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Health Physics Society ♦ South Texas Chapter ♦ Radiation Safety Specialists

Ruth McBurney to be New CRCPD Executive Director!

Sue Smith

On behalf of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce that, effective January 8, 2007, Ruth E. McBurney, CHP, will be CRCPD's new full-time Executive Director. Ruth replaces Thom Kerr, who resigned in June 2006.

Ruth comes to CRCPD with a B.S. degree in Biology and an M.S. degree in Radiation Sciences, and she is a Certified Health Physicist. She has been a long-time supporter of CRCPD. Ruth has served on

the Board of Directors as Chairperson and Treasurer. The treasurer is also the organization's historian, and in that role, she authored CRCPD: *The First Twenty-Five Years*, which was published in 1993, the CRCPD Silver Anniversary. She has also been very active in CRCPD work-



ing groups, including chairing several committees. She received the Gerald S. Parker Award in 1994 and a CRCPD Board of Directors Outstanding Achievement Award in 1987. For 2005-2006, she served as President of the Health Physics Society, and

from 1990-1994 she served on the American Board of Physics, including serving as Chairman. Please join us in welcoming Ruth to the CRCPD/Office of Executive Director family. We look forward to the fruits of Ruth's knowledge, experience, and leadership, as well as her service to the CRCPD membership, as she seeks to support state radiation control programs and our partners dedicated to radiation protection. Ruth will be located in Austin, Texas. Her contact information will be provided at a later date. ♦

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President's Message

Jim Sharp

The first half of my year as your President has now passed. We hosted a joint meeting in September with the North Texas Chapter (NTC) in Waco. We were delighted to welcome John White, NTC President, and several NTC members to this meeting.

The STC-HPS Executive Committee met on Friday night. Please take the time to read the Minutes of this meeting, which are published on page 6. However, what you will not get from reading the Minutes, is the excitement of what we are trying to accomplish this year.

If you don't have a 2007 calendar yet, I hope you will get one so you can mark the following meetings:

- 1) January 13, 2007 – Affiliates Fair and Winter Meeting
San Antonio Holiday Inn Riverwalk
- 2) September 6–7, 2007 – Regulatory Conference in Austin, Presentations by the State regulators

For the September meeting, I have asked Pete Myers to be Chair of the September 2007 Regulatory Conference Ad Hoc Committee. If you are interested in being an active part of this committee, please contact Pete directly.

If you haven't taken the time to read the articles about our Affiliate members in past issues of *The Billet*, please do so. Andrew Pitts, Affiliates Chair, has been hard at work on this project so our mem-

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Speaker from SRAG to address STC-HPS

An Active Personal Dosimeter
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Highlights of the Meeting in Waco*Jim Sharp*

As indicated in the last issue of *The Billet*, we hosted a joint meeting between the South Texas Chapter (STC) and the North Texas Chapter (NTC). This meeting was held at the IDEAS Center in Waco, Texas. Many thanks to Linda Morris for acquiring the location and to Pete Myers, Linda Morris, and John White for finding the presenters.

The presentation by Pete Myers about "Source Security" was both timely and informative for our members. Bob Cherry followed with a presentation on "Contamination and Clean-up of Metal Recycling Furnace." He kept the audience's attention as he explained the process.

Our next presenter was Alisha Stallard, a TAMU graduate student. Her presentation about "LANL – Development and Evaluation of an Outdoor Air Sampling Inlet for the Bladewerx® SabreAlert" was really interesting for members who are first responders. John Curtis spoke about "PWR Steam Generator Replacement Outages," which is related to the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station. The audience responded overwhelmingly with questions about the process.

After lunch, our special guest speaker Ruth McBurney, HPS Past President, gave us an "Update on HPS Initiatives: HPS for the Future, Intersociety and International Collaboration, Government Relations." Each of the initiative topics in Ruth's speech could possibly be future meeting presentations as things develop in these areas.

The afternoon progressed as Latha Vasudevan, Ph.D., RSO for the TAMU NSC made a presentation about the "Spent Nuclear Fuel Shipment, July 2006." We appreciated the time she took to prepare a very interesting subject for our members.

John White, NTC-HPS President, presented "NDLS: Disaster Radiological Response: Dirty Bombs, REDs, and Nuclear Weapons." This presentation was very timely considering our present global situations, and it certainly kept the attention of our members.

