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Kathryn A. Higley Selected as NCRP's Seventh President



The National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has selected Kathryn A. Higley to serve as the Council's seventh President, effective March 26, 2024, when current President Kathryn D. Held steps down. Dr. Higley will follow the distinguished careers of Presidents Held, 2019 to 2024; John D. Boice, Jr., 2012 to 2019; Thomas T. Tenforde, 2002 to 2012; Charles B. Meinhold, 1991 to 2002; Warren K. Sinclair, 1977 to 1991; and the founding President Lauriston S. Taylor, 1929 to 1977.

Dr. Higley was first elected to the Council in 2014, appointed to the Board of Directors in 2023, and a member of the Budget and Finance Committee since 2022. She was Co-Chair of Council Committee (CC) 2 on Meeting the Needs of the Nation for Radiation Protection and a Member of CC 1, Radiation Protection Guidance for the United States; Program Area Committee 5, Environmental Radiation and Radioactive Waste Issues; SC 46-17, Radiation Protection in Educational Institutions; and SC 64-23, Cesium in the Environment. She was a member of the 2016 Annual Meeting Program Committee on "Meeting the Needs of the Nation for Radiation Protection" and presented "Education or Training: Does it Matter?" the same year. Dr. Higley served on the WARP (Where Are the Radiation Professionals?) Initiative Workshop.

Dr. Higley is the Oregon State University Distinguished Professor of Nuclear Science and Engineering and serves as the Interim Director for the Center for Quantitative Life Sciences. She was Head of the School of Nuclear Science and Engineering in the College of Engineering at Oregon State University for more than a decade. She received her Ph.D. and MS in Radiological Health Sciences from Colorado State University and her BA in Chemistry from Reed College. She has held Reactor Operator and Senior Reactor Operator's licenses and is a former Reactor Supervisor for the Reed College TRIGA reactor. Dr. Higley started her career as a Radioecologist for Portland General Electric. She later worked for the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory as a Senior Research Scientist in environmental health physics. Dr. Higley has been at Oregon State University since 1994, teaching undergraduate and graduate topics on radioecology, dosimetry, radiation protection, radiochemistry, and radiation biology. She previously served as Vice Chair of the International Commission on Radiological Protection's Committee 4 (Application of the Commission's Recommendations). She is a fellow of the Health Physics Society and a Certified Health Physicist.

Her fields of interest include environmental transport and fate of radionuclides, radioecology, radiochemistry, radiation dose assessment, neutron activation analysis, nuclear emergency response, and environmental regulations.

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