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Photos of the STC Breakfast Meeting in Spokane, WA

The Breakfast Meeting was well attended by STC members and by several guests close to the STC.





2016 Distinguished Scientific Award Presented to Nolan E. Hertel

By: Paul Charp; Cumming, Georgia



Nolan E. Hertel is a Professor of Nuclear and Radiological Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology, G.W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, Nuclear and Radiological Engineering Program. After receiving his Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1979, he was appointed an Assistant Professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Texas at Austin. In 1993, he moved to Georgia Tech as an Associate Professor in the Nuclear Engineering and Health Physics Program. While at Georgia Tech, he has held numerous positions in the institution including chair of the Health Physics and Radiological Engineering Research Group, Radiological Safety Officer, Director of the Neely Research Center, and Research Fellow of the Sam Nunn Security Program of the Georgia Tech School of International Affairs. He is currently serving as the interim Associate Chair of the Woodruff School as the Chair of the Nuclear and Radiological Engineering/Medical Physics Program.

Nolan's interest in things radioactive and nuclear can be traced to high school mathematics and science courses where, as a senior, he tried to measure P-32 uptake in a tomato plant. His interest in radiation protection developed over his graduate student career and integrated well with his interests in radiation shielding and neutron spectroscopy. A key element in development of his work in computational radiation dosimetry was a sabbatical at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in 1987-88.

Dr. Hertel has many interests in nuclear sciences but perhaps he is best known for his research in the field of neutrons, neutron interactions, external/internal radiation dosimetry, and radiation shielding. His efforts in neutron dosimetry have resulted in his recognition as a national and international neutron expert. He participated as a reviewer of the re-evaluation of Japanese Atomic Bomb Dosimetry effort (DS02), worked with NASA on radiation shielding during outer space activities, was a member of the ICRP Committee 2 Task Group 4 reviewing dose calculations and is now a member of Task Group 90 that is evaluating age-dependent dose conversion factors associated with environmental external exposures. Nolan is also active with the ICRU where he is the co-chair of ICRU Report Committee 26 for Operational Dose Quantities. In addition, he currently serves as the Chair of the Scientific Review Group for the DOE Russian Health Studies Program.

Besides his appointment at Georgia Tech, Nolan presently holds a Joint Faculty Appointment as the Acting Director of the Center for Radiation Protection Knowledge, Environmental Sciences Division at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). The Center for Radiation Protection Knowledge was established by a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in 2010 between five federal agencies and ORNL. Under the MOU, now with six federal agencies, the Center will serve as a common resource to assist the participating agencies in the development and application of radiation dosimetry and risk assessment methodologies that are based on the best available scientific information. This MOU is intended to help maintain and preserve U.S. expertise in radiation dosimetry and to ensure that Federal radiation programs are based on the best available information and its application in a consistent manner.

Shortly after receiving his Ph.D., Nolan joined the Health Physics Society in 1981 where he has served in many capacities including a Director of the Society, organizing recent sessions on the next-generation challenges in radiation protection, and in 2005, he was elected a Fellow of the Society. He has been a member of numerous HPS committees and local chapters.

Nolan and his graduate students, which have numbered over 70 through the years, and almost 60 undergraduate research students have published more than 200 articles, journal reports, refereed summaries, presentations, and book chapters in the field of nuclear engineering and health physics. Nolan's commitment to education and research were recognized by being the recipient of the ASEE Glenn Murphy Award for outstanding contributions to the practice and teaching of Nuclear Engineering in 2004 and being selected Faculty of the Year by the Georgia Tech Graduate Student Government Association in 2006. His research, supported by many sponsors continuously since the 1980s includes pertinent US government agencies and private granting agencies, has improved and moved forward the practice of health physics. Outside the world of health physics, Dr. Hertel is active in the American Nuclear Society, the IEEE Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society, the Council on Ionizing Radiation Measurements and Standards, the International Conference on Radiation Shielding, and the American Society for Engineering Education. Dr. Hertel's accomplishments in the scientific arena have made "outstanding contributions to the science and technology of radiation safety." Through his academic teaching, advising, and outreach, he has stressed, and continues to stress the fundamental importance to the practice, acceptance, and advancement of the profession of health physics.

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Technical Meeting and Affiliates' Fair
September 22-23 (Thurs & Fri) meeting, across from Johnson Space Center (Houston)
at the NASA Hilton on Clear Lake

The South Texas Chapter (STC) of the HPS will be hosting a Technical Meeting and Affiliates' Fair featuring topics regarding radiation issues in Space as well as some updates on recent efforts in Emergency Response. We will also have our vendors set up ready to meet all of your radiological needs. This meeting introduces a new format and we hope that it will better serve the needs of our organization and also provide our membership more time to network.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22nd and the morning of Friday, September 23rd. We're very excited and we hope that you will be able to join us!