For each and every member who attended this meeting and supported these presenters with your attendance, thank you. For those members who missed this meeting, we are planning our next meeting for January 13, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in San Antonio. This meeting will be our Affiliates Fair and Showcase. Please plan to attend. I am looking forward to seeing all STC-HPS members in attendance. ♦

Welcome New STC Members*Jim Lewis, Admissions Committee Chair***The South Texas Chapter (STC) wishes to welcome our newest STC members**

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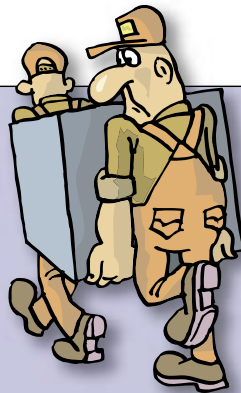
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AUSTIN, Texas – Local radiation protection expert, Dade Moeller & Associates, Inc., today announced that it is working with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as an official member of the National Preparedness Month Coalition to encourage emergency preparedness and planning throughout the United States.

As part of National Preparedness Month, the Austin office of Dade Moeller & Associates is providing its staff with a DHS-endorsed preparedness packet that contains emergency checklists, emergency contact cards, and helpful guidelines for creating family preparedness and emergency plans. Dade Moeller & Associates also is reviewing its preparedness and emergency response plans to ensure their efficacy.

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Dade Moeller & Associates, with offices in Austin and eight other locations across the country, is one of the foremost radiation safety firms and employs more certified health physicists than any other private organization in the United States. The recently opened Austin office is a member of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce and the South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society.

The National Preparedness Month Coalition is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Directorate for Preparedness and is composed of more than 1,150 national, regional, state, and local organizations. Members pledge to disseminate emergency preparedness information to their employees, customers, members, stakeholders, and communities across the nation. More information regarding National Preparedness Month may be found at www.ready.gov. ♦

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First Responder’s Guide to be Published

Lin S. Carigan

CRCPD is preparing to announce publication of the “Handbook for Responding to a Radiological Dispersal Device First Responder’s Guide.” We expect to receive the document from the printer in about 10 days. This is a full-color document, printed on very nice paper, with a laminated cover, and tabs for ease of use, and it comes with a CD with forms and handouts. Not only is it a nice looking document, it contains a lot of information. It is a good training manual, and it is a companion to the already published RDD pocket guide.

This handbook was developed as a training and reference tool for first responders with various degrees of radiological experience, providing guidance in a number of areas, including a flow chart of actions when responding to an RDD, rules of thumb, determination of various radiation zones, use of radiation instrumentation, decontamination guidelines, and multiple forms that can be tailored for specific needs.

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Welcome!

Natalie Elizabeth Fogle

September 29, 2006

7:01 p.m.

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

Fall Annual Meeting, Waco, Texas

September 15, 2006

Stan Bravenec, MS, CHMM, Secretary

Persons in attendance—*Executive Council (EC) Members:* Jim Sharp, President; Stan Bravenec, Secretary; Albert Evans, EC Member; Douglas Johnson, EC Member; Karen Blanchard, EC Member. *Committee Chairpersons:* Linda Morris, Student Assistance Committee; John Hageman, Editor—*The Billet*; Pete Myers, Acting for Treasurer; Karen Myers, Public Relations; Jim Lewis, Admissions; Jack Crissey, Membership & Participation; Roy Craft, Task Force for Nuclear Training Endeavors. *Chapter Members and Guests:* John White, STC member and President, North Texas Chapter (NTC); David Engelbretsen, STC member; Latha Vasudevan, STC member; Sharon Sharp, STC member; Alta Craft, STC member

Call to Order—With a quorum established, President Sharp called the meeting of the EC of the South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society, Inc. (STC-HPS), to order at 5:38 p.m. President Sharp called a 10-minute recess for everyone to get food. The meeting was called back to order at 5:48 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda—Karen Blanchard. Karen made a motion to accept the agenda. Al Evans seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and President Sharp called for a vote, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of EC Meeting—Stan Bravenec. Stan asked the EC if there were any changes to be made to the Minutes of the April 2006 meeting, as published in *The Billet*. Stan made a motion to accept the Minutes, which was seconded by Al Evans. The motion passed unanimously.



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President's Report—Jim Sharp. We were all saddened to hear about the loss of Marty Meltz's wife. The Meltz family is holding a memorial service in San Antonio on September 16, 2006. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

David Fogle and Susan Jablonski are expecting their second child. We wish them well on this joyous occasion.

The Radiation Safety Without Borders program is being revitalized according to National HPS President Brian Dodd. Immediate Past-President Ruth McBurney will be addressing this topic during her presentation.

We would like to congratulate John Hageman on his nomination for President of the National HPS. We are proud of his accomplishments and will support him in any way we can.

Ken and Stacy Krieger are on vacation. Ken has emailed that he has the survey meters from TAMU. There are 10 ready for distribution. Others work but do not have the speaker, although the clicks can be heard with earphones. Ken has talked to Robert Ludlum about performing the repairs. Robert replied that they could do the repairs, but we have to get with him to negotiate a price.

