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Health Physics Society ♦ South Texas Chapter ♦ Radiation Safety Specialists

Radiological Event Preparedness Registry (REPR)

A Request for Help to All Radiation Experts and Persons Responsible for Radiation Detection and Identification Equipment

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This is an invitation for you, as a radiation expert, to do something for your local area and community based on your professional expertise. This is a request for you to help your own local community and the surrounding area before, during, and after a radiation event caused by a radiological accident, a natural disaster involving radioactive material, or after a radiation terrorism event. There simply aren't enough emergency personnel, even if some of them have the highest level of training available, to deal with all of the contingencies involved during or after such an event.

The recent natural disasters (hurricanes) have made it very clear that local communities will have to fend for them-

selves for up to 72 or more hours after an event before state and national resources can be counted on to begin helping in any substantial man-

<https://www.uthscsa.edu/repr/welcome.asp>

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ner. If there is a multi-state, multi-city, or multi-location series of events (threatened or actual), these resources may not be evident for days to weeks.

You are being asked, as safety officers, health professionals, and scientists with current knowledge about ionizing radiation, to voluntarily register your expertise and the equipment you control or have access to in the **Radiological Event Preparedness Registry (REPR)**. The initial registra-

tion takes less than **5 minutes**. The information entry, to be completed after you are confirmed as an expert and receive your password, can take longer

but is interruptible. When you visit the **REPR** web site, you will find extensive documentation about the web site and the different ways you can participate.

After sufficient radiation expertise and equipment is registered, the secure **REPR** web site will be made available to local, regional, state, and national disaster response officials. These officials can use the web site to identify and contact local experts

with radiation knowledge and equipment in their community before or after any event occurs. They also can identify what resources exist locally and where they can go outside of the local area for resources otherwise not available in their area. This can all be accomplished in minutes.

This is not a state or federally funded registry; it was designed by radiation terrorism preparedness experts who saw a need for such a networking tool.

If you ever asked yourself how you might help or wondered where to go to help, this is your opportunity. If there is a radiological event, we will all have to deal with the terror and fear that will follow, even in communities far removed from the event. Please take a moment now to register. ♦

National HPS Call for Officer Nominations for 2007

Roy Craft

The national HPS Nominating Committee is calling for nominees for the next Health Physics Society (HPS) election. The ballot positions to be filled are **President-elect**, **Treasurer-elect**, and **three members of the Board of Directors**. These officers, to be elected in late 2006, will take office during the 2007 HPS Annual Meeting.

Any member of the HPS may make a nomination; however, the nomination is stronger with chapter president, section presi-

dent, and HPS committee chair recommendations or endorsements. Therefore, please submit your nominations to David Fogle at David.Fogle@dshs.state.tx.us before January 1, 2006, so appropriate communications can be made and an appropriate nomination package can be prepared.

Although the nomination must include a biographical sketch describing the nominee's applicable training, experience, and

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Industrial Use and Security of Sources Meeting and Affiliates Fair



The South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society, Inc. held its Fall Meeting and Affiliates Fair in the Grand Salon Ballroom with 93 members and 10 Affiliate companies attending. Total attendance was 106 people. We could only have been happier if the weather had cooperated as well as the attendance. However, we really enjoyed the wonderful luncheon, which was served by the Victorian staff in the Gariboldi's Restaurant.

The Executive Council met on Friday night, with 28 people in attendance, to conduct the business of the chapter. The meeting was started and completed on time thanks to everyone showing up when asked to do so.

Saturday began at 8:00 a.m. with registration, vendor exhibits, and a continental breakfast for the members and guests. The general meeting began at 8:30 a.m. with a welcome and the first of the Affiliates' Presentations by Ortec-Advanced Measurement Technology, Thermo-Electron RM&P, Global Dosimetry Systems, and Canberra Industries followed. After a thirty-minute break for refreshments and professional networking between members and vendors, the meeting continued with presentations by Alpha Neutronics, Suntrac Services, and Iso-Tex Diagnostics.

