

Avalanche

The official newsletter of the *Cascade Chapter* of the Health Physics Society.

Spring 2007 Issue

President's Corner

The countdown has begun. With less than 2 months to go for the 2007 HPS Annual Meeting, the Cascade Chapter is now in the stretch run. For those of you who have not committed to specific tasks for the annual meeting and are planning to attend, we could still use volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, you can find more information in this newsletter. The agenda for the meeting is now set and I'm looking forward to a great meeting in Portland.

I have been contacted by a few HPS members, who are planning to attend the meeting, who have discovered that all the allotted hotel rooms at both the Doubletree (the headquarter hotel for the meeting) and the Holiday Inn (the overflow hotel for the meeting) have been booked. This sounds like we will have a well attended meeting. However, since pre-registration for the meeting does not official close until June 8th it is very likely that there are more individuals who may need some assistance in obtaining lodging. I am unfamiliar with the hotels in the convention area. If you know of other acceptable accommodations please contact Bruce Busby (bbusby@fhcrc.org) to provide him with the information so that we may add that information to the web site.

Hope to see everyone in Portland in July.

CCHPS Dues for 2007

Many people still have not paid their dues for 2007. The cost is only \$15. Benefits of membership include lowered cost of meetings, professional contacts, the *Avalanche* newsletter, and association with really great people. Please contact the chapter secretary if you are not sure if you have paid your 2007 dues.

Just as a reminder, we now have group membership available for large organizations. The cost is \$45 per year, which covers 5 people. Each person gets a subscription to the *Avalanche* and two free meetings (lunch is not included). For more information regarding group membership, please contact the chapter secretary.

Volunteers Are Needed!

We are going to need a lot of volunteers for this year's annual national HPS meeting in July. Volunteers will be needed for various events such as the 5K run, hospitality suite, receptions, information booths, and many other items. If you will be able to help out, please contact one of our volunteer coordinators, Marge Slauson (marjorie.slauson@salemhospital.org) or Terry Lindsey (Terry.D.Lindsey@state.or.us).

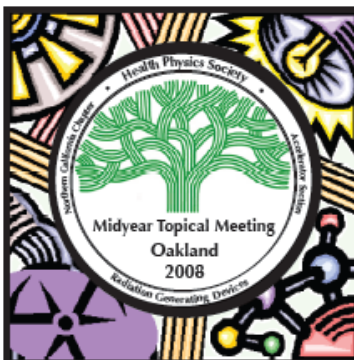
Also, if you are a LAC chair, please get volunteer needs to Terry or Marge ASAP. Minimum information needed from chairs needing volunteers is date, time, time commitment and brief task description.

2007 Fall Meeting

With the entire chapter's attention and effort devoted hosting the annual meeting, it may be only natural to take a hiatus after the annual meeting from our local chapter responsibilities. Though there are no definitive plans for our 2007 fall meeting, we will be gathering in late October or early November to celebrate a successful annual meeting. We will be returning to our typical "north" in the winter, "south" in the spring location schedule.

2008 Midyear Topical Meeting

The HPS Accelerator Section and Northern California Chapter of the Health Physics Society (HPS) are co-hosting the 2008 HPS Midyear Topical Meeting, "Radiation-Generating Devices," (January 27-30) and HPS Professional Development School, "Topics in Accelerator Health Physics," (January 31 - February 2) at the Oakland Marriott Convention Center. It is anticipated that the 2008 HPS Midyear Topical Meeting will include presentations on radiation protection for a wide variety of radiation-generating devices (including accelerators, x-ray machines, lasers and radiofrequency devices) used in research, medical, industrial and homeland security applications. More information is available at the meeting website <http://hpschapters.org/2008midyear/>.



A Call for Abstracts has also been released. If you would like to submit an abstract, please do so online via <http://hpschapters.org/2008midyear/abstracts/> by July 31, 2007.

Local Arrangements Committee Meeting

The next Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 1st in Portland. We will be making final preparations for the HPS annual meeting in July. More information will follow.

An Invitation from the Columbia Chapter

The Columbia Chapter has invited our members to their Herbert M. Parker Foundation Spring Lecture titled "Radiation: Terrorism and Public Preparedness" and a symposium titled "Radiation: Terrorism and Emergency Preparedness." Both are in Richland, WA. The lecture is on May 17th and the symposium is on May 18th. They would also like to invite members of the medical/ emergency response communities who might be interested in the topics to be discussed in the symposium.

If you would like more information about these events, please contact the chapter secretary.

Cascade Chapter Officers:

President:	John Gough
President-Elect:	Marge Slauson
Secretary:	Philip Campbell
Treasurer:	Mike Zittle
Member-at-Large:	William Tuttle

Secretary Contact Info:

Mailing Address:
Philip Campbell, ARSO
Environmental Health and Safety
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
1100 Fairview Avenue North, J3-200
PO Box 19024
Seattle, WA 98109

Email Address:
pcampbel@fhcrc.org

Phone:
(206) 667-4044