We would like to welcome our newest members of the STC-HPS Executive Committee—Directors Karen Blanchard and Doug Johnson. In addition, we have several new Committee Chairs with us tonight. They will be introduced at the time of their reports.

For this meeting, Pete Myers has the voting proxy of Stacy Krieger, and John Hageman has the voting proxy of Marty Meltz.

Treasurer's Report—Pete Myers acting for Stacy Krieger. Pete relayed that the accounts are either losing or not making money and suggested looking into other investment options including consulting a financial planner. The funds collected by check and credit card will be processed after the meeting. According to the bylaws, budgets for the coming year are still needed from the committee chairs. Only one has been received as of this date. Jim Lewis requested to get previous committee expense reports to provide a basis for cost estimates. Pete reported that there had been no reports collected for the last several years. Al Evans made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Karen Blanchard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report—Stan Bravenec. The Minutes of the April 2006 meeting were prepared and distributed electronically by Roy Craft for review and submitted to *The Billet* for publication, then published in the August 2006 issue.

President Sharp led the effort instituting proper bylaw procedures for implementing newly elected Chapter officers. This process included the resignation of one EC member to take the elected Secretary position and the replacement of one EC member to serve the time remaining for Eva Leger's term.

During the time from the last meeting, there was an email discussion of what to do with the STC-HPS mailbox in Austin. After deliberation, Pete Myers volunteered to be the designated "mail box checker." Karen Blanchard volunteered to be the back up. The Chapter thanks Pete and Karen for volunteering for this effort.

The Admissions Chair is working to rectify the "returned email list." Thanks to Jim Lewis for this effort!

Pete Myers has emailed the Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) State Point of Contact (POC) and requested a face-to-face meeting to discuss the future of the HDER program and how the STCHPS and DSHS can assist. Pete reported that the State POC had changed to an individual in the State Office of Emergency Preparedness in Austin. The new State POC is Mike Sheffield.

Standing Committee Reports

Program—Jim Sharp. President Sharp extended thanks to those involved in setting up the Waco meeting. The next meeting will be January 12–13, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in San Antonio. John Salsman is working on student paper presentations. He will be speaking with George Xu at Texas A&M.

Admissions—Jim Lewis. The new admissions were approved with two approvals pending verification of registration forms. The STC-HPS wishes to welcome the new members. See the list of new members on page 2.

Public Relations—Karen Myers. Karen reported that one article was submitted to the National HPS Newsletter covering the STC Spring 2006 meeting. Two photos and captions were submitted with that article highlighting the student presentation award winners. Photos were courtesy of Jim Sharp. This article will appear in the October 2006 *Health Physics News*.

A second article for the *Health Physics News* is pending a photo of Dr. Neff to accompany Dr. Poston's photo. That article, entitled "STC Endows Texas A&M Engineering Scholarship to Honor Drs. Richard Neff and John Poston," was written by April Osborn, Engineering Development Office, Texas A&M University. We have April's approval to submit, and we are looking to meet the next HPS deadline of September 20, 2006. At which point, it would be published in the November 2006 *Health Physics News*. If we cannot get the Dr. Neff photo, it would be best to go ahead and submit the article without photos. Doug Johnson was going to facilitate getting the picture of Dr. Neff.

Planned activities include: 1. Continuing articles for the *Health Physics News* about STC-HPS activities (Chapter meeting news). 2. Continuing articles to *The Billet* (jumpstart the Longest-Standing Continuously Active Member articles). 3. Mention of starting a Past President's article of "where are the old goats now?"

Membership Participation—New Committee—Jack Crissey. Jack is working on industrial participation. President Sharp

asked Jack to develop a mailing list and present industrial topics of interest to be presented at meetings. Jim Lewis suggested a blog or discussion group on the website.

Nominations—No Report.

Appointed Committee Reports

Science Teacher Workshop—Ken Krieger. Ken has contacted Ludlum Measurements and will be getting a cost estimate for the repair of STW instruments. Al Evans presented some suggested changes to the STW curriculum.

Instrument Supply. Ken has taken possession of about 200 CDV-700 Geiger Counters and is storing them at Earth Tech. He has been negotiating with Ludlum Measurements to have these instruments examined to put new or salvageable instruments into working order, using parts from the unserviceable units for repairs. Ken would send batches of 30–40 instruments at a time to keep an inventory of working counters adequate for upcoming classes. Ken now has 10 working meters, and Al has 19. Janet McCrary has 5 good meters and 35 others in uncertain condition. This inventory makes us ready for about 2 classes. Ken would like the approval of the EC before completing negotiations with Ludlum. The committee approved Ken going ahead with the negotiations with Ludlum. Ken will report back to the Committee when he gets a cost estimate.