September 9–10, 2005
Victorian Condo-Hotel & Conference Center
Galveston, Texas

Jim R. Sharp



Lunch consisted of baked potatoes with BBQ beef or grilled chicken, salad, rolls, drinks, and dessert. Our guest speaker was Mr. Frank “Fritz” C. Sturz, the Senior Safeguards Technical Analyst for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The title of his presentation was “Enhancing the Safety and Security of Radioactive Materials.”

Mr. Sturz joined the NRC, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, Division of Nuclear Security, in July 2002. His responsibilities include evaluating potential radiological consequences from the loss of control, theft, diversion, sabotage, and improper disposition of radioactive materials.

As part of the NRC response to September 11, 2001, and the threat of radiological dispersal devices, he has been working on security enhancement for high-risk radioactive materials.

His presentation included the security rules and procedures currently implemented by the NRC, which will directly affect the industrial members of the STC-HPS. Members can review this presentation and information on our STC-HPS web site.

We were honored to have with us the National Science Fair winner, Mr. Phillip Pierce, and his parents, who were introduced as our guests. A beautiful plaque and a check

for \$750.00 were presented to Phillip. His project was on radioactive lantern mantles. Again, we congratulate Phillip for being the Chapter Science Fair Grant winner and wish him well with his future endeavors.

Following this presentation, there were vendor presentations by Quantum Technical Services, Owens Scientific, and Ludlum Measurements. We then took our afternoon refreshment and professional networking break while we enjoyed drinks and cookies. After a short STC-HPS business meeting, the door prizes were presented and the meeting was adjourned.

We appreciate all those members who made this meeting possible and hope to see you again at the STC-HPS meeting January 2006, in San Antonio, Texas. ♦

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This is the first in a series to highlight the Affiliates so we can learn a little about what they do. Keep our Affiliates in mind the next time you need products or services.

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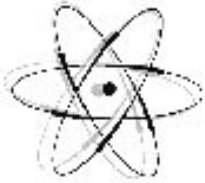
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In 1994, the Health Physics Society (HPS) accredited K & S Associates as an Accredited Instrument Calibration Laboratory to calibrate survey instrumentation. The HPS has applied and is in the process of seeking NACLA recognition, which will make the calibration results acceptable in other countries.

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Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting of the South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society, Inc.

Victorian Condo-Hotel and Conference Center

September 9, 2005

Roy C. Craft, CHP, Secretary

Persons in Attendance: *Executive Council (EC) Members:* Jim Sharp, President-Elect; Roy Craft, Secretary; Pete Myers, Treasurer; Stan Bravenec, EC Member; Al Evans, EC Member; John Salsman, Past-President.

Committee Chairpersons in Attendance: David Fogle, Nominations Committee; Karen Myers, Public Relations Committee; Susan Jablonski, Admissions Committee; Linda Morris, Student Assistance Committee; Marty Meltz, Task force for Nuclear Training.

Chapter Members and Guests in Attendance: Alisha Stallard, Rane Spradlin, Karen Blanchard, Sharon Sharp, and Alta Craft.

Call to Order—Jim Sharp. With a quorum established, President-Elect Jim Sharp called the meeting of the EC of the South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society, Inc. (STC-HPS), to order at 5:00 p.m. and adjourned until 5:15 p.m. to allow for late comers to arrive.

Approval of the Agenda—A motion was made by John Salsman to accept the agenda with the temporary adjournment, and with a meeting ending time of 7:00 p.m. Pete Myers seconded the motion. Being no discussion, President-Elect Sharp called for a vote on the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of EC Meeting—Jim asked the EC if there were any changes to the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2005, as published in *The Billet*. A motion to accept the minutes was made by John Salsman and seconded by Pete Myers. There was a comment on the color of the pins, which had been stipulated in a previous Executive Council meeting. Being no other comments, President-Elect Jim Sharp called for a vote on the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report—Ken Krieger. Ken reported via memo. A follow-up presentation was made to the Venues and Symposia committees at the Spokane meeting. Both committees liked the idea. Information was given to Lori Strong about the new hotel being built in San Antonio, and she said that it may be big enough to run the entire meeting from instead of dealing with the convention center. She will follow up with the hotel once they start setting up future contracts. But San Antonio is on the schedule for the 2009 Midyear meeting.

