

CCHPS Strategic Plan 2021



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Columbia Chapter Health Physics Society

The Columbia Chapter of Health Physics Society (CCHPS) is a professional organization whose members are specialists in radiation safety. Vision and mission of the Columbia Chapter coincide with the national Health Physics Society.

CCHPS Vision

CCHPS will be the home for radiation safety specialists and the trusted source of radiation safety information that enables the safe use of radiation to improve people's lives.

CCHPS Mission

Excellence in the science and practice of radiation safety



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Objectives (CCHPS Bylaws, ARTICLE II, Sections 1-2)

The objectives of the Chapter are to

1. aid in the work of health physics,
2. disseminate information in this field and related fields,
3. improve public understanding of the problems and needs in radiation protection,
4. promote health physics as a profession, and
5. promote the activities of the Health Physics Society.

The objectives of the Chapter shall be accomplished by

- meetings,
- conferences, and
- publications,

with emphasis on sharing and disseminating knowledge of radiation effects and radiation protection.



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CCHPS Core Activities

The CCHPS was established in 1960 and throughout these years has served its members, public, and the radiation protection profession via the following core activities:

- offering its members educational and training opportunities through conferences, workshops, technical meetings, and classes
- Participating in various public outreach activities, including: Columbia Basin Engineering Science Fair, STEMCon, and Celebration of Science.
- Recognizing local health physics community members for accomplishments and actions with the CCHPS awards
- Providing scholarships to students in a health physics-related educational path at an accredited institution

In order for the CCHPS to remain relevant to its stakeholders. CCHPS sets a number of short term goals.

CCHPS Short Term Goals

1. Improve value to CCHPS stakeholders
2. Strengthen support for radiation protection academic programs
3. Strengthen relationship with the HPS.

In 2020, CCHPS executive council will be focused on achieving these goals through a collaborative effort between the Council and various CCHPS committees, subcommittees, and working groups.



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2021 Priorities

Priorities for the fiscal year 2020 which are keyed to the CCHPS Short Term Goals are:

1. Improve value to CCHPS stakeholders

- a. *Provide high quality technical meeting program*
- b. *Utilize the website to engage members*
- c. *Better engage Public Information & Education Committee to provide public education/outreach*
- d. *Better engage Publicity & Communication Committee to promote CCHPS activities*

2. Strengthen support for radiation protection academic programs

- a. *Strengthen strategic relationship with health physics programs in the region*
- b. *Offer academic scholarships and travel grants to students in the the field of HP and related fields,*
- c. *Communicate need for government, university and industry funding*

3. Strengthen relationship with the HPS

- a. *Support HPS annual meetings in Washington State*
- b. *Improve communication between national HPS and the Columbia Chapter*
- c. *Improve communication with local chapters*



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2021 Actions

Based on priorities for 2020, following are proposed actions:

1. Improve value to CCHPS stakeholders

- a. *Provide high quality technical meeting program*
 - i. Balance between technical meetings topics: e.g. operational vs research
 - ii. Offer social meetings to promote networking
 - iii. Herbert M. Parker Symposium
- b. *Utilize the website to engage members*
 - i. Improve membership renewal and membership status tracking
 - ii. Improve Affiliate member benefit tracking
 - iii. Utilize online meetings (as an additional resource and not a substitute for in person meetings)
- c. *Better engage Public Information & Education Committee to provide public education/outreach*
 - i. Local science fairs (e.g. Columbia Basin Engineering Science Fair, STEMCon, and Celebration of Science)
 - ii. Public lectures on the topic of Radiation Protection (e.g. Parker Lectures)
- d. *Better engage Publicity & Communication Committee to promote CCHPS activities*
 - i. Social media
 - ii. News.cchps.org (all updates including newsletter, public outreach, committee news, etc.)
 - iii. HPS News (newsletter)

2. Strengthen support for radiation protection academic programs

- a. *Strengthen strategic relationship with health physics programs in the region*



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- i. Strengthen relationship with the Columbia Basin College (CBC) Health Physics Program
 - ii. Promote and offer support to establish a student branch of the HPS at CBC
- b. *Offer academic scholarships and travel grants to students in the the field of HP and related fields,*
 - i. CCHPS scholarship
 - ii. Eugene Carbaugh Scholarship
 - iii. Herbert M. Parker Scholarship
- c. *Communicate need for government, university and industry funding*
 - i. *Engage in communication with local, state, and national government, university, and industry partners to solicit support/funding for the CCHPS educational activities.*

3. Strengthen relationship with the HPS

- a. *Support HPS annual meetings in Washington State*
 - i. Call for volunteers for the Local Arrangements Committee for the 67th HPS annual Meeting in Spokane WA (2022)
- b. *Improve communication between national HPS and the Columbia Chapter*
 - i. Provide timely chapter reports to the HPS
 - ii. Establish frequent communication with the Chapter Liaison at the HPS
 - iii. Invite chapter Liaison to the Chapter meetings
- c. *Improve communication with local chapters*
 - i. Cascade Chapter, Idaho, Oregon
 - ii. Promote networking
 - iii. Promote joint symposia and conferences
 - iv. Promote joint meetings