Teaching Materials. Al has prepared a list of suggested course material changes and circulated them to recent class teachers and senior members of the chapter. He has only seen one response from the recipients. Susan Jablonski offered to put together a supply of notebooks and CDs after we decide what changes we want to make. The list of suggested changes can be found on the STC-HPS website, www.stc-hps.org/scienceteacher.htm.

Workshop Promotion. Promotion has been slow. Al contacted the science curriculum coordinator for the Lamar Independent School District, and Carl Johannes did the same in Corpus Christi, with no response to date. Both managers asked the same question: "How does this align with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Al found this document under www.tea.state.tx.us/teks and went through the requirements for 8th Grade Science, Combined Chemistry/Physics, Chemistry, and Physics. All of these expect knowledge of nuclear fission and fusion and knowledge of advantages and disadvantages of power production by these means. Al has prepared a document showing the relevance

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of STW material to TEKS requirements. This document is on the STC-HPS website, www.stc-hps.org/scienceteacher.htm.

President Sharp suggested getting in contact with the State Science Teachers Association and presenting the course at one of their national meetings.

Al suggested that we need something in writing about approving continuing education credit for the course. An endorsement by the State Education Agency would also be very helpful. Thanks to Al for all of the hard work in regenerating the STW.

Affiliate Membership—Andrew Pitts (not in attendance; report submitted via email). President Sharp asked Andrew to contact the affiliates concerning their participation in the upcoming Affiliates Fair in January.

Affiliates that have been highlighted in The Billet

Canberra Industries, Inc.
Fluke Biomedical Radiation Management Services
Bionomics
Earth Tech, Inc.
F&J Specialty Products, Inc.
Iso-Tex Diagnostics, Inc.
Atomic Energy Industrial Labs
Ludlum Measurements, Inc.
Ortec Advanced Measurement Technology, Inc. (ORTEC)
Microtec Services
Phoenix Scientific Sales
Dade Moeller & Associates
Owens Scientific
Radiation Technology, Inc.
Saint-Gobain Crystals

Paid Affiliates in membership records as of September 8, 2006

ADCO
Alpha Neutronics, Inc.
Atomic Energy Industrial Labs
Bionomics
Canberra Industries, Inc.
Earth Tech, Inc.
F&J Specialty Products, Inc.
ISO-TEX Diagnostics, Inc.
LND, Inc.
Ludlum Measurements

Microtec Services, Inc.
Advanced Measurement Technology, Inc.
Owens Scientific, Inc.
Phoenix Scientific Sales
Radiation Consultants, Inc.
Radiation Technology
Saint-Gobain Crystals
The Delphi Groupe, Inc.
Thermo Electron Corp.
William B. Johnson & Associates, Inc.

Unpaid Affiliates

- *Fluke Biomedical Radiation Management Services*: New contact is Tom Krivan
- *Global Dosimetry Systems*: New contact information is pending
- *K&S Associates*: Checking on 2006 dues
- *Philotechnics, LTD*: Not returning
- *Protean Instruments Corp*: In contact—no response received to date
- *Pulcir, Inc.*: Not returning
- *Saint-Gobain Crystals & Detectors*: Returning—renewal application received, and check is in the mail. New contact information for *The Billet*: Contact: K.T. Tsorbatzoglou, 1655 Townhurst Dr., Suite 190, Houston, Texas 77043, 713-973-9461, Fax 713-973-6302, www.detectors.saint-gobain.com, Email KT.Tsorbatzoglou@saint-gobain.com
- *Suntrac Services*: Check sent March 28, 2006. Need to verify if cleared. Records show unpaid
- *Teledyne Brown Engineering*: Dave Henry, our contact, is no longer at Teledyne Brown—looking for a new contact
- *Texas Energy Research Associates, Inc.*: No contact number yet.

New Affiliate

Quantum Technical Services, Inc., Contact: Jim Sharp, Post Office Box 2226, League City, TX 77574, jsharp713@aol.com, 281-455-7780, Fax: 281-316-1028

Current status

Finish the Affiliates highlights. Update paid/unpaid status. Correspond with Jim Lewis. Send out information about booths for the Affiliates Fair once paid/unpaid status finished. Update information in *The Billet*.

Legislation—No report

Publications—Ali A. Simpkins (not in attendance; report submitted via email). Over the next few months, Ali plans to review *The Billet* and website and suggest any ideas for improvement.

Student Assistance Committee—Linda Morris.