The letter writing campaign to get Dr. Poston the Robley Evans Award was a success. The response from the STC members at the awards ceremony was amazing. The uproars from our members when Ruth McBurney and John Poston were announced

prompted a comment from President Guilmette of something like "Oh there's nobody here from Texas, is there?"; it was quite a show of support. Nice article on the front of *The Billet* by the way.

The paperwork has been signed to establish the Poston-Neff Scholarship at Texas A&M University. STC-HPS will be involved in reviewing the applications and distribution of the awards. The scholarship is to start in the fall of 2005. A letter of appreciation from TAMU has been received, and the first scholarship will be awarded in late September or October.

The chapter received a very nice letter from Herman Hospital Volunteers Association about the donation we made in Eva's honor. Ken requested that Jim Sharp make a motion to name the STC Volunteer of the Year award the Eva Legler Volunteer award in her honor. A motion was made by John Salsman and seconded by Roy Craft, the motion passed unanimously.

The Chapter has authorized the establishment of a credit card payment with the bank on a trial basis, but there have been some changes in the cost and operation that needs more investigation.

One of the three national HPS Science Fair award winners was nominated from STC. Phillip Pierce won for his project involving Thorium lantern mantles. At last indication, Phillip and his parents are going to be at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report—Pete Myers. Pete reported that the Chapter has total assets of \$99,589.72 (we endowed \$25,000 for the scholarship fund). Data reports and charts show the health of the Chapter is very robust.

In reference to the payment of fees, dues, and donations via the internet and credit cards, Pete has continued working with the bank. He had originally been told no set-up fee, only a small percentage charge, and no annual fee. However, when he tried to act on the account, there was a set-up fee, an annual fee, and a higher percentage on each transaction. Pete is still working on use of the credit card.

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There was a question about how would we benefit by having this option open. The response was that the EC had discussed the pros and cons and had approved the basic activity benefits. The benefits are both to the Chapter and to the Members. It keeps members from having to mail checks and speeds communications.

John Salsman made a motion to continue trying to set up the account. The motion was seconded by Stan Bravenec and passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report—Roy Craft. Roy reported that since the last EC Meeting, some business has been conducted, primarily via email.

Some final information about the current meeting was distributed to the EC and to the membership. Roy still needs a better email listing of all of the members of the chapter. Due to conditions beyond his control (the local cable company sold out), his email address has been changed to roycraft@myway.com

The sad news of the death of one of our faithful members, Eva Legler, was forwarded to the members, and a unanimous vote was made to send a donation to the charity the family had chosen. Several individuals also made donations directly to the charity and also to the Teachers' Workshop fund. The Science Teachers' Workshop was a favorite cause of Eva's. A very nice letter of appreciation was received from the Memorial West Volunteer's Association, thanking us for our memorial gift.

Roy extracted the details of the Records Retention Policy, which was approved by the EC in 2004, from *The Billet*. The extract was sent to Pete for submittal to another chapter for their information.

The Annual Chapter History was prepared by Ken and the Secretary and was presented by Ken at the Annual meeting. The Secretary was not present at the Annual meeting, which included the STC Chapter Breakfast Meeting.

The August edition of *The Billet* is a prime example of a very good Chapter Newsletter. All the people at Southwest Research Institute are again to be congratulated.

Standing Committee Reports

Program—Jim Sharp. Jim reported the program for tomorrow is proceeding according to schedule. The time slots have been assigned and, in some cases, rearranged to accommodate special considerations for some presenters.

The topic of tracking sources presented by Fredrick (Fritz) Sturz of the NRC should be of vital interest to all, especially the licensees. Pete congratulated Jim Sharp on his sending out invitations to Licensees. We have had a good response from new attendees.

Future Meetings: After much discussion and different suggestions, the EC decided to have a January meeting and suggested January 27 and 28, 2006, in San Antonio (with one dissention). This will not be a vendor's meeting. It will be the weekend after the Scottsdale Midyear meeting. The president-elect should be contacted to see if the Scottsdale meeting would conflict with his schedule. John Hageman will be contacted to arrange a place for the meeting; the Program Committee Chair will discuss the topic with the Program Committee members.

