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AGENDA

Meeting of Program Area Committee 2 Operational Radiation Safety Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:00 PM EDT/10:00 AM PDT Web Meeting

1:00 PM	Welcome and Introduction of New Members	Pryor
1:10	Remarks from the President	Held
1:20	PAC 7 liaisons – introduction and discussion of roles	Cool
1:30	Status of SC 2-8 draft	Pryor
1:40	NCRP Annual Meeting - 2022	Harris
1:50	Ideas for future reports, open discussion/questions	All
2:00	Adjourn	All

Attendees: Eric Goldin, Barbara Hamrick, Willie Harris, Mike Lewandowski, Kathy Pryor, Kathy Shingleton, Debra Scroggs, Glenn Sturchio, Josh Walkowicz, Jim Yusko. **Absent:** Ed Bailey, Chris Donahue, Mike Littleton, Dave Myers, John Poston, Jim Willison. **Guests:** Don Cool, Kathy Held, Laura Atwell.

The meeting was held in virtual format on the web and was called to order at 1:00 pm EDT. Kathy Pryor welcomed the group and thanked committee members for attending. Mike Lewandowski was introduced as the newest member of PAC 2.

Remarks from the President

President Kathy Held attended the PAC 2 meeting. Dr. Held noted that the draft SC 2-8 had just been distributed for Council Review. She thanked PAC 2 for continuing to minimize costs and work efficiently by writing our own reports and forgoing the use of paid staff consultants. PAC 2 is primarily supported by contributions from the Health Physics Society and the American Academy of Health Physics.

Dr. Held reminded the committee about the upcoming virtual NCRP Annual Meeting on Radiation and Flight – April 19 and 20 (10 am EDT/7 am PDT). The final program and registration are both available on the NCRP website. The NCRP Business Meeting will be held on April 21st (11 am EDT/8 am PDT).

PAC 7 Liaisons – Introduction and Discussion of Roles/Functions

Don Cool presented some information on PAC 7, Radiation Education, Risk Communication and Outreach (see attached). PAC 7 is subdivided into Radiation Education, Risk Communication and Outreach, each with its own Vice Chair. The Outreach section assists with the rollout of new reports and the preparation of associated outreach plans. The outreach plans are short, 2-page summaries that present the key messages of the report in simple, plain language. The earlier that the PAC 7 liaisons are involved in drafting new reports, the better. We will engage the PAC 7 liaisons concurrent with resolution of Council review comments.

Status of SC 2-8 Draft Report, *Operational Radiation Safety Program*

The SC 2-8 draft report was distributed for Council review on March 29th and the votes/comments are due back by April 26th. We have already received some comments from a few Council members, including a few contingent comments. We are planning on initiating the resolution of comments at the beginning of May and will assign items for resolution to committee members as needed. The target date for submitting the final pre-publication draft will be the end of August. We still must draft up the Preface and an Executive Summary, as well as developing a publication announcement and roll-out plan (which will be done concurrently with resolution of comments).

2022 Annual Meeting

Willie Harris is the PAC 2 representative to the Program Committee for the 2022 Annual Meeting. He updated the committee on preparations and facilitated discussion on a set of questions intended to identify possible meeting presentations (see attached). The Program Committee would like to hold more interactive sessions at this meeting. We discussed the recent trend towards use of machine-produced radiation to replace sealed sources, and the use of non-ionizing radiation (e.g., lasers) in decontamination activities. Another suggestion was to provide a presentation on the 2019 sealed source leakage incident that occurred at the University of Washington Harborview Research and Training Facility. We also discussed the possibility of a presentation on how the Covid-19 pandemic affected radiation safety programs and regulatory activities in various occupational settings.

Future Report Ideas

We likely won't plan to start a new report until SC 2-8 is submitted for publication near the end of this year. New report activities require the preparation and approval of a proposal that identifies the purpose/scope, need being addressed, timeline, funding sources, and members of the writing committee. Normally our reports are funded out of the donations from the Health Physics Society and American Academy of Health Physics and our PAC 2 members function as the writing committee.

The preceding discussion on the 2022 Annual meeting generated a few suggestions for future reports. Suggestions included updates to Report No. 57, *Instrumentation and Monitoring Methods for Radiation Protection* (with PAC 6) and Report No. 88, *Radiation Alarms and Access Control Systems*. We also discussed proposing a new report on the use of lasers in decontamination activities, and a new report on electronic data systems, data collection/analysis and recordkeeping practices.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm EDT.