The FA 06 Education Grant recipients are Jack McCarroll (associate degree) and Alisha Stallard (graduate degree). Jack is the new president of the TSTC Student Branch. Two students applied for the graduate degree: Joy Wietzel (UTHSC-SA) and Alisha. The education grant committee, chaired by Susan Jablonski, decided to make the award to Alisha since she is

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HP Job Openings for South Texas

Current Openings

Health Physicist II

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Physical Address: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. A

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 13087/MC-116

Austin, Texas 78711-3087

512-239-0102 ♦ www.tceq.state.tx.us ♦ Fax: 512-239-0111

Job Posting:	07051	Monthly Salary:	\$4548
State Title:	Health Physicist II	Salary Group:	B16
Functional Title:	Regulatory Health Physicist	Openings:	One (1)
Position #:	1770	Post Date:	11/07/06
Section/Division:	Administration, Waste Permits	Close Date:	12/21/06
Work Location:	12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas		

Males born on or after January 1, 1960, will be required to present proof of Selective Service registration on the first day of employment or proof of exemption from Selective Service registration requirement.

Only applicants who are interviewed will receive written nonselection notification. All offers of employment are contingent on the candidate having legal authorization to work for the TCEQ. Failure to present such authorization within the time specified by the U.S. Department of Labor will result in the offer being rescinded.

Job Description:

Completes highly responsible technical and administrative functions in the radioactive material licensing program of the Waste Permits Division of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Provides expertise in health physics for the radioactive material licensing program. Conducts inspections, investigations, or surveys to ensure compliance with health and

safety and environmental laws. Evaluates license applications for disposal of low-level radioactive waste and naturally occurring radioactive material. Interprets and applies federal and state statutes, regulations, rules, and policies applicable to the radioactive waste disposal program. Prepares related reviews, evaluations, and reports. Participates in public hearings conducted by the commission; meetings with agency staff, applicants, licensees, government officials, and the public for assigned projects; and in-site investigations. Completes assessments, reports, correspondence, and licensing review documents, including documentation and records for Central Records. Completes special projects and participates in technical peer review groups. Coordinates and integrates technical reviews, ensuring complete, compliant, and timely responses. Assumes phone duty as assigned, providing technical information to inquiries from the general public.

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bers can stay informed. We would also ask our members to show support to our Affiliates by doing business with them as often as possible.

I would like to thank Karen Myers, Public Relations Chair, for getting the article titled "STC Endows Texas A&M Engineering Scholarship to Honor Drs. Richard Neff and John Poston" published in the *Health Physics News*.

I would like to invite each of you to come on Friday night, January 12, 2007, 8 p.m., to meet your EC members and committee chairs. We are always ready to listen to your concerns and would appreciate any input about the type of programs we might have at future meetings. ♦

**See You in San Antonio at The Holiday Inn
Riverwalk for Our Affiliates Fair and Showcase.
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Speaker from SRAG *continued from page 1.*

The technology offers a wide spectrum of capabilities including detailed charged particle spectroscopy including particle-by-particle LET measurements, X-ray and Gamma-ray photon spectroscopy, and detailed neutron spectroscopy as well. While this project is in the early stages of development, already significant progress has been made in demonstrating the capabilities of this new technology. Data taken at a variety of accelerators around the world, including a run at the CERF neutron reference facility at CERN will be described. Beyond the use of this technology for active monitoring of astronaut doses, the potential for wireless ground-based uses in normal commercial and laboratory dosimetry applications is considerable. This includes medical applications in monitoring exposures during therapeutic radiation treatments. ♦

Radiation Experts Come to Austin

Dade Moeller & Associates Opens Austin Office

AUSTIN, Texas – Nationally and internationally renowned safety and health expert, Dade Moeller & Associates, Inc., announces the opening of its Austin office. Specializing in radiological and industrial health and safety, the Austin office brings important expertise to the area's hospitals, nuclear power plants, emergency responders, and other radiological control professionals, as well as to federal agencies with locations in Texas, such as the U.S. Departments of Energy and Defense, and their contractors.

Founded by preeminent health physicist (radiation protection scientist) Dr. Dade Moeller, CHP, PE, in 1994, Dade Moeller & Associates is an award-winning consulting firm offering an extensive range of professional services to prevent and control harmful exposures from radiation and hazardous substances to workers, the public, and the environment. Headquartered near the U.S. Department of Energy's Hanford site in Richland, WA, Dade Moeller & Associates has nine offices across the country and employs more Certified Health Physicists (CHP) than any private entity in the United States.

"We are proud to join the thriving Austin community," said Matthew P. Moeller, CHP, President and Chief Executive Officer of Dade Moeller & Associates. "We look forward to working with local industry, State radiation control officers, and others committed to protecting the citizens and workers of South Texas from the harmful effects of radiation and other industrial and environmental hazards."

The Austin staff includes a Certified Health Physicist, Certified Safety Professional, and Certified Laser Safety Officer. Dade Moeller & Associates' Austin office is a member of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce and the South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society.

