Environmental/Radon Section
Business Meeting Minutes - July 9, 2013
Madison, Wisconsin

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Minutes
Announcement of Election Results:
- Craig Little President Elect
- Steve Brown Secretary/Treasurer
- Pat Scofield Board Member

Budget Update:
Listed below are the Section Statement of Income, Expense, and Account Balance, between 9/12/2012 – 5/31/2013:
## Statement of Income & Expense and Account Balance

**ENVIRONMENTAL - RADON SECTION (Dept 421 & 285-000)**  
**HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE AND ACCOUNT BALANCE**  
**FROM 9/1/2012 THROUGH 5/31/13**

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>BEGINNING BALANCE 8-31-12</td>
<td>$35,376.98</td>
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<td><strong>INCOME RECEIVED</strong></td>
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<td>Dues from HPS Members</td>
<td>1,866.00</td>
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<td>Contributions - General</td>
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<td>Contributions - Scholarship Fund</td>
<td>760.00</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL INCOME COLLECTED</strong></td>
<td>$2,626.00</td>
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<td><strong>EXPENSES PAID</strong></td>
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<td>Collection &amp; Management Fees</td>
<td>262.60</td>
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<td>Scholarship Fund</td>
<td>1,000.00</td>
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<td>2013 AM Travel- Pappinisseri Puthanv</td>
<td>1,475.79</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EXPENSES PAID</strong></td>
<td>$2,738.39</td>
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<td><strong>NET INCREASE (Decrease) FOR FISCAL YEAR</strong></td>
<td>(112.39)</td>
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<td><strong>ENDING BALANCE</strong></td>
<td>$35,264.59</td>
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*2012 Expenses associated with Guest Speakers: $1551.18 (Galeriu) + $942.20 (Chen) = $2493.38  
*Scholarship $1000 Fall Semester (FY 2012) and $1000 Spring Semester: $2000

**Scholarship Update:**

The scholarship for 2013/2014 was awarded to Jessica Gillis, Colorado State University. Jeff sent out letters to the awardee and non-awardees. He was very impressed with the caliber of students that applied for the scholarship. It has been very important that scholarship selection is made by the Academic Committee. Also it was discussed whether official transcripts were required or whether unofficial transcripts were adequate for the scholarship submission. It was agreed that unofficial transcripts were fine.
The Section was able to receive an additional $760 from members contributing separately to the Scholarship Fund. The question was raised that if we can obtain additional funding in this manner, is it possible to be able to award 2 scholarships per year and still maintain a healthy account balance in the upcoming years (10-20 yrs)? Sent question to Brett Burk to follow-up.

2013 Year’s Initiatives:

There were some major initiatives that the Section pursued last year – these included:

- Updated the Environmental/Radon Section Webpage: http://hpschapters.org/sections/envrad/
- First Scholarship recipient completed full year.
- Organized the Special Session for the 2013 HPS Meeting: NORM – Why the Concern? The Special Section was well attended and received. Had speakers from multiple sectors: IAEA (J. Pappisisseri Puthanveedu), EPA (P. Egidi), NYU School of Medicine (N. Harley), Environmental Consulting/Canada (D. Chambers), Student/China (R. Liu), Pennsylvania Bureau of Radiation Protection (D. Allard), and the NCRP (J. Boice).

2014 Year’s Initiatives:

Topics discussed included:

- Continue to include International speakers in Special Sessions and expand our Section focus to include issues/topics relevant to international community. Typically the Section has been focused on U.S. related issues/topics. It was suggested that Doug Chambers, Current President, champion this focus.

- The subject was raised about our Section developing a Position Paper or Fact Sheet associated with hydraulic fracturing for gas and oil production, typically known as “Fracking”. We need to talk with Debbie Gilley, Public Information Committee and talk further with Dave Allard to follow-up with on whether to pursue either a Position Paper or Fact Sheet.

Special Session Topics for 2014:

After much discussion, the Special Session topic that was selected was tentatively entitled, “Environmental Radiological Implications of Energy Sources.” It was determined that we would need 6 to 8 speakers and topics/organizations to include in this Session: International Issues, Rad/Carbon footprint of various energy sources, Oil and Gas Production, and UNSCEAR/WHO recommendations.

Anyone interested in helping Craig Little with next year’s Special Session, please let him know.

Other Topics:

- We need to post on our Section website past topics addressed in the Mid-Year and Annual Special Sessions – this way we can keep track of topics.
• Need to check on Mid-year topics to see when we could have a Mid-Year Special Session – possible topic “Environmental Health Physics.”