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Ad Hoc Committee on Licensure and Title Protection

An ad hoc committee to evaluate licensure and title protection was rejuvenated by the Academy in February of this year by Howard Dickson. Its mission is to evaluate what has been and is currently being done by peer professional organizations (for example, Board of Certified Safety Professionals [BCSP], American Society of Safety Engineers, and American Academy of Industrial Hygiene, within the American Industrial Hygiene Association [AIHA]) to protect their recognition as certified professionals; to evaluate how they are pursuing incorporation of title protection into local, state, and federal laws; and to present to the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Executive Committee information that may be used in the future to pursue licensure and title protection.

The current committee includes Ed Maher, Regis Greenwood, Kyle Kleinhans, and Acting Chair Kenny Fleming. Ed has made contact with Aaron Trippler, Director of Government

Affairs with the AIHA, in an attempt to learn from its experiences. Trippler was interviewed by Howard on 29 May and has offered to render assistance, including providing model legislation and contacts in the 17 states where AIHA has been successful in obtaining title protection. Since these issues have been discussed in the recent past by the AAHP, draft procedures and documents have previously been written that will be used as a basis for use as necessary for future completion by the Academy.

Kenny possesses dual certification as both a health physicist and a safety professional and has noted how the BCSP has progressed through an aggressive approach in the past five years to not only protect the use of their certification, but also to collaborate with other professional organizations and regulatory agencies in the development of laws that make the individual who possesses a CSP to be considered as a competent

person. For information concerning what regulations have been affected by the BCSP's involvement, link to page 5 of the June 2002 edition of the Board of Certified Safety Professional Newsletter (http://www.bcspp.org/newsinfo_fr.html). An email from Roger Brauer, the Executive Director of the BCSP, indicated that much of the work that has been done on title protection is being done by the American Society of Safety Engineers Government Affairs Committee.

It is the ad hoc committee's intent to determine the feasibility and methods that may be used to protect the CHP designation and how licensure may be utilized within future regulatory efforts as a means of making CHPs considered, at a minimum, to be competent persons to conduct specified work. If you should have any input that you would like to provide to the committee, please submit it through Kenny Fleming at kfleming@chartertn.net.

