



Cascade Chapter



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2012 Fall Meeting

Hello CCHPS Members! The Fall 2012 meeting is just around the corner, and with an exciting group of speakers and some fun holiday activities planned, it is sure to be a blast! If that isn't motivation enough, there will be door prizes provided by Seltech and Mirion Technologies, Dosimetry Services Division.

Presentations

Two managers from the Washington State Department of Ecology, Dieter Bohrmann and Dan McDonald, will be giving a talk about Hanford. This will include an overview of the Hanford site, including some history and other background, followed by a presentation about current issues, particularly on the plan for treating Hanford's 56 million gallons of tank waste.

Dieter Bohrmann is the communication manager and public involvement team lead for the Washington Department of Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program in Richland. Dieter coordinates internal and external communications and serves as the program's lead media spokesperson. He also supports Ecology's outreach and education efforts on Hanford issues, and is the point of contact for the Hanford Advisory Board.

Dan McDonald is the Tank Waste Disposal Project Manager for the Department of Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program. Dan earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management at the University of La Verne, CA, and a Master of Science in Hazardous Waste Management at Idaho State University. In total, he has 22 years of experience in project management, quality assurance, and environmental management. Twelve of those years have been spent working on Hanford-related issues. Before coming to Ecology, he worked for the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and Department of Energy contractors. Currently, he oversees project work relating to Ecology's dangerous waste permit for Hanford's Waste Treatment Plant.

Isaac Bean of Boeing Metrology and Test Equipment Services will be giving a presentation titled, "Radiation Uncertainty Methods."

Meeting Details

The 2012 Fall CCHPS Meeting will be held Friday December 7, 2012 in the Capitol Room at the Olympia Red Lion Hotel, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, WA.

Agenda

- 9:00-10:00 Registration (breakfast goodies provided)
- 9:30-10:00 Executive Council Business Meeting
- 10:00-11:00 Chapter Business Meeting
- 11:00-12:00 Presentation - "Radiation Uncertainty Methods" - *Isaac Bean, Boeing Metrology and Test Equipment Services*
- 12:00-01:00 Lunch
- 1:00-3:00 Presentation - "Hanford cleanup progress and challenges" - *Dieter Bohrmann and Dan McDonald, Washington Department of Ecology, Nuclear Waste Program*
- 3:00-5:00 Christmas Party (goodies provided)

Prices for the meeting are:

	Meeting Only	Lunch & Meeting
Member	\$25	\$30
Non-member	\$35	\$40

Registration

Register for the meeting by sending an e-mail message to: cascadechapterhps@gmail.com. Please e-mail your registration by November 29th, and remember to include your lunch preference. Also remember to indicate whether you will have a guest in attendance. You may also pay your CCHPS dues at the meeting, please refer to the dues section for prices.

Menu

Breakfast

Fresh Orange, Cranberry & Apple Juices, Fresh Fruit Display, and an Assortment of Breakfast Breads with Preserves & Butter.

Lunch

Chicken Picatta – lightly breaded and pan seared with capers and lemon bierre blanc sauce, Green Beans Lyonnaise, Herb Roasted Red Potatoes, Caesar Salad, NY Style Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce.

Vegetarian Option: Portobello Mushroom Wellington - Fresh Portobello Stuffed with Roasted Vegetables, rice, and Provolone Cheese with Roast Vegetable jus.

Coffee, tea, assorted beverages.

Afternoon Break

Fresh fruit and cookies, assorted cold beverages.

Parking

Parking is available adjacent to the hotel.

Directions to the Meeting

From either North or Southbound I-5 take exit #104, US Highway 101. Take first exit, Crosby Blvd/Cooper Point Road. Off the exit turn right on Cooper Point Road. Take an immediate right onto Evergreen Park Drive. Turn right on Lakeridge Way (adjacent to Morris Business Park sign), and continue straight to the hotel entrance.

From HWY 101. Take the Crosby Blvd/Cooper Point Road Exit. Turn left over the freeway. Turn right at Evergreen Park Drive. Turn right at S. Evergreen Park Drive. Turn right into the Morris Business Park at Lakeridge Way, and continue straight to the hotel entrance.

[Click here for a map](#)

Other Events

White Elephant Gift Exchange- RAM Style

If you want to participate, bring a radiation themed gift, or a piece of generally licensed radioactive material (Fiesta ware, Vaseline glass, etc.) from your collection that you want to pass along to someone else. Typical white elephant gift exchange rules will apply.

Christmas Sweater/Tie Competition

Wear your seasonal sweater or tie, and you may win a gift card provided by Landauer, Inc. Prizes will be awarded for both best and worst, as voted by attendees.

Chapter News and Announcements

New Chapter Officers

During the Cascade Chapter's Annual Meeting in May new chapter officers were elected. Charles Croft is now the CCHPS President after serving his year as President-Elect. Charles is a Health Physicist with The Boeing Company. The new President-Elect is Phil Campbell, who is a Health Physicist with the University of Washington. Emily Caffrey, a PhD student at Oregon State University, is the new secretary. John Gough remains the chapter treasurer, and Norm Dyer is the Member-at-Large. We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to our outgoing officers, John Pickering, President, and Carl Bergsagel, secretary, for their service.

2013 Elections

The offices open for the 2013 election are President-Elect, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large. Those interested in running for one of these positions should contact John Pickering, Past President.

2013 Chapter Dues

We will be accepting payment of chapter dues for 2013. Dues for 2013 remain the same as last year: \$25 for Plenary membership, \$20 per person for Group membership, and \$12.50 for Student and Member Emeritus membership. You can pay your dues together with your meeting registration at the December 7 chapter meeting, or mail a check payable to CCHPS to the chapter secretary at the address shown below. More information about the different membership categories and the benefits of each type of membership can be found on the [CCHPS website](#).

Cascade Chapter Officers:

President:	Charles Croft
President-Elect:	Phil Campbell
Secretary:	Emily Caffrey
Treasurer:	John Gough
Member-at-Large:	Norm Dyer

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