeholder engagement and to the International Radiation Protection Association guiding principles.

The committee is looking for courses that the AAHP can sponsor for the annual HPS meeting in Salt Lake City this summer. Hopefully, by the time this is published we will already have three courses lined up. Please don't let this stop you from

contacting us if you have a good idea for a course or, even better, would like to put a course together and enlighten your fellow health physicists with an interesting topic. Instructors receive 20 CECs for their efforts in putting together an eight-hour course. In addition, there is a \$1,000 honorarium for each course.

The members of the committee for 2010 are me as chair along with Louise Buker, James Cherniak, Joe Greco, and Joel Rabovsky. Information about the committee and listings of activities that have been approved for credit are available at the Academy Web site (www.aahp-abhp.org). The Web site also contains a complete listing of the guidelines for granting continuing education credit.

Call for 2010 McAdams Award Nominations

Nora Nicholson, CHP, Secretary, ABHP

Nominations for the William A. McAdams Outstanding Service Award are due by 2 March 2010. This award is presented annually by the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) and the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) to honor a certified health physicist who has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of professionalism in health physics and to the certification process. Any member of the AAHP may submit a nomination.

More details and information on the history of the McAdams Award may be found at <http://www.hps1.org/aahp/McAdams/McAdams.html> and the nomination form at http://www.hps1.org/aahp/McAdams/McAdams_Nomination.pdf.

