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Recent Events: The Passing of the Torch



The ETCHPS Annual *State of the Chapter* business meeting took place on January 14, 2020 to welcome newly elected council members and to highlight some of the chapter's accomplishments of 2019. In addition to the diverse lineup of presentations throughout the year, the members of the Chapter organized the following: the NRRPT review course, the James E. Turner Back to School Lecture Series, the annual summer picnic, and the annual Vendor's meeting. The chapter also participated in Introduce a Girl to Engineering at Y-12 and Professional Organizations Day at ORNL. Of note was the fact that ETCHPS was the only HPS chapter to donate to the ICRP initiative: Free the Annals. Distinguished awards were presented to Gary Kephart (HPS Honor Roll), Scott Schwahn (HPS Fellow), Richard Toohey (HPS Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award), and Richard Wayne Leggett (HPS Robley D. Evans Commemorative Medal). Lastly, the council introduced newly elected officials: Glenn Marshall (President), Duane Quayle (President-elect), Caitlin Root (Secretary), Kathleen Helle (Treasurer), and Justin Spence (1st Year Council).



Win a Tesla Model 3?!



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Have you been dreaming of a Model 3 Tesla (or the equivalent in cash)? Now's your chance to help out the national HPS! The HPS Tesla raffle is now open to the public and tickets are \$50 each for a 1 in 2,000 chance to win. You can visit <http://hps.org/> for more details or go to this site to try your chance at winning: <https://go.rallyup.com/hpstelsta2020/Campaign>. Best of luck!

Pandemic News

CRCPD Guidance

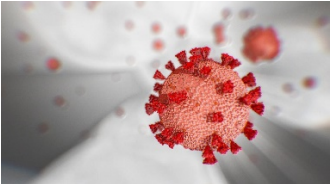


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CRCPD has established a web page as a resource on radiation control-related issues for Radiation Control Programs in response to the pandemic. In addition to the Board Statement on CRCPD response and suggested guidance on managing regulatory issues during this time, we will use the page to continually provide links to information and resources relevant to our response. <https://www.crcpd.org/page/covid-19>



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National HPS Meeting

Last week, the national HPS board made the difficult decision to cancel the annual July meeting. National members will be receiving a survey to evaluate whether to have a smaller virtual type meeting in December. The board is also looking into virtual trainings that the AAHP may approve for CECs.



ETCHPS Meeting Changes

For the foreseeable future, ETCHPS meetings will be conducted virtually. A Zoom link with instructions will go out to the membership prior to the start of the scheduled meeting.



COVID-19 Assistance

The East Tennessee Chapter is concerned about our members and our health physics community during this pandemic. For information on the COVID-19 virus and how to protect yourself, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov. Are you, or do you know a health physicist who is out of work or in need of assistance during this time? While the chapter's resources are limited, we'd like to help if we can. Our members are generous, and they also would like to help if there is an immediate need. For assistance, please send an email to easttennessee@hpschapters.org.

Schedule of Events

April 22, 2020	Chapter Meeting Location Your House! Zoom Meeting ***link will be sent prior to the meeting start Logistics, Processing, and Disposal of Radioactive Waste Speaker: Joe Heckman
May 19, 2020	Chapter Meeting Location TBD Commercial Waste Container & Liner Manufacturing Speaker: John Davis
June 16, 2020	Chapter Meeting Location TBD NRC Branch Technical Position Paper on Concentration Averaging Speaker: Duane Quayle
August 18, 2020	Chapter Meeting Location TBD Speaker: John Cardarelli, National HPS President-elect
September 2020	Chapter Picnic Location TBD
December 2020	Vendors Meeting Rothchild Catering and Conference Center