

**HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY DECOMMISSIONING SECTION
ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 2009**

1. Section Membership and Financial Data

Section membership has declined from 330 members to 262 members. The total dues collected in fiscal year 2009 (to date) are \$1,235.00. The Section account balance as of 5/31/09 is \$8,234.00.

2. ByLaws Revisions

The Section Officers proposed several revisions to the ByLaws that were voted on by the membership in May 2009. The revisions passed with tallied results of 76 Approve and 2 Disapprove. The revisions have been submitted to the HPS Executive Board for final approval and will subsequently be published on the HPS web site. A summary of the major revisions is as follows:

- If requested, the President of the Section or the President's designee shall make a verbal report to the Society's Board of Directors during the annual meeting of the Society and shall receive comments and suggestions from the Society Board (*added text*).
- Society Secretariat is the custodian of all monies and distributes them as directed by the Section Secretary-Treasurer (*replaces wording that allows the Secretary-Treasurer to pay all authorized bills against the Section*).
- Vacated offices will be filled by the Executive Board by appointment until the vacated office can be filled by an election conducted by ballot (*deletion of requirement for letter ballot*).
- The Executive Board membership will be reduced from 10 voting members to 7 voting members (*only one Executive Board Member will be elected each year – each serving for three Section terms*).
- The number of members required to submit a request to call an Executive Board meeting (in writing) has been reduced from five to four (*text allowing the President to call a meeting of the Executive Board remains unchanged*).
- The number of Executive Board members constituting a quorum has been reduced from five to four.
- Wording added that requires a standing committee to “inform itself of the provisions of the articles of the Charter and BYLAWS which govern the nominating procedure. A majority of the committee members shall constitute a quorum.”
- The number of members on the nominating committee has been reduced from three to two (a Chair of the committee is also still required).

- The number of nominating committee members for which an affirmative votes is needed has been reduced from three to two.
- Ballots can either be mailed or emailed (allows for email ballots to be used for elections and voting).
- A majority of the certified ballots cast is required to elect or amend officers (revised to eliminate requirement for majority of voting membership to elect or amend).

3. **2009 Election Results**

The 2009 Election results have been tallied with 58 of the 262 Section members participating. The results are as follows:

- President-Elect, Wayne Glines
- Executive Board ('12), Jack Higginbotham and David King

The officers following the HPS meeting in July will be:

David Ottley, President
 Wayne Glines, President-elect
 Jim Berger, Past President
 Sarah Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer, '10

Kim Kearfott, Executive Board, '10
 Steve Rima, Executive Board, '10
 Stephen L. Bump, Executive Board, '11
 Matt Buchholz, Executive Board, '11
 Jack Higginbotham, Executive Board '12
 David King, Executive Board '12

4. **Annual HPS Meeting**

The HPS Officers and Board members actively recruited Section members to present at the Decommissioning Session at the annual meeting in Minneapolis. Enough abstracts were submitted to hold a separate Decommissioning session. The annual Business Meeting is scheduled to be held immediately following the session (Monday, July 13 at 5:00 pm). The Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 am.

5. **State of the Section**

The Section has been relatively inactive over the past several years and an evaluation of the objectives and goals of the Section is warranted. Decommissioning activities related to DOE cleanup actions are being accelerated through Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 due to American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds. However, the pace of

DOE cleanup activities following FY2011 will be federal budget-driven and are currently unclear. D&D activities at nuclear power plants appear to be on the decline and are expected to continue to decline. Input from the Officers, Board, and membership at the annual meeting regarding the objectives, goals, and continued existence of the Section will be solicited at the 2009 Business Meeting. The Officers and Board would also like input from members as to whether to host a special session at the 2010 Annual HPS Meeting in Salt Lake City.