

Past president's message

HPS Election

Recently we received note from the

Accelerator Section webpage Q/A link: I should say “good news everyone!” I have been talking about our own Q/A link for the Accelerator health physics question for about a year now. Health Physics Society board of directors has accepted our proposal. An accelerator health physics category has been added to the Ask The Experts (ATE) page of the HPS webpage ([Ask The Experts](#)) There are several subcategories including radiation fields, radiation shielding, shielding materials, induced radioactivity in material media and environment media, radiation damage, instrumentation, radiation safety interlocks and questions regarding regulatory issues relevant to accelerators. I will be the Topic Editor for now. At our next board of directors meeting we will try to come up with the requirement, selection procedures and term limits for the Topic Editor. Currently, I am working on selecting experts for each subcategory. Don't be surprised if you received a Dear Expert E-mail from me. Within a month we should have the Q/A link on our webpage that connects the questioner to the accelerator health physics category of ATE.

Get Involved in the HPS at the National Level: It is well known that fresh blood, new perspectives and diversity are vital to the health of an organization. We have received a letter from the HPS nominating committee chair stating that sections, local chapters, and committees are in an excellent position to recommend candidates from diverse backgrounds. The HPS is soliciting nominations for the President-Elect, Secretary-Elect and three members of the Board of Directors. We all know people that qualify for any of these position and if elected they can do a lot of good for the HP Society. So, please ask your favorite candidate to make sure that if elected they are willing to serve. Make sure their membership is current. The responsibility of each office is described in article IV of the Society bylaws (<https://hps.org/membersonly/documents/bylaws.pdf>). Please send me ([past-president](#)) your nominations by the end of the *first week in February*. Even though the recommendations are due by April first, it takes a long time to prepare a strong package for the nominees. It requires, in addition to the CV, a good package of recommendation letters. These usually take a long time to obtain, even from the willing parties.