

Chapter News

North Central Chapter

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The North Central Chapter of the Health Physics Society (NCCCHPS) held its spring 2012 meeting Friday, 27 April, at Brookings, South Dakota. The meeting was held on the campus of South Dakota State University (SDSU) with a technical program, a business meeting, exhibits by vendors, and a technical tour.



Jeffrey Brunette



Adam Hoppe

The technical program was organized by chapter President-elect Gordon Tannahill. Richard Vetter, chapter member, HPS past president, and HPS congressional and agency liaison, spoke on “Biology vs. Epidemiology: The Need for an Integrated Model of Radiation Risk.” Jeffrey Brunette, Mayo Clinic Rochester, discussed some of the personnel dose issues associated with the increasing use of positron emission tomography (PET) imaging procedures, the successes and failures in reducing dose with the adoption of automated dispensing systems for PET agents, and some of the problems encountered in adopting automated dispensing systems. The third speaker was Adam Hoppe from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at SDSU, who spoke on how imaging tools familiar to medical physics have a variety of applications in biochemistry and biophysics.



Richard Vetter

A moment of silence was observed in memory of [Brother Jerome Rademacher](#), a past president of the chapter and professor emeritus at St. Mary’s University in Winona, Minnesota, who died in February 2012.

Chapter President Robert McTaggart, associate professor of physics at SDSU, conducted the chapter business meeting.

- Mike Lewandowski reported on science teacher outreach for the past year—members represented the chapter at an elementary school science night in Wisconsin, a teachers workshop in Minnesota, and a South Dakota meeting of science teachers and teachers of mathematics. The chapter’s radiation instrumentation kit is in regular use. During the 2011–2012 school year, it was used three times by two different high schools in Minnesota, a middle school in Wisconsin, and the South Dakota teachers’ meeting.



Robert McTaggart

- The NCCCHPS will provide the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) for the July 2013 HPS Annual Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. LAC cochairs are Mike and Dawn Lewandowski. Event and publicity planning is underway.

- It was announced that Eric Armstrong, radiation safety officer at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, was appointed to fill a vacancy on the executive council and that newly elected officers taking over at the close of the fall 2012 meeting include President-elect Gary Yarrow, environmental health and safety director at SDSU, and Executive Council Members Christopher Kes-

slar, radiation safety officer/physicist at Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wisconsin, and Shari Mask, health physics associate at Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wisconsin.

- The University of Minnesota was selected as the site for the fall 2012 meeting, and it was tentatively proposed to hold the spring 2013 meeting in Madison, Wisconsin.

Three affiliates—Arrow Tech, Inc., Canberra Industries, and Landauer, Inc.—exhibited at the meeting.



NCCCHPS President-elect and Program Chair Gordon Tannahill (left) and local meeting cohost Gary Yarrow discuss meeting agenda

Attendees toured the sterilization irradiators at the Brookings 3M Medical Products plant after the business meeting. ■



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