The April meeting, the Student Papers and Annual Meeting, is scheduled for College Station, probably April 21 and 22, 2006. John Salsman will look at venues including the Bush Library.

Admissions—Susan Jablonski. Susan presented the new STC Members. (Refer to page 13 for the new member list.)

Susan brought up the idea of posting the membership addresses on the Web site, with proper security, including password protection. The EC approved the concept. John Salsman made the motion, and Pete seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Relations—Karen Myers. Karen submitted the following report. Recent activities included submitting photos of the HPS meeting in Spokane to John Hageman for publishing in *The Billet*. Continued planned activities include more articles for the National HPS Newsletter on STC-HPS activities. Karen said that

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South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society, Inc.

Winter Meeting

Current Topics on Space, Medical, and Industrial Radiation

January 28, 2006

Executive Council meeting Friday, January 27, 2006

*Holiday Inn Market Square
San Antonio, Texas*

Registration Deadline is January 17, 2006

The Winter Meeting, set for January 28, 2006, will feature current topics about space, medical, and industrial radiation with lots of opportunity to ask questions. Our presenters will include:

- * Terry Plasek to discuss Digital Radiography
- * Ray Ethridge to discuss Pulse Neutron Generator
- * Tom Maloney to discuss The Future of Nuclear Medicine
- * Marty Meltz will discuss Hormesis and how it applies to radiation issues
- * A speaker from NASA Johnson Space Center to discuss Biological Effects of Radiation in Outer Space

The Holiday Inn Market Square is offering a special price of \$85 per night, double or single, which is less than

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the Texas government employee *per diem* rate. The hotel is located within walking distance of the magnificent San Antonio attractions, including the Alamo and Rivercenter Mall.

In addition to excellent presentations, assorted breakfast tacos will be served at the hotel Saturday morning from 7:30–8:30. You don't want to miss out on this treat. And, just when you think things can't get any better, we'll return to LaMargarita Mexican Restaurant in Market Square (two-block walk) for lunch. How great is that!

Wait, it gets better! You can pay your meeting registration fee by credit card now, thanks to Pete Myers. The credit card payment information is on the Registration form on page 11.

Don't forget—the Executive Council meeting will be Friday, January 27 from 5:30 to 7:30.

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Agenda for the STC-HPS Winter Meeting

January 27–28, 2006

San Antonio, Texas

Friday, January 27, 2006

5:30–7:30 p.m. Executive Council meeting

Saturday, January 28, 2006

7:30–8:30 a.m. Breakfast Tacos

8:00–8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30–9:15 a.m. Digital Radiography by Terry Plasek
Q & A session

9:15–10:00 a.m. Pulse Neutron Generator by Ray Ethridge
Q & A session

10:00–10:30 a.m. Break

10:30–12:00 noon The Future of Nuclear Medicine by Tom Maloney

12:00–1:30 p.m. Lunch at LaMargarita Mexican Restaurant in Market Square
(Two-block walk)

1:30–3:00 p.m. Biological Effects of Radiation in Outer Space
Speaker from NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston
Q & A session

3:00–3:30 p.m. Break

3:30–5:00 p.m. Hormesis – How might this apply to radiation issues?
by Martin L. Meltz, Ph.D
Group Discussion

5:00–5:30 p.m. Chapter Business Meeting
Announcements

***Duties for Chapter Officers and Volunteers are now posted on the
STC-HPS web site at www.stc-hps.org/duties.htm.***

Meeting Registration

Please submit a Meeting Registration form for each member or guest attending the meeting and mail to the address below.