The Meeting will be held across from the Johnson Space Center at:

Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake
3000 NASA Road 1
Houston, TX 77058

The meeting will be held from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Thursday and from 8:00 AM – Noon on Friday. Details regarding onsite registration and the Executive Council meeting will follow in the next few weeks.

Registration Costs are:

\$90 for STC Members, registering on the STC-HPS.ORG website, before September 9th

\$100 for registration made on or after September 9th, 2016

\$110 for at the door registration on day of the meeting, if room and lunch are available

Non Members: \$10 extra, which includes a 1 year introductory membership in the STC

\$20 for Students

Registration includes breakfast, lunch and snack on Thursday and breakfast on Friday.

There is a limited block of rooms reserved at the hotel for the nights of Wednesday and Thursday (September 21st and 22nd). A discount room rate of \$113/night, plus tax has been given to this block of rooms. To reserve a room under this block, please call the hotel at **1-281-333-9300** above and give the group code South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society. This block of discounted is available until sold out, or **August 22nd, 2016**. So be sure to call and make your reservation as soon as possible! **Self-parking at the hotel is free!**

MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number: _(_____) _____

_____STC Member Pre-Registration (before September 9th, 2016) \$90.00

_____ Non-Member Pre-Registration (before September 9th, 2016) \$100.00

_____ STC Member Full Registration (after September 9th, 2016) \$100.00

_____ Non-Member Full Registration (after September 9th, 2016) \$110.00

_____ Student Member Registration \$20.00

CEUs: I am requesting the following CEU certificate(s)

_____ LMP _____ CHP

REGISTER ONLINE AT [Meetings Registration](#) and [Online Meeting Payment](#) or mail this completed form with your check (made payable to STC-HPS) or credit card information (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover) to arrive before September 1, 2016 to:

Card Number _____
Expiration Date _____
Signature _____
Please provide a phone number above for payment verification and processing

STC-HPS
P.O. Box 29021
San Antonio, TX 78229

Pre-registration will close September 9th at midnight. If you will not be able to attend the meeting, please email watsonj@uthscsa.edu and cancel your registration prior to January 9th, 2016. Any registrations not cancelled by September 9th, 2016 will be regarded as confirmed registrations and funds will be collected for the meeting. Refunds will be honored only for cancellations made before September 9th, 2016.

After September 9th, full registration begins and will be \$10.00 more. Full registration closes on September 20th at midnight. Onsite (at-the-door) registration cannot be guaranteed and will be the full registration price + \$10, if space is available, and will not include lunch. If mailing in your registration/payment, be sure they are mailed to arrive before the appropriate registration deadline.

Register and pay online at [Online Meeting Payment](#) It's simple...and secure!



STC Recognizes Outstanding Young Student Scientists for Radiation Related Science Projects

By: Janet M. Gutiérrez, DrPH, CHP, LMP, STC-HPS Public Relations Committee Chair, and Linda Morris

Earlier this year, members of the South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society (STC-HPS) had the privilege of participating as judges for several regional science and engineering fairs and the Exxon Mobil Texas Science & Engineering Fair. The judges had many projects to sort through to locate the radiation related projects in each of the fairs. Special thanks goes to judges of the fairs and Linda Morris, the Student Assistance Committee Chair who ensures STC-HPS judges are able to attend and provide the regional award winners with the plaque, a Chart of the Nuclides, and a complimentary one year student membership in the STC-HPS. Spring 2016 judges were: Houston—Janet Gutiérrez & Boris Tsenov; Waco—Linda Morris; Exxon Mobil in San Antonio—Captain Victoria Schuele and Staff Sergeant Luis Huitron.

Being a science fair judge for many years, it is always a pleasure to see what interesting projects the students conduct. The two senior winners at the Houston Science and Engineering Fair looked at the health and safety aspects of their project whether CT imaging or UV light. Both were able to partner with the medical community to have access to specialized equipment for their science project.

Science fair winner's names, project titles and schools are shown below. It is a privilege of the STC-HPS judges to be able to encourage young students in their pursuits of knowledge regarding health physics and radiation safety.

