



2012 WINTER NEWSLETTER

PROGRAM MEETINGS

Twenty-one members met on Thursday, October 25th, 2012, at the offices of AmeriPhysics in Knoxville. Tom Hansen presented an Introduction to Project Management for Health Physicists briefing. For a variety of good reasons, health physicists are often promoted to management positions; however, we're rarely provided the training necessary to excel in such positions. This presentation provided an overview of project management practices tailored to health physicists, including an introduction to the Project Management Professional (PMP) certification for those who are interested. Since 2006, PMP has consistently been ranked as one of the top ten certifications sought by employers.

Twenty-three members came together on Nov. 27th, 2012, at Lincoln's Sports Grille in Oak Ridge. Myra Long, CHP, provided a briefing on the ORNL Tank W-1A Removal Action. Tank W-1A site, also known as the infamous Corehole 8, was one of the primary sources of radiological contamination in the ORNL ground water. Myra's presentation discussed the various ALARA practices taken during the successful removal of the tank and the surrounding contaminated soil.

The highlight of the season came on December 6th, 2012. In a very well attended program, 194 members and guests shared company at the annual Vendors Meeting.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

2013 NRRPT Exam Prep Course

Beginning on Tuesday, January 15th, 2013, the East Tennessee Chapter of the Health Physics Society will again sponsor a preparation course for local radiation safety professionals interested in pursuing the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists [NRRPT] credential. The course will meet 5:30-8:30 p m each Tuesday evening through February 19, 2013 at the Oak Ridge Civic Center (on the Turnpike across from the Oak Ridge High School and adjacent to the Oak Ridge Public Library). A diverse group of highly experienced and qualified Chapter members have volunteered to lead the sessions --

allowing us to once again make this opportunity available free of charge to ETC-HPS Chapter members. Local radiation protection personnel interested in this opportunity are encouraged to join the Chapter (\$15 annual dues), take advantage of the course opportunity, and become involved.

Information on registration and test-taking strategies can be found at the NRRPT website (www.NRRPT.org).

Interested students who plan to attend or who would like additional information are asked to contact Chris Jones via e-mail (Chris.Jones@truproject.com) by January 11, 2013 -- We need a headcount in order to make copies of course materials and handouts.

Election of Chapter Officers

Voting continues until January 5th, 2013, for the new slate of ETCHPS officers and councilmembers. Voting can be done online (www.hpschapters.org/etchps) or by printing a ballot and mailing to **PO Box 7006, Oak Ridge, TN 37831**.

Nominations for ETCHPS and National Society Awards

Nominations are being sought to recognize chapter members for the following awards. Nominations will be accepted until January 30th, 2013. Criteria for each award can be found in Appendix A to the chapter rules (www.hpschapters.org/etchps/Chapter%20Business/rules05r2.pdf)

National Society	Elda E. Anderson Award Founders Award Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award Robley D. Evans Commemorative Medal Fellow Class Member Award
Chapter:	Volunteer Award Lifetime Achievement Award Distinguished Service Award