Winter Meeting

January 28, 2006

San Antonio, Texas

Registration

Hotel Registration Deadline — January 17, 2006 ♦ STC Preregistration Deadline — January 17, 2006

Attendee's Name _____

Attendee's Address _____

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- STC Member preregistration fee (technical sessions and lunch) - \$50
- STC Member preregistration fee (technical sessions ONLY) - \$25
- Non-STC Member preregistration fee (technical sessions and lunch) - \$60*
- Non-STC Member preregistration fee (technical sessions ONLY) - \$35*
- Non-STC Member (e.g., spouse/guest) preregistration fee (lunch ONLY) - \$25*
- Students (technical sessions and lunch) - \$10
- Registration after January 17, 2006, or onsite (if space or lunch is available) - ADD \$10 to the above fees.
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Admissions (Membership) Committee Report

As of September 9, 2005

Susan Jablonski

The South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society welcomes our newest Members. Please congratulate these new STC members. You can help recruit new members into the chapter by passing this copy of *The Billet* to your colleagues with the Member Renewal/Application on the inside back cover.

New STC member (confirmed National HPS members)

James Fyffe U.S. Air Force in San Antonio, TX

New STC Members to be voted on (13 total)

Donnie Broussard	Student – Texas State Technical College in Waco, TX
Noel Hamilton	Student in Cibolo, TX*
William King Jr.	Texas Department of State Health Services in Midland, TX*
Chris Moore	Texas Department of State Health Services in Austin, TX*
Phillip Pierce	Student – Science Fair Awardee
Paul Sanford	Texas Department of State Health Services in Austin, TX*
Kevin M. Smith	Texas Department of State Health Services in Austin, TX*
Ethan Snell	Student – Science Fair Awardee
Ben Sramek	Student – U.T. Health Science Center in San Antonio, TX
Douglas Susuras	Texas Department of State Health Services in Houston, TX*
Justin Turner	Student – Science Fair Awardee
Karen Verser	Texas Department of State Health Services in Austin, TX*
Kathleen Zulch Deharde	Texas Department of State Health Services in Houston, TX*

*Ian Hamilton's short course students with membership paid at a reduced rate of \$5.00 for 1st year

*Credit for the photo of
John W. Poston, Sr., Ph.D.,
on the front cover
of the previous issue of
The Billet, August 4, 2005,
Vol. 26, No. 2,
goes to Casper Sun.*



Photo by Casper Sun

***Casper, thanks for all
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Call for Officer Nominations *Continued from page 1.*

past activities as well as an explanation of why the person is being nominated, David will collect this information following acceptance of nomination from the proposed candidate.

It is recommended that nominees for President-elect have previous Board experience. In making a nomination, please determine that the individual is willing to be considered as

a nominee and will serve in office if elected.

Let's continue our strong South Texas Chapter presence at the national level by continuing to nominate Chapter

members to national HPS positions.

Please tell those you know are interested in the Chapter. ♦

Minutes *Continued from page 8.*

she would forward examples of the news articles of this meeting to Jim Sharp.

Nominations—David Fogle. No report this meeting.

Appointed Committee Reports

Science Teacher Workshops—Al Evans. Al stated that we must renew our efforts to give Science Teacher Workshops. We need to appoint a new Committee Chair. After some questioning, Al Evans was agreeable to volunteer. But he must be approved by the President.

The radiation meters stored at TAMU have become a problem for them. John Salsman and Jim Sharp will take care of the problem. Some are not repairable and will be scrapped. There was a number of planned meetings in Eva's office. This will be investigated again.

Affiliate Membership—Jim Sharp. Jim introduced Andrew Pitts, his associate Affiliate Chairman.

As of September 9, 2005, there are 28 paid Affiliates, and there are a few more potential Affiliate members.

Marty Meltz suggested that we have highlight articles of some Affiliates in *The Billet*.

There was a question about the cost to affiliates for participation in the meeting. They are charged for lunch and any extra costs for special requirements but not a display fee. The display fee is covered in their annual dues. Pete noted that some had sent in more money than that. It was agreed that those who had overpaid would be reimbursed. We shall make a handout for the costs of affiliates to attend the Affiliates Fair and other costs of membership.

Legislation—Bob Wilson. No report.

Publications—John Hageman. John H had submitted a written report on the upcoming deadlines for *The Billet* and indicated that we really need to fill in the blanks for the San Antonio and other future meetings.