Science and Engineering Fair of Houston (February 27, 2016):

- Junior 1st: Noah Peter, "UV Radiation," Bondy Intermediate
- Senior 1st: Andrew Cianciolo, "UV Light Will Take Your Sight," Friendswood High School
- Senior 2nd: Keshav Srivaths, "Finding CT Techniques that Reduce Radiation without Compromising Quality of Imaging in Infants with Congenital Heart Disease," Home School

Exxon Mobile Texas Science and Engineering Fair (April 2, 2016) in San Antonio:

- Winner: Merusha Mukherjee, with the project regarding Strip PET Design: "Test Cost Effective Scintillators through Singles Detection." College Station, Texas.

Additionally, the fair winners provided brief presentations in College Station on April 16, 2016, at the Texas A&M University Health Science Center. Andrew Cianciolo and Merusha Mukherjee were selected to be nominated by the South Texas Chapter HPS for the National HPS science fair award. It is always great to see young students interested in the field of health physics and radiation safety.

STUDENT SCIENCE FAIR UPDATE: The two STC nominees for the national HPS Science Fair Award won! The awards were announced at the HPS national meeting held in Spokane, Washington, during the week of July 16–22. Both Merusha Mukherjee (Exxon Mobil Texas State Science & Engineering Fair) and Andrew Cianciolo (Houston fair) will be receiving \$250 checks. Certificates will be presented at the STC meeting in Houston, on September 22-23, 2016.



Andrew Cianciolo, Noah Peter, Boris Tsenov, and Keshav Srivaths receiving award at the 2016 Science and Engineering Fair of Houston. Picture by the Science & Engineering Fair of Houston sign.



Science & Engineering Fair of Houston hosted by University of Houston. Courtesy of the Science & Engineering Fair of Houston.

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More STC Student News...

By: Linda Morris

Loren "Buck" Kopp and Hannah Irving, Texas State Technical College (TSTC) students, were awarded Health Physics Society (HPS) Travel Grants to attend the National Conference in Spokane, Washington. They were also given supplemental travel grants from the South Texas Chapter (STC). The TSTC students received \$500 each to help pay airfare. Buck and Hannah were able to attend several professional education courses as well as meet HPS members from around the United States. Buck graduates this summer and Hannah in the fall.

Buck and Hannah were not the only STC students to benefit from membership in our Chapter and the HPS during the past year. Additionally, (a) travel grants to the midyear HPS meeting in Austin, Texas, (b) STC Student Paper Presentation Awards, (c) reduced STC meeting registration fees, and (d) education grants provided in support of our STC students.

Speaking of education grants, STC Education Grants at the associate, bachelor, and graduate levels will be announced and awarded at September 22–23, STC meeting. Selected students will be given checks for \$1000.

In a related topic, the Nuclear Engineering Department at Texas A&M University will soon be announcing their fall-2016 selection for the Neff-Poston Endowed Scholarship. This \$1,250 scholarship is in memory of Health Physics professor Dr. Richard Neff and honoring current Professor Dr. John Poston, Sr. It is awarded to a senior bachelor's student studying Health Physics/Radiological Health Engineering.

For more information on South Texas Chapter student support, please visit the STC website, and click on "Student Assistance." We are proud that our student assistance begins with middle school students and goes all the way to graduate students!

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Salute to South Texas Chapter HPS Current & Past Presidents

By: Janet M. Gutiérrez, DrPH, CHP, LMP, STC-HPS Public Relations Committee Chair



As a past president (2012) of the great South Texas Chapter Health Physics Society, I thought we should take some time to thank current and past leaders of the STC chapter that volunteer their time to support all the activities of the chapter. On February 1, 2016, the STC conducted the Executive Council Meeting hosted by The University of Texas–Nuclear Engineering Teaching Laboratory in Austin, Texas. Executive Council members who served as presidents in the past or current posed for this picture. Below is a list of the ten most recent presidents. It is difficult to get coordinated with everyone's schedule for a photo session, but I wanted to recognize those that have served in organizing venues, speakers, and many other chapter activities. My list only goes back ten years, but certainly our chapter has many great leaders over the decades. Our chapter can continue to be great for years to come with support from past, current and future volunteers to serve on the STC Executive Council and Committees.

South Texas Chapter Presidents 2008–2017

Amanda Sullivan 2017	Janet Gutiérrez 2012
Susanne Savely 2016	Jennifer Cerecero 2011
William Pate 2015	Karen Blanchard 2010
Sandra Jimenez 2014	Stan Bravenec 2009
Scott Nick Nicholson 2013	John/Jay Poston Jr 2008

Certainly all would agree – our chapter has been great for many decades, and I would like to thank all those who served as officers in the past whether recently or several years ago. For example, John Salsman, John Hageman, and Linda Morris continue to volunteer, and in the past have served as presidents. The article would be too long if I attempted to list all the presidents, but I want to express my appreciation for all the current and past Executive Council and Committee members. If you haven't been involved, please consider joining and supporting the Executive Council and Committees.