The office is located along Austin's technology corridor at 3445 Executive Center Drive, in the Austin Oaks office complex near the intersection of MoPac Expressway and Route 183. Managed by Austin-area residents JoAnn (Jodi) Myrick Jenkins and Tom Carver, the office is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ♦

For more information:

Jodi Jenkins, CHP, CSP, 512-340-0702
jodi.jenkins@moellerinc.com
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so committed to health physics and our chapter. Linda suggested that the awards be made early in the day instead of the business meeting, because Alisha had a family obligation in the afternoon.

Several weeks ago, Linda emailed Marvin Adams of the NE Department at TAMU regarding the status of the 2006-2007 Neff-Poston Scholarship. Dr. Adams is the scholarship coordinator for the NE Department. When she didn't hear from him, she contacted Dr. John Ford who told her that Dr. Adams has been out of town. John checked into the scholarship and called to let her know that their Advisory Committee determines the winners, and it will not be meeting until mid-October. Linda will pass on the information as soon as she receives it.

There is an HPS dues special offer for student branch members only: First year free, second year \$10.00.

The 2007 Science Fair participation will cost less for the Chapter. Linda still has plaques and a few nuclide charts from 2006.

Philip Pierce (our 2005 State winner) needs advice for his 2006–2007 project "Shielding of home materials." Steve Vittatoe of Canberra donated a multi-channel analyzer to Phillip for his science fair project.

TSTC graduate Robert Smith (WGI) is underwriting the cost of the TSTC student branch programs with \$200.00 per month. He is currently in Iraq working for Washington Group International.

Jim Lewis reminded the council that STC-HPS members who assist students in science fair projects should not actually judge the science fairs that their advisees participate in.

Task Force for Nuclear Training Endeavors—Stan Bravenec will contact Marty Meltz about the access issues Roy Craft has been having.

Old Business—None.

New Business—2009 HPS Midyear Meeting. John White suggested Fort Worth for the location of the Midyear meeting in 2009. Fort Worth has many attractions, including the livestock show and rodeo during that time period in addition to western art museums and the stockyards entertainment area.

Membership. Passwords for the members only section of the STC-HPS website and the need for an on-line membership directory was discussed. The directory information needs to be collected by December 2006 so that passwords may be sent out in January. The goal is for members to be able to enter their information on-line. An information privacy statement will be sent with the mailing list.

Merger with North Texas Chapter. John White will discuss the merger at the next North Texas Chapter meeting. A suggestion was made to call the combined chapters the "Greater Texas Chapter." Karen Myers firmly stated that we should keep the name the South Texas Chapter. Secretary Bravenec agreed that the name should remain the South Texas Chapter.

AAHP Continuing Education. Roy Craft wrote up the last regulatory meeting and was able to get 6 CEUs for the meeting. Roy is working on getting additional credits for our Chapter meetings because our Chapter meetings are all-day mini conferences.

Adjournment—Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. ♦

South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society, Inc.

Affiliates Fair & Winter Meeting

January 12-13, 2007

Holiday Inn Riverwalk

217 N. St. Mary's Street ♦ San Antonio, TX 78205 ♦ 210-224-2500

The 2007 Affiliates Fair and Winter Meeting will feature presentations from a variety of the STC-HPS Affiliates. Our guest speaker will be from the Space Radiation Analysis Group

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at the University of Houston to present "An Active Personal Dosimeter Based on the Medipix Technology from CERN."

STC-HPS Affiliates will offer updates about new products and services they provide. During the breaks, members and Affiliates will have a chance to learn more about each other in the Affiliates Exhibit area in the Holiday Inn Riverwalk Tango 3 Meeting Room. As usual, Affiliates will be giving out tickets to individuals visiting their booths for a prize drawing that will be held at the end of the meeting.

The STC-HPS Executive Council (EC) will meet Friday, January 12, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. also at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk. ♦

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Executive Council Meeting Friday, January 12, 2007, 5:30–8:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Riverwalk

4.5 CEUs Awarded for LMP & MRT Certifications

The "Duties for Chapter Officers and Volunteers" is located on the STC-HPS website. A link can be found at the bottom of the Chapter Leadership page or go to www.stc-hps.org/duties.htm.

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

Friday, January 12, 2007

5:30–8:00 p.m.