Student Assistance Committee—Linda Morris. Linda said that there was some confusion as to how many Student Grants the Chapter would give this year. Since the Neff-Poston Scholarship will be given this year as one graduate scholarship, we should give out only two, an undergraduate and a graduate. We discussed the recipients to be awarded.

Linda also stated that the recipient of the Chapter Science Fair award, Phillip Pierce, one of three national science fair winners, would be at the meeting tomorrow, and his parents will accompany him. Phillip's project was on "Radioactive Lantern Mantles," and Jim Lewis and Stacy Krieger were judges representing the Chapter. They really represented us well.

Ad Hoc Task Force on Nuclear Training Endeavors—Marty Meltz. Marty reported that the major item to report about is the status of the Radiological Event Preparedness Registry (REPR). The program is now awaiting arrival of the servers, which should be delivered in two weeks. Some of the controls and protocol of the system were discussed by Marty. The assignment of access is embedded to assure control of the data on the database and to aid those with the need to access the data. National administrators can make searches of the database. Stan and Marty are administrators. They will have a six-month reconfirmation that data are OK. Marty will write a letter to Ken asking for him to recommend local administrators.

New Business—We discussed gifts to speakers, which is not normally done. But the situation seemed to justify a token gift to the invited speaker. A motion was made to reimburse Sharon for the gift for the speaker. John made the motion and Pete seconded.

Marty Meltz suggested appropriate gifts for speakers would be laser pointers with the Chapter logo and name.

Adjournment—President-Elect Sharp adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. ♦

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South Texas Chapter - Health Physics Society
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Associate/Bachelor/Graduate Degree
Academic Year: 2006–2007

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The South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society (STC-HPS) announces the availability of its Education Grants. The applicant must plan to begin or be currently performing full-time work toward an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree in Health Physics or a related field offered by a bona fide program at a Texas institution of higher education. All applicants must have finished one session by September 2005. ***Applicant must be a student member in good standing of the STC-HPS.*** Deadline for the receipt of applications and all supporting materials is **May 24, 2006**. Award winners will be announced at the subsequent Chapter meeting. The STC-HPS Education Grant is \$750, and several awards will be made. One grant will be made at each degree level, and one additional award may be made without regard to degree program. The application below and all other supporting materials should be mailed to:

Linda Morris, Chair
 Student Assistance Committee, STC-HPS
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Degree Program: Associate Bachelor Graduate

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Undergraduate Institution _____

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Submit copies of all current transcripts including the Fall 2005 semester.

SAT, ACT, GRE (circle one) Scores

Enclose a copy of your SAT, ACT, or GRE scores.

Math: _____ Verbal: _____

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Statement of Personal Goals: Provide a separate one-page statement about your personal career goals including a statement about your intent to enter the field of Health Physics.

Letters of Recommendation: Names of two persons whom you will ask to write letters attesting to your potential for study in Health Physics.

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South Texas Chapter - Health Physics Society Student Education Grant Application

Financial Information – September 2005–August 2006

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Name _____

Where do you live? On-campus housing Off-campus housing

With whom do you live? Alone Spouse Children. Number _____ Parents/relatives Unrelated roommates

Degree Program: Associate Bachelor Graduate

Tuition Residency: In-state Out-of-state

Income	\$/month	Expenses	\$/month
Spouse working		Housing & utilities	
Summer job/school job		Automobile (payments, gas, insurance, etc.)	
From parents/relatives/guardians		Food	
Child support		Child support payments	
Savings/investments		Other (list):	
Scholarships/grants (list them):			
Social Security benefits			
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Income Total			
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I would like to be a Meeting Mentor
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Future Meetings & Deadlines

Date	Location	Topic	Deadline for <i>The Billet</i>
January 22–25, 2006	Scottsdale, AZ	HPS Midyear Symposium	NA
January 27–28, 2006	San Antonio, TX	Winter Meeting Current Topics on Space, Medical, & Industrial Radiation	November 17, 2005
April 21–22, 2006	College Station, TX	Student Paper Presentations & Annual Business Meeting	February 16, 2006
June 25–29, 2006	Providence, RI	National HPS Annual Meeting	NA

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