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STC-HPS Members Attend Counterterrorism Operations Support Center Training Courses in Humble, TX

By: Susanne Savely

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They also attended the Community Reception Center course on July 31 and the WMD Radiological/Nuclear Awareness Course on August 1 (in Houston). These courses are normally taught at the Nevada National Security Site (Test Site) near Las Vegas and are intended to better prepare local radiation safety, health physics, and medical professionals, as well as, fire and police department personnel to respond and assist if a Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD) was ever unleashed in the Houston area.

This training is part of the national "Secure the Cities" (also called STC) program, which has already been rolled out in New York City, Chicago, and Los Angeles. These courses were coordinated through the Harris County Gateway to Care Houston Volunteer Network Medical Reserve Corps.



Danette Fennesy



HCFD Emergency Responder



Vince Moreno-HFD; Art Deyo-CTOS; Brian Kelley-MDACC

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

April 15, 2016

Amanda Sullivan, Secretary

Persons in attendance:

Executive Council (EC) Members:

Sandra Jimenez	Past-President/Nominations Chair
William Pate	President
Susanne Savely	President-Elect
Amanda Sullivan	Secretary/Membership Committee Chair
Jennifer Cerecero	Treasurer/Affiliates Chair
Tracy Tipping	Board Member

Committee Chairpersons:

John Hageman	Editor – <i>The Billet</i> – STC Newsletter
Linda Morris	Student Assistance
Janet Gutierrez	Public Relations
Doug Johnson	CEU Committee
Ken Krieger	Science Teacher Workshop

Chapter Members and Guests:

Christina Van Hal	STC Member & Guest
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order 6:15 PM	Quorum Established.	N/A
Agenda Approval	Motion to approve as written Motion: Jennifer Cerecero Second: Amanda Sullivan	<i>Committee Vote: Approved</i>
Past-President's Report	No new chapter news to report at this time. Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help increase membership • Continuing to reach out to high schools to spread awareness Speaking engagement at Bellaire High School to talk about STEM careers	
Presidents Report	Many thanks to Susanne Savely & Erich Fruchtnicht for their hard work coordinating tomorrow's meeting. Susanne has worked tirelessly to put together a diverse agenda that includes presentations from two new groups: high school students & residents/fellows. One idea for future student meetings would be to allow high school students to be eligible for prizes; would we want to allow them to compete with their science fair project, or only allow non-science fair winners to be eligible to complete?	

	<p>Provided a letter of support to UTHSC-Houston doctoral student Boris Tsenov on behalf of the STC-HPS EC expressing strong support of his research study.</p> <p>Going to begin to collect information needed to submit the Annual Chapter Report for 2015-2016 year to provide to incoming President Susanne Savely.</p>	
<p>President-Elect/Program Committee Report</p>	<p>Past Chapter Meetings, statistics (Location, type, attendees, gain/loss)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed at February EC Meeting <p>Future Chapter Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Student Meeting – April 16, 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Bryan campus of the Health Science Center in the Health Professionals Education Building (HPEB) rooms LL44 and LL43B on the lower level. ○ 23 speakers on the agenda ○ Food from Jason’s Deli for breakfast, morning snacks, afternoon snacks ○ Food from J. Cody’s BBQ for lunch ○ About 60 registered or soon to be registered attendees • July 17-21, 2016: 61st Annual HPS Meeting- Spokane, WA – Breakfast meeting? • September 22-23, 2016: Affiliate’s Fair & Technical Meeting, Location: Johnson Space Center (JSC) & Kemah Boardwalk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location: Space Center Houston is already booked. Now looking at the onsite Gilruth Center & offsite locations ○ Mary van Baalen is too busy to assist, but is willing to present a space radiation topic on behalf of JSC. ○ We may be able to set up a special inside look at the 	

