

**MIDWEST CHAPTER
HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY
HISTORY**



Formation of the Chapter

- Organizational meeting held on March 25, 1961, where by-laws were approved and the petition to the HPS was signed.
- Charter granted by the Health Physics Society on June 12, 1961, recognizing the Midwest Chapter.

The Health Physics Society

Certifies by this Certificate of Affiliation that a

Charter

has been granted by the Board of Directors which recognizes the
Midwest Chapter

as a duly constituted affiliate of the Health Physics Society authorized to work under the auspices of the Society as provided for in the charter of the Chapter and in accordance with the By-Laws of the Chapter; copies of both documents being on file with the Secretary of the Society.

Certified this twelfth day of June, 1961 by
authority of the President and as witnessed below.



John L. Laughlin
President

Frank L. Paschel, Jr.
Secretary

Overview of Chapter

- 48 year history

- The objectives of the Chapter are to aid in the work of the Health Physics Society, to improve dissemination of information between individuals in this field and related fields, to improve public understanding of the problems and needs in radiation protection, and to promote and improve health physics as a profession.
- Membership is established primarily for individuals in the Chicago area, but membership is also encouraged for all interested persons residing in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

Overview of Activities

- Typically, 4 general meetings are held each year, including the Annual meeting.
- General meetings normally include a social hour, dinner, and a technical speaker.
- Several meetings are held each year by the Board of Directors.
- Periodic special events or projects are sponsored that support the Chapter objectives to improve dissemination of information among health physics professionals, improve public understanding of radiation, and promote and improve health physics as a profession. These activities are administered through committees approved by the Board of Directors.

National HPS Meetings Held in Chicago with Midwest Chapter Support

- June 10-15, 1962; 7th Annual HPS Meeting, held at the Sherman House in Chicago.
- January 30-February 1, 1967; **First** HPS Topical Symposium, held at the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago.
- June 28-July 2, 1970; 15th Annual HPS Meeting, held at the Palmer House in Chicago.
- May 26-31, 1985; 30th Annual Meeting of the HPS at the Palmer House in Chicago, Illinois.

Public Outreach Activities Sponsored by the Chapter

- A “Chapter Speaker’s Bureau” was established in 1983 which was active for several years. The Bureau consisted of Chapter members willing to make presentations on radiation-related topics to lay audiences.
- Members of the Bureau gave presentations to schools, professional associations, science teachers’ organizations, hospitals, and others.

HP Certification Preparation Courses

- The Chapter's first preparation course for HP certification was taught in 1963 but was informal in nature.
- Starting in 1969 a formal curriculum was prepared and administered from December 1969 through June 15, 1970, with Harry Howe as Chair.
- Subsequent preparation courses were offered throughout the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s.

“Health Physics – A New Profession in the Atomic Age”

- 15 page pamphlet developed, printed, and distributed by the Midwest Chapter, primarily due to efforts of Robert Wynveen, Tom Steele, and Carroll Hampleman.
- Originally composed in 1965, the brochure was printed five times with a total distribution of around 11,000 copies.
- Pamphlet described the nature and potential of a career in health physics.
- A revised edition was completed in 1973 for use by the Health Physics Society and was renamed “Health Physics – A New Profession in the Nuclear Age.” The Chapter supported further revisions to the pamphlet in 1978 and 1986.

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1970 Historical Photo

- 1970 photo shows the passing of Chapter Certificate of Affiliation with the HPS from outgoing Chapter President Tom Lonergan (left) to incoming President Bill Rivkin (right). Dr. J Newell Stannard, President of the HPS, is pictured in the center.



1979 Historical Photos

- January 10, 1979, photo of Frazier Bronson, Chapter President and photo of Chapter member McLouis Robinet and his wife Harriet. Mac Robinet's activities with the Chapter included the positions of Treasurer in 1970 and board member for years 1981, 82, and 88.



1980 Historical Photo

- May 28, 1980, Photo of the outgoing 1979/80 officers and board members. From left to right, John Novak, Thomas Essig, Edward Jascewsky, Jacob Sedlet, Cindy Boggs-Mayes, Roger Mayes, and William V. Lipton.



1980 Historical Photo

- May 28, 1980, Photo of incoming officers for the 1980/81 year. From left to right, Richard Holtzman (Treasurer), David W. Miller (President Elect) , Edward Jascewsky (President), and Kit Weaver (Secretary).



2002 Historical Photo

- May 23, 2002, photo taken at Chapter Annual Meeting. From left to right are Dave Derenzo, Chapter President-Elect, John Frazier, President-Elect of the HPS, and Bruce Murdoch, Chapter President.



2002 Historical Photo

- October 30, 2002, photo taken at meeting featuring Herman Cember as speaker. From left to right are: Bill Rivkin, Jasques Ovadia, Herman Cember, Dave Derenzo, Dick Holtzman, Marilyn Holtzman, and Silvia Cember.



Chapter Presidents

- 1961 - Robert V. Wheeler
- 1962 - Robert K. Clark
- 1963 - John R. Novak
- 1964 - William A. Brobst
- 1965 - Lawrence H. Lanzl
- 1966 - John H. Pingel
- 1967 - Paul L. Ziemer
- 1968 - Carroll D. Hampleman
- 1969 - G. Tom Lonergan
- 1970 - William B. Rivkin
- 1971 - Jerome A. Halperin
- 1972 - Jacques Ovadia
- 1973 - Harold J. Moe
- 1974 - Pete Tedeschi
- 1975 - Herman Cember
- 1976 - William E. Twaler
- 1977 - Mary Goodkind
- 1978 - Frazier Bronson
- 1979 - Jacob Sedlet
- 1980 - Edward Jascewsky
- 1981 - David W. Miller
- 1982 - Richard R. Holtzman
- 1983 - Kit T. Weaver
- 1984 - Richard E. Toohey
- 1985 - Paul M. Neeson
- 1986 - Larry W. Jensen
- 1987 - Lee Booth
- 1988 - Cindy Boggs
- 1989 - Stephen Butala
- 1990 - John Brtis
- 1991 - Christine Klimczak
- 1992 - Eric Zickgraf
- 1993 - Paul T. Ward
- 1994 - John K. Van Horn
- 1995 - John Rich
- 1996 - Deborah Robinson
- 1997 - Edward Semones
- 1998 - Paul M. Neeson
- 1999 - Paul M. Neeson
- 2000 - Leroy Booth (thru August)
- 2000 - Kit T. Weaver
- 2001 - Bruce Murdoch
- 2002 - David Derenzo
- 2003 - Kit T. Weaver
- 2004 - Lee Sprouse, Jr.
- 2005 - Eli Port
- 2006 - Bruce Sanza
- 2007 - Gerald Davidson
- 2008 - John Schrage
- 2009 - Cindy Boggs