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Call to Order	Jim Sharp
Agenda Approval	Jim Sharp
September 2006 Minutes Approval	Stan Bravenec
President's Report	Jim Sharp
Treasurer's Report.....	Stacy Krieger
Secretary's Report.....	Stan Bravenec
 Standing Committee Reports	
Program	Marty Meltz
Membership.....	Jim Lewis
Public Relations.....	Karen Myers
Nominations	David Fogle
 Appointed Committee Reports	
Affiliates	Andrew Pitts
Legislative Affairs	Susan Jablonski
Membership Participation	Jack Crissey
Publications	Michael Charlton
Science Teacher Workshop.....	John Hageman
Student Assistance/Science Fair.....	Ali Simpkins
Task Force for Nuclear Training Endeavors.....	Al Evans
	Linda Morris
	Roy Craft (State)
	Ken Krieger (Nat'l)
 <i>Ad-Hoc</i> Committee Reports	
Student Presentations	John Salsman
Sept 2007 Regulatory Conference.....	Pete Myers
Unfinished Business.....	Jim Sharp
New Business.....	Jim Sharp
Adjournment	Jim Sharp

South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society, Inc. Agenda for the Meeting and Affiliates Fair

Saturday, January 13, 2007

Holiday Inn Riverwalk

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| 8:00–8:30 a.m. | Registration
Hallway – Outside Tango 3 Meeting Room |
| | Coffee/Danish
Vendor Exhibits
Tango 4 Meeting Room |
| 8:30–8:40 a.m. | Welcoming Remarks and Introductions
Jim R. Sharp, STC-HPS President
Tango 3 Meeting Room |
| 8:40–10:00 a.m. | Vendor Presentations
Tango 3 Meeting Room |
| 10:00–10:30 a.m. | Break and Professional Networking
Refreshments
Vendor Exhibit Area – Tango 4 Meeting Room |
| 10:30–11:30 a.m. | Vendor Presentations
Tango 3 Meeting Room |
| 11:30–12:30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 12:30–1:45 p.m. | Guest Speaker Presentation
Speaker: TBD
Space Radiation Analysis Group (SRAG), University of Houston
Topic: “An Active Personal Dosimeter Based on the Medipix Technology from CERN”
Tango 3 Meeting Room |
| 2:00–3:00 p.m. | Vendor Presentations
Tango 3 Meeting Room |
| 3:00–3:30 p.m. | Break and Professional Networking
Refreshments
Vendor Exhibit Area – Tango 4 Meeting Room |
| 3:30–4:00 p.m. | Business Meeting
Announcements
Drawings and Presentation of Door Prizes
Jim R. Sharp, STC-HPS President
Tango 3 Meeting Room |
| 4:00 p.m. | Adjourn |

Meeting Registration

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

Winter Meeting & Affiliates Fair

January 12–13, 2007

San Antonio, Texas

Registration

Hotel Registration Deadline — December 22, 2006 ♦ STC Preregistration Deadline — January 6, 2007

Attendee's Name _____

Attendee's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- STC Member preregistration fee (technical sessions and lunch) - \$45
- STC Member preregistration fee (technical sessions ONLY) - \$20
- Non-STC Member preregistration fee (technical sessions and lunch) - \$55*
- Non-STC Member preregistration fee (technical sessions ONLY) - \$30*
- Non-STC Member (e.g., spouse/guest) preregistration fee (lunch ONLY) - \$25*
- Students (technical sessions and lunch) - \$10
- Registration (after January 6, 2007, or onsite if space or lunch is available) - ADD \$10 to the above fees.
If contemplating onsite purchase of meals, meeting space and meals cannot be guaranteed on the day of the meeting.
- Need a receipt for this meeting
- Need CEU certificate

Mail this registration with your check OR To pay by credit card (Visa®/MasterCard®/AmericanExpress®/Discover®), transmit (made payable to the STC-HPS) to arrive before January 6, 2007, to:

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Stacy Krieger
414 Windcrest Drive
Windcrest, TX 78239
T: 512-422-3422
F: 210-458-5813

your credit card number, expiration date, and authorized payment to the STC-HPS Treasurer, before January 6, 2007, choosing one of the following methods:

- Include it on the Meeting Registration form
- Email it to cihchp@yahoo.com
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Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

