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### AAHP SPECIAL SESSION AT THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

*Kyle Kleinhans, Past-President*

The American Academy of Health Physics sponsored a full-day technical session at the 2018 HPS Annual Meeting, titled “Potential Health Effects of Low Dose Radiation and The Role of Radiation Protection Professionals.”

The session consisted of twelve presentations regarding low dose radiation, including the impact on several state and federal agencies. Armin Ansari provided invaluable assistance assembling the program and co-chairing the session with me.

The twelve presentations are listed below and may be found on the following website along with previous year’s Special Session presentations

([http://www.hps1.org/aahp/public/wp\\_sessions.htm](http://www.hps1.org/aahp/public/wp_sessions.htm)):

- “Radiation Epidemiology and Low Dose Effects”, by John D. Boice, Jr., Sc.D. of the NCRP, and presented by Kathryn Held.
- “Estimating Cancer Risk at Low Doses and Dose Rates: Lessons from Dr. Land”, by Dr. David J. Pawel of the EPA.
- “What Does Radiation Biology Tell Us About Potential Health Effects at Low Dose and Low Dose Rates”, by Edouard Azzam, Ph.D. of Rutgers University.
- “Enhancing Low Dose Risk Assessment Using Mechanistic Mathematical Models of Radiation Effects” by Igor Shuryak, MD, PhD. Of Columbia University.
- “Low-Dose Radiation: Interagency Collaboration on Planning Research Could Improve Information on Health Effects” by John Neumann (Director, Natural Resources and Environment GAO).
- “Translating Science to Recommendations – NCRP CC-1” by Donald A. Cool, Ph.D.
- “Low Dose Radiation Research and Implementation of Radiation Protection Policy at the Department of Energy” by Derek Favret, CHP; Noelle Metting, Sc.D.; James Dillard, CHP; Isaf Al-Nabulsi, Ph.D.; Andrew Wallo and presented by Derek Favret and Isaf Al-Nabulsi.
- “Studies of Low Dose Health Effects Inform EPA Regulations” by Mike Boyd of the EPA.
- “The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Radiation Protection Policy and Opportunities for the Future” by Cynthia G. Jones, Ph.D. of the NRC.
- “INPO Approach for Maintaining Low Worker Dose” by Charles B. Mitchell of INPO.
- “State Radiological & Toxicological Risk Assessment and the Linear No-Threshold Perspective” by William Irwin, Sc.D., CHP of the State of Vermont.
- “The Role of Radiation Protection Professionals” by Armin Ansari, Ph.D., CHP of the CDC.

The AAHP would like to thank all of the speakers for presenting on this interesting and important topic.

In addition, thanks to Colorado State University, the session **presentations were recorded** and will be **available** at <http://maperc.mycrowdwisdom.com/diweb/catalog>. In addition, look for an upcoming special issue of the *Journal of Radiological Protection* dedicated to this AAHP session which will include written manuscripts.

**Reminder:** The 2018 CHP Salary Survey needs your input!

Find it here: <https://hps.org/membersonly/salariesurvey.cfm>

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

*Scott Schwahn, Treasurer*

This month wrapped up another budgeting and financial planning cycle, culminating with the 15 July Executive Committee approval of FY 2018-2019 budget. The budget was set at \$221,652 with an estimated gain of \$8,100.

The current values of AAHP investment accounts (as of 31 May 2018) are:

Long-Term Reserves:	\$686,726
Intermediate-term Reserves:	\$126,922
Short-Term Reserves (checking):	\$ 94,066

All values meet or exceed growth expectations and the checking account has recovered since this time last year.

The budget for FY 2017-2018 was (after mid-year supplemental spending changes) \$281,310 with an estimated deficit spending level of \$70,500. As of 30 April 2018, the deficit was approximately \$24,000. However, it should be noted that MAJOR projects this year (about \$67,950) were/are:

- ABHP Part I testing went electronic
- Applications for both parts of the ABHP exam went electronic
- On-line CEC tracking and submittal for recertification is being developed
- A new member website is being developed, which will be professionally managed
- Scanning and archival of all paper records will be performed

There are no additional major projects planned, but there is likely to be a supplemental spending request later on in the year (to start moving ABHP Part II to an electronic format).

There are some major changes for members this year regarding maintenance fees, as was discussed in the September *CHP Corner*. Details were also sent directly to members, but here's a quick summary:

- Multi-year “floating” of maintenance fees has been eliminated for easier budgeting and to comply with Generally-Accepted Accounting Principles
- Maintenance fees are paid in advance, not retroactively
- All Members (current and future) are being forgiven 1 year of fees

Finances are being “aggressively” but responsibly used for the Academy’s benefit. If you have any questions, please let me know.



### **ABHP EXAM APPLICATION REMINDER**

Applications to take either part of the 2019 ABHP examination must be completed on-line by **15 January 2019**.

The application process will go “live” in mid-November. Application information may be found [here](#).

## **HOW MAY WE CONTACT YOU?**

*Harry Anagnostopoulos, Editor*

Have you noticed? Both the HPS and AAHP have moved to electronic forms of communication. Are you missing out?

Please take a moment to **verify that your contact information** with the AAHP is correct. This can be done quickly by logging-in to the **member’s-only section** of our website.

Hey, here’s the link: <http://www.hps1.org/aahp/>

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