

The President-Elect's Message
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Another annual meeting of the Health Physics Society has come and gone, and you would think that it was time for the HPS Accelerator Section officers to take a break. Well, you'd need to think again, because now we're gearing up for next summer's meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

As the section's president-elect, I'll start working soon with the 2009 HPS Program Committee to set up a special session on accelerator health physics for the Minneapolis meeting. And I hope that you'll start thinking soon about presenting at the special session. A special session needs many good abstracts and talks to draw a diverse audience. Please consider your presentation now—the deadline for submitting your abstract (typically February 1) is just around the corner. With the winter holidays approaching, wouldn't it be nice to draft your abstract early and be able to cross that off your to-do list?

A special session needs a Morgan Lecturer, a lectureship awarded to internationally known authorities on topics pertinent to the HPS. Arranging this lectureship is another task on the president-elect's list of responsibilities. Working with the section president and past president, I hope soon to identify and get approval to sponsor a Morgan Lecturer. We have so many well-qualified candidates for this award that the challenge is to choose from among them. I expect to announce in the coming months that the Accelerator Section has successfully nominated a 2009 Morgan Lecturer.

The Morgan lectureship is not the only avenue for recognizing the accomplishments of talented accelerator health physicists. The HPS honors its members in many different ways (see <http://hps.org/aboutthesociety/people/awardlist.html>), and the Accelerator Section often sponsors such awards. That's about all I can say for now, so please read future newsletters for updates and details.

I've just touched on a few of the president-elect's duties—I'm sure there's more. I have to admit that I didn't fully appreciate the efforts of the section's officers when I agreed to run for this position. Nonetheless, I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the section as president-elect. Next spring, when the Nominating Committee comes knocking, I hope you'll consider joining us Accelerator Section officers—find out for yourself what's going on!