Medical Health Physics Section
Business Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2018

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Deirdre Elder
There are currently 566 members of the Medical Health Physics Section (MHPS).

The beginning balance on September 1, 2017 was $23,387.63. The income received from dues was $2,240.00. The total expenses paid prior to the annual meeting was $674.00. There is an outstanding invoice for $1,195.70 and $3,000 is being spent on Student Travel Awards, leaving a balance of $20,767.93.

Past-President Report – Cari Borràs
The MHPS held an election by electronic vote. Bryan Lemieux has been selected as the President-Elect. Jerry Thomas and Kimberlee Jane Kearfott were elected to serve as board members. We appreciate all who volunteered to run for office and encourage them to run again next year.

President’s Report – Linda Kroger
This has been a busy year for the MHPS and the board. We sponsored a Special Session on Y-90 Microspheres at the Midyear meeting in Denver and we sponsored a special session on Emerging Diagnostic and Therapeutic Radionuclides.

The MHPS Board held bi-monthly teleconferences and submitted articles monthly to the Health Physics News. Section Rules were developed and adopted to complement the existing Bylaws. The MHPS Board provided the HPS Board with a recommendation for the IRPA task group and worked to establish a Collaboration Committee with the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM). We are also working on a joint task group with AAPM to develop a Scope of Practice document for Medical Health Physicists.

The board developed a response to the Joint Commission proposed Fluoroscopy Standards and a scientific paper for the IAEA International Conference on Radiation Protection in Medicine.

The section website has been improved but there is still work to be done. Cari Borràs will continue to work on the website and Curtis Hicks has volunteered to assist her.

The Radiation Safety Guidance for Death of Patients Containing Radioactive Therapy Sources project will continue under the guidance of Penny Leinwander. Students who previously worked on it have graduated so we are recruiting new students to finish the work.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Nominating Committee for next year’s election. ???
Criteria for Student Travel Grants
The MHPS Board agreed to continue to grant up to five travel awards of $1000 each year. The students must be enrolled in a graduate program in Health Physics, Medical Physics or a closely related field and must have an abstract on a medically related topic accepted for presentation at the annual meeting. If there are more than 5 qualified candidates, abstracts will be reviewed by the current MHPS board and awards will be given based on the merit of the scientific contribution of the material being presented.

We want to better publicize the awards to encourage more students to submit medically related abstracts. Suggestions include earlier newsletter articles, emails to the directors of the academic programs in health physics and medical physics and emails to the student members of the HPS.

President-Elect Report – John Gough
Plans for the coming year include:

- Submit a comment to The Joint Commission to suggest defining the minimum training and experience requirements that would allow a health physicist to continue testing of fluoroscopy systems.
- Continue to follow the development and implementation of new radiation therapy products such as I-131 MIBG and Ac-225.
- Maintain the Committee on Current Medical Health Physics Issues and the subcommittees.
- Participate in the 2019 Midyear meeting and the ensuing International Radiation Protection Association meeting in San Diego.
- Support outside speakers for special sessions and/or keynote speakers for the plenary session at future meetings.
- Promote the HPS/AAPM Collaboration Committee.
- Complete the upgrade of the section website.

If there are issues or topics that members would like to see addressed, they can be emailed to hpsmedsec@gmail.com. The Board will address all issues brought to their attention during bi-monthly conference calls and will continue to have a contribution every month in the HPS Newsletter.

Transfer of Presidency
The MHPS Presidency was transferred from Linda Kroger to John Gough and the meeting was adjourned.