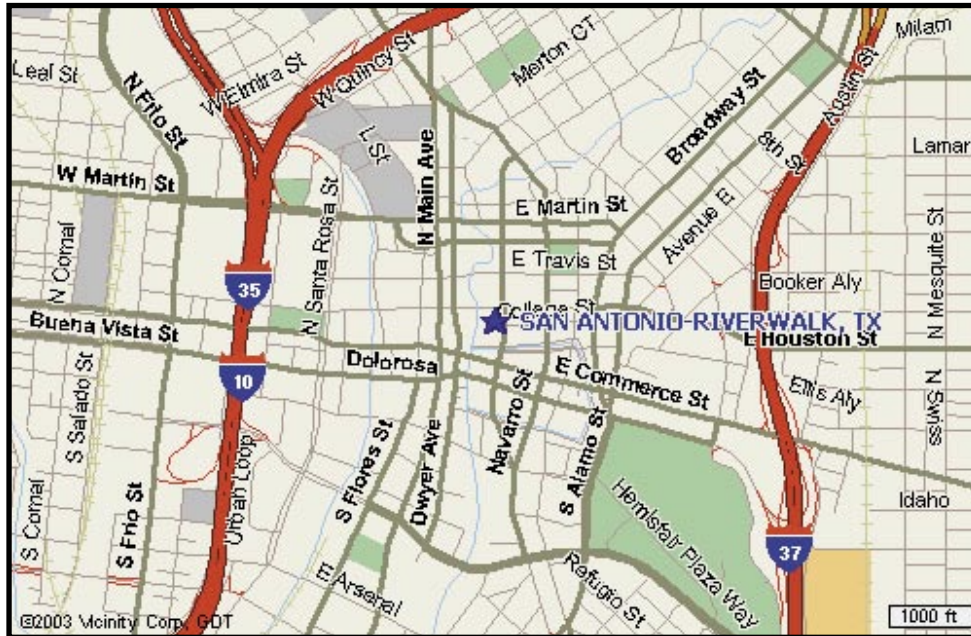
Preregistration will close January 6, 2007. If you will not be able to attend the meeting, please call and cancel your reservation **PRIOR TO JANUARY 6, 2007**. Any reservations **not cancelled by January 6, 2007**, will be regarded as confirmed reservations, and funds will be collected for the meeting. Refunds will be honored only for cancellations made before January 6, 2007. Registration fees collected after January 6, 2007, or at the door, if available, will be \$10 extra.

* Nonmembers may select the option of applying for South Texas Chapter - Health Physics Society membership at the meeting and enjoy privileges of membership at future Chapter events.

Directions & Accommodations

Holiday Inn Riverwalk

217 N. St. Mary's Street ♦ San Antonio, TX 78205 ♦ Reservations: 800-445-8475



Driving Directions

- ♦ The hotel may be accessed from IH-10, IH-35, or IH-37.
- ♦ Please remember that many streets in downtown San Antonio are one-way only.
- ♦ Exact driving directions can be printed from the following website: <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/HOLI/hd/SATRW>
Click on "Map/Driving Directions" in the left-hand column.

Accommodations

The Holiday Inn Riverwalk is a service hotel located in the heart of downtown and on the banks of the River Walk. The restaurant serves a casual variety for breakfast, lunch, and dinner with a spectacular river view. A pool and exercise facility are available as well as an on-site gift shop. Located directly on the river, the hotel is walking distance from shopping at Rivercenter Mall, historic Alamo, the Alamodome, and Market Square. Guest facilities include an outdoor heated pool, Jacuzzi, exercise facility, gift shop, covered parking, express check out, valet service, valet laundry service, a business center, and a full-service restaurant and lounge.

Hotel Information

- ♦ 23 floors
- ♦ Check-in time: 4:00 p.m., Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
- ♦ Parking: \$13 self parking, \$18 valet (both with daily in/out privileges)
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- ♦ Express check-in/check-out
- ♦ Pets allowed

Important Notice

A block of 20 rooms has been reserved for Friday, January 12, and Saturday, January 13, 2007, until **December 22, 2006**, under the name "South Texas Chapter Health Physics Society." Room rates will be \$96 per night for single or double occupancy, which includes government per diem rate. Room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes. To secure these excellent rates, you must call the reservation telephone number listed above EARLY and specify that you are with the South Texas Chapter Health Physics Society. After the reservation deadline, Holiday Inn anticipates that no rooms will be available at this rate, so make your reservation early! If you encounter any problems, contact Cathy Rogers at 210-224-2500.



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Future Meetings & Deadlines

Date	Location	Topic	Deadline for <i>The Billet</i>
January 12–13, 2007	San Antonio, TX	Affiliates Fair & Winter Meeting	November 10, 2006
January 21–24, 2007	Knoxville, TN	HPS Midyear Symposium	NA
April 20–21, 2007	College Station, TX	Student Papers & Annual Meeting	February 16, 2007
July 8–12, 2007	Portland, OR	National HPS 52nd Annual Meeting	NA
September 2007	TBD	TBD	July 2007
January 27–30, 2008	Oakland, CA	HPS Midyear Symposium	NA
April/May 2008	TBD	Student Papers & Annual Meeting	February/March 2008
July 2008	Pittsburgh, PA	National HPS 53rd Annual Meeting	NA
January 2009	San Antonio or Austin, TX	HPS Midyear Symposium	TBD
July 12–16, 2009	Minneapolis, MN	National HPS 54th Annual Meeting	NA

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