	<p>robotics labs through my Dad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will probably be able to arrange astronauts as lunch speakers. ○ Already have 2 speakers lined up (including Mary).. 	
Secretary Report	No report at this time.	
Treasurer Report	<p>The total assets of the Chapter are \$194781.55 This includes the annuities, petty cash fund, operating account, Science Teacher workshop account and Student Scholarship account.</p> <p>2016 Proposed Annual Budget Jennifer Cerecero has proposed a balanced budget for the 2016 year. This budget includes income from dues and donations and fees for chapter operations. The budget will be published in the next edition of the Billet.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and 2016 Budget Motion: Susanne Savely Second: Tracy Tipping</p>	Committee Vote: Approved
Affiliate Committee Report	<p>Affiliate Renewals since last meeting -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quantum Technical Services 2. Suntrac 3. ARDT <p>21 Current Affiliates paid as of 4/15/16 Renewal e-mails sent April 2016</p>	
<i>The Billet</i>	<p>Future Meeting Dates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. July 17-21, 2016 – 61st Annual HPS Meeting – Spokane, WA 2. September 22-23, 2016 – Affiliates Fair and Technical Meeting 3. Jan-Feb 2017 HPS Midyear Meeting 4. March-April 2017 – Student Presentation Meeting 5. July 9-13, 2017 – 62nd Annual HPS Meeting – Raleigh, NC 	
Science Teacher Workshop Report	No report at this time.	
CEU Committee Report	<p>According to the Texas Medical Board only HPS can issue CEUs. To keep our meetings in compliance with this standard we will incorporate the following wording: <i>This CEU is issued by the South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society and meets the Texas Medical Physics Licensure requirements under Rule §160.16: Continuing Education Requirements (d) (1).</i></p> <p>Motion to Approve – Amanda Sullivan Second – Susanne Savely</p>	

	Unanimous Approval	
Student Assistance Committee Report	<p>The Chapter's Student Assistance activities have been extensive this year supporting students from middle school through graduate level programs. As the Executive Council knows, assistance to students has taken many forms- scholarships, travel grants, reduced membership and meeting registration fees, science fair awards, and student meeting presentation awards.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Science Fairs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Science fair winners receive a copy of the Chart of the Nuclides (donated to STC by Bechtel) and a plaque along with a one-year complimentary student membership in the HPS. The State winner receives a larger plaque as well as a \$50 check. B. Science and Engineering Fair of Houston {02/26-03/01/2016} <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Judges Janet Gutierrez and Boris Tsenov 2. Winners <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Junior 1st: Noah Peter, "UV Radiation," Brandy Intermediate b. Senior 1st: Andrew Cianciolo, "UV Light Will Take Your Sight," Friendwood HS (presenting at our meeting tomorrow) c. Senior 2"d: Keshav Srivaths, "Finding CT Techniques That Reduce Radiation Without Compromising Quality of Imaging in Infants with Congenital Health Disease," Home School C. ExxonMoQ.il Texas Science and Engineering Fair {04/01-02/2016} <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Judges Captain Victoria Schuele and Sargent Luis Huitron (facilitated by Nick Nicholson) 2. Winner: Merusha Mukherjee, "Strip PET Design: Testing Cost Effective Scintillators through Singles Detection," College Station High School (presenting at our meeting) 2. Travel Grants <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. HPS National Midyear Meeting {02/2016} <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fifteen students received registration and hotel for the conference 2. Seven students were from TSTC, one from UTHSCSA, and seven from TAMU B. Do we want to consider providing travel grants to the Spokane HPS meeting for students who are receiving national HPS travel grants? 3. Student Presentations for Annual STC Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. President-Elect Savely has done a wonderful job of setting up this program B. Program will include presentation from high school science fair winners as well as well as medical residents C. Judges packets are prepared, and Linda will ask for volunteers at Executive Council Meeting 	

4. Education Grants
- A. \$1000 awards at Associate Degree, Undergraduate, and Graduate
 - B. Students at TAMU are reminded that the Neff-Poston Endowed Scholarship recipient is selected by TAMU Nuclear Engineering faculty each spring for the fall award of \$1250 (contact Dr. Jean Ragusa at TAMU for more information)
 - C. The STC application is on the STC-HPS website, and is due by the end of May
6. 5 travel grants can be awarded for the HPS national meeting for \$200.
- a. Motion – Amanda Sullivan
 - b. Second – Jennifer Cerecero
 - c. **Unanimous Approval**

Membership Report

Current STC membership is at 187 members.

