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Results of Poll of Successful CHP Candidates

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I was curious as to the preparation methods of the latest round of successful CHP candidates and decided to poll them. I attempted to contact the 30 successful candidates via email and was surprised to find that only 20 of the 30 successful candidates were listed in the Health Physics Society (HPS) online Directory. Of those 20 candidates, 13 responded to this poll.

- Four candidates passed both parts of the exam in 2003.
- Part I was successfully passed between 1996 and 2003, eight passed on the first attempt, four on the second attempt, and one on the third attempt.
- One candidate passed Part II in 2002, the remainder passed in 2003, 11 passed on the first attempt, two on the second attempt.
- Eleven candidates attended study courses, six attended HPS chapter-provided courses, while nine attended 40-hour short courses.
- The time spent studying for each

exam ranged from 80 to 1,200 hours, with a median of 258 hours and a standard deviation of 338 hours. This studying time spanned anywhere from 2 to 100 weeks.

The candidates replied that they used the following reference material:

- All but one used past Part II exam questions and solutions.
- Nine used one or both of the Bevelacqua texts *Basic Health Physics: Problems and Solutions* and *Contemporary Health Physics: Problems and Solutions*.
- Eight used one or both of the Cember texts *The Health Physics Solutions Manual* and *Introduction to Health Physics*.
- Six used *Operational Health Physics Training* by Moe.
- Six used *Atoms, Radiation and Radiation Protection* by Turner.
- Five used *Radiation Detection and Measurement* by Knoll.
- Two used *Basic Radiation Protec-*

tion Technology by Gollnick.

- Two used *Radiation Protection: A Guide for Scientists, Regulators, and Physicians* by Shapiro.
- Two used National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements reports.
- Two used one or more of the Radiological Health Handbooks.
- One each used the Department of Transportation Handbook and an Environmental Protection Agency report.
- One used *Introduction to Radiological Physics and Radiation Dosimetry* by Attix.

The following candidates were considerate enough to take the time to complete my unscientific poll: Cheryl Antonio, Robert Beleckis, Roland Benke, Thomas Bratvold, John Contardi, Anthony DeAngelo, Shuntong Guo, Robert Kutchi, David Nestle, Larry Romanowich, Bradley Schrader, Brant Ulsh, and Joseph Weismann.

American Board of Medical Physics Election Results

Jean St. Germain, CHP

In November 2003, the American Board of Medical Physics elected new officers, including members of the American Academy of Health Physics. Kenneth Miller retired as Secretary of the Board, having served a three-year term. Jean St. Germain was elected Vice-Chair of the Board and Stephen King was elected Secretary of the Board. This election is continuing evidence of the good relations between the two organizations and recognition of the Academy’s contributions. David Steidley continues as Chair of the Medical Health Physics panel.