Minutes of the MHPS "Committee on Current Medical Health Physics Issues"
1.30 - 2.30 pm, Monday July 16, 2018, Room 12, Cleveland Convention Center

Members present*: Chris Martel (PI), Alan Jackson (PI), Terry Yoshizumi (SP), Sandy Konerth (RA), Joseph Greco (PI), Ninni Jacob (ER) and Cari Borrás (Chair)

Members on line*: Genio Silvestrini (ER), Amir Huda (SP), Steve Balter (SP) and Emily Marshall (ER)

Note: Subcommittees (SC) are identified as follows: PI=Professional Issues, SP=Scientific Publications, ER=Educational Resources, RA=Regulatory Affairs

The agenda was adopted including a request for discussion of an educational issue from S. Balter.

Report of the Committee Chair

C. Borrás summarized the work done to-date: the creation of the committee and its subcommittees, including the selection of chairs and members, and the drafting and discussion by the Committee Members of a Document “Committee on Medical Health Physics Issues: Charge and Procedures”. The document had just been discussed by the MHPS members, who eliminated the role of the Board liaison, stating that the Chairs of the Subcommittees could interact directly with the Board.

She also informed that the Committee will have its own space in the MHPS website section, which is currently being revamped, with the help of Curtis Hicks. In that space we will upload documents, membership lists, and meeting minutes.

Subcommittee Reports

Scientific Publications

Larry Dauer could not attend the meeting, but a member of his SC, Terry Yoshizumi, expressed great interest in conducting and publishing research on relevant medical health physics subjects. He also expressed the interest of another health physicist, Chu Wang, to join the SC. Since then, and with the approval of L. Dauer, C. Wang has joined.

Professional Issues

Chris Martel reported that an agreement between the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP) and the American Board of Medical Physics (ABMP) had just been reached by which the diplomates of either ABHP or ABMP, who wish to become certified by the other body, only need to take the LAST of the required exam of such body, i.e. Part 2 for ABHP and Orals for ABMP. This is extraordinarily good news!
C. Martel also reported that the Professional Developmental School got Medical Physics Continuing Education Credits (MPCECs) from CAMPEP, a factor that should entice medical physicists to attend the School. We should strive to obtain MPCECs for all the medical health physics sessions at HPS meetings.

He also told about the relationship he initiated with the CRCPD. C. Martel written Report is attached.

**Regulatory Affairs**

Mike Sheetz was not able to attend the meeting, since he was on an ACMUI teleconference, but asked C. Borrás to give the report on his behalf. As requested by the MHPS Board, the Subcommittee prepared comments on the proposed Joint Commission Standards for Fluoroscopy, which were endorsed and sent by the HPS to the TJC. He also elaborated a Standard Operating Procedures for the SC, which are attached, as they can serve as a model for the other SCs which have not written them yet.

**Educational Resources**

Glenn Sturchio did not attend the meeting either, but Ninni Jacob, a member of the Subcommittee indicated that G. Sturchio had written to all of them delineating the Action Plan. Hopefully, the SC will come up soon with a proposal requested by the MHPS Board on policies regarding testing ancillary shielding in radiology other than personal protective equipment.

S. Balter brought up the problem of the proposed radiation regulations of the City of New York, that has demanded radiation safety training for radiologists based on time, rather than basing it on a risk scale. The MHPS should prepare a guideline on how radiation safety training for physicians should be approached.

Formal adoption of the MHPS-Board revised version of the document “Charge and Procedures of the MHPS Committee on Current Medical Health Physics Issues”

The members of the Committee voted unanimously to adopt the Document. This version is attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 1.30 pm.

Submitted by Cari Borrás, D.Sc.
Chair, MHPS Committee on MHP Issues