**WELCOME
NEW
STC
MEMBERS!**

New Members:

Harvey	Billie	MD Anderson
Bhakta	Vihar	MD Anderson
Holcomb	R. DeWayne	University of Texas at Austin
Mize	Christopher	Rice University
Barlow	Ashley	University of Houston - Downtown
Basyal	Mahesh	University of Houston - Downtown
Bui	Huy	University of Houston - Downtown
Enriquez	Julio	University of Houston - Downtown
Khalil	Hera	University of Houston - Downtown
Marks	Nicholas	University of Houston - Downtown
Martinez	Esmerelda	University of Houston - Downtown
Martinez	Lisa	University of Houston - Downtown
Punnathara	Charles	University of Houston - Downtown
Reyes	William	University of Houston - Downtown
Syzdek	Douglas	University of Houston - Downtown
Braziel	JeNiya	University of Houston - Downtown
Bure	Nuru	University of Houston - Downtown
Cruz	Ariel	University of Houston - Downtown
DeLeon	Alec	University of Houston - Downtown
Miranda	Roberto	University of Houston - Downtown
Nguyen	Ngoc	University of Houston - Downtown
Perez-Cruz	Moises	University of Houston - Downtown
Rivera	Alma	University of Houston - Downtown
Solomon	Regina	University of Houston - Downtown
St. Vallier	Shaynah	University of Houston - Downtown
Taveechai	Patrick	University of Houston - Downtown

*Committee
Vote:
Approved*

	Tran	Phuongnhi	University of Houston - Downtown		
	Turchaninova	Alisa	University of Houston - Downtown		
	Velasquez	Denisse	University of Houston - Downtown		
	Wilkinson	Kendall	University of Houston - Downtown		
	Wilson	Graham	University of Houston - Downtown		
	Lakhani	Zain	University of Houston - Downtown		
	Dizon	Jomarie	University of Houston - Downtown		
	Renteria	Paul	University of Houston - Downtown		
	Wonbera	Amanuel	University of Houston - Downtown		
	Overbay	Lauren	TEES Nuclear Science Center		
	Belal	Zayne	Texas Southern University		
	Childs	Andrew	Quantum Tech Services		
	Strangmire	David	Quantum Tech Services		
	Garza	Esteban	Quantum Tech Services		
	Mackey	Mark	Quantum Tech Services		
	Najera	Melanie	Texas A&M University		
	Douglas	Jordan	Texas A&M University		
	Tsorxe	Innocent	Texas A&M University		
	Van Hal	Christina			
	Martin	Michael	Texas A&M University		
	Clanton	Ryan	Texas A&M University		
	Ezenekwe	Ugochukwu			
	Jacomb-Hood	Timothy			
	Srivaths	Keshav	Carnegie Vangaurd High School		
	Cianciolo	Andrew	Friendswood High School		
	Over	Sarah	Texas A&M University		
	Motion To Approve New Members: Motion: Jennifer Cerecero Second: Sandra Jimenez				
Webmaster Report	No report at this time.				
Legislative Committee Report	No report at this time.				
Nominations Committee	On behalf of the South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society, we nominated Kenneth Krieger for the Fellow Award of the Health Physics Society. Nominations were submitted to STC-HPS members for next term.				
Public Relations Committee Report	Coffee mugs, pint glasses and polos are still available for purchase.				
New Business	EC has voted to establish a Grant Committee to evaluate submissions from universities and student for project grants. This committee will consist of Tracy Tipping, Ken Krieger, Linda Morris and Susanne Savely. The EC has voted to extend \$2500/yr for			<i>Committee Vote:</i> Approved	

	<p>project grants. This committee will formalize their process and qualifications and that will be sent to the membership once it has been established.</p> <p>The EC has also voted to increase the scholarship amount to \$1500 from \$1000.</p> <p>Motion: Susanne Savely Second" Tracy Tipping</p>	<p><i>Committee Vote: Approved</i></p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>7:45 pm Motion: Amanda Sullivan Second: Sandra Jimenez</p>	<p><i>Committee Vote: Approved</i></p>



Photos of the STC Breakfast Meeting in Spokane, WA

The South Texas Chapter held its annual breakfast meeting in Spokane, WA, at the National Health Physics Society Meeting on July 20, 2016. The Breakfast Meeting was well attended by STC members and by several guests close to the STC. Those in attendance are presented in the following photos:



L-R Ali Simpkins, Mike Ford, Jay Poston, and Becky Grabarkwitz



L-R Mac McBurney, Nancy Bliss, John Bliss, and Ruth McBurney



L-R Jacob Navar, Buck Kopp Jr., Linda Morris, and Ken Krieger



Matt Amen and family



L-R Ed Bailey and Scott Winters



L-R Howard Dickson, Bob Cherry, and Elaine Marshall



L-R Billie Harvey and John Hageman



L-R Ali Simpkins and Mike Ford



