Medical Health Physics Section Board
Teleconference Minutes
August 30, 2018

Present: John Gough, Deirdre Elder, Jerry Thomas, Linda Kroger, Kimberlee Kearfort, Steve King, Cari Borras, Kendall Berry, Felicity Beckfield

The agenda was adopted with the addition of a discussion of fluoroscopy. The minutes of the July 16 Board meeting were approved.

AAPM Collaboration – Radiation Protection Subcommittee
A meeting was held on 7/29/2018. AAPM presented a scope of practice for medical physicists that has areas of overlap with medical health physicists. The section will participate in developing a scope of practice for medical health physics. Task is to look at the QMP document and develop a separate document for Medical Health Physics. MHP is called out as a subcategory of QMP in the document. John will reach out to Mike Sheetz to clarify what is in the document that was adopted and what will be future work. John sent a copy of the Scope of Practice for Clinical Medical Physics.

The AAPM Committee on Radiation Protection is chaired by Jessica Clements. It was recommended that we develop an MOU between HPS & AAPM. Larry Dauer is the liaison from HPS to AAPM. Chris Martel suggested that AAPM works closely with CRCPD and MHPS section should also in the report from the Committee on Issues.

2019 San Diego Midyear Meeting and IRPA
Steve King reported that The IRPA meeting on Radiation Safety Culture in Medicine will be Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday, February 20 and 21, 2019. Bernard Le Guen will be a keynote speaker at midyear and working on IRPA meeting– Hoping to have a commissioner from NRC. No charge for the meeting but there will be separate registration.

Fluoroscopy Training to meet new Joint Commission Requirements
There was a suggestion made during the July 2018 Board Meeting for the MHPS to take the lead on developing online fluoroscopy training. It was decided that the Educational Materials subcommittee and Steve Balter should be asked to take the lead on this. Cari will work with the subcommittee to ensure the training meets the Joint Commission Standards and includes the terminology. The training needs to be relatively short.

Update of the MHPS Committee on Issues
Cari sent documents in advance of the meeting and they are on the website.
Decedent Project
There is no update regarding student candidates to continue the project.

Website
Curtis Hicks has done a lot of work getting links and other items added to the section website. He has requested photographs of all board members.

NCRP – Radiation Responsibility and Protection in Medicine
The meeting was held March 5 – 6, 2018 and the manuscripts for the talks are being compiled and will be published in the Health Physics Journal.

NRC Training Requirements
Bruce Thomadsen contacted Linda because NRC is discussing updating training requirements for AU, AMP and RSO. It was decided that we should get volunteers from MHPS Committee on Issues Professional Issues Subcommittee to develop recommendations to provide to NRC. Linda will send information to Cari to share with Chris Martel.

Joint Commission Fluoroscopy Standards
Linda was contacted about the standard regarding testing and evaluation of equipment. A board certified medical physicist does not need to be physically present during testing. The medical physicist must determine that an individual assisting with the testing is qualified.

Medical Health Physics Text Book, 2nd Edition
The MHPS Board received a request for financial support to publish a 2nd edition of the Medical Health Physics text book that was published in 2006 in association with the Professional Development School. The board decided that we are not able to do this and it is not under our purview,

Technical Training
Ron Leuenberger requested that the MHPS Board support providing technical training related to medical physics on the Saturday and Sunday before the HPS Annual Meeting each year. Our recommendation is that he work with the Continuing Education Committee to have these as PEPs or CELs.

Other Business
Linda sent the link to pictures from the Special Session at the annual meeting and reminded the board that the call for abstracts for the midyear came out.
Cari sent a copy of a presentation she delivered at the annual meeting of AAPM. There are 568 medical health physicists who are members of HPS compared to 190 in AAPM. Among the members of IRPA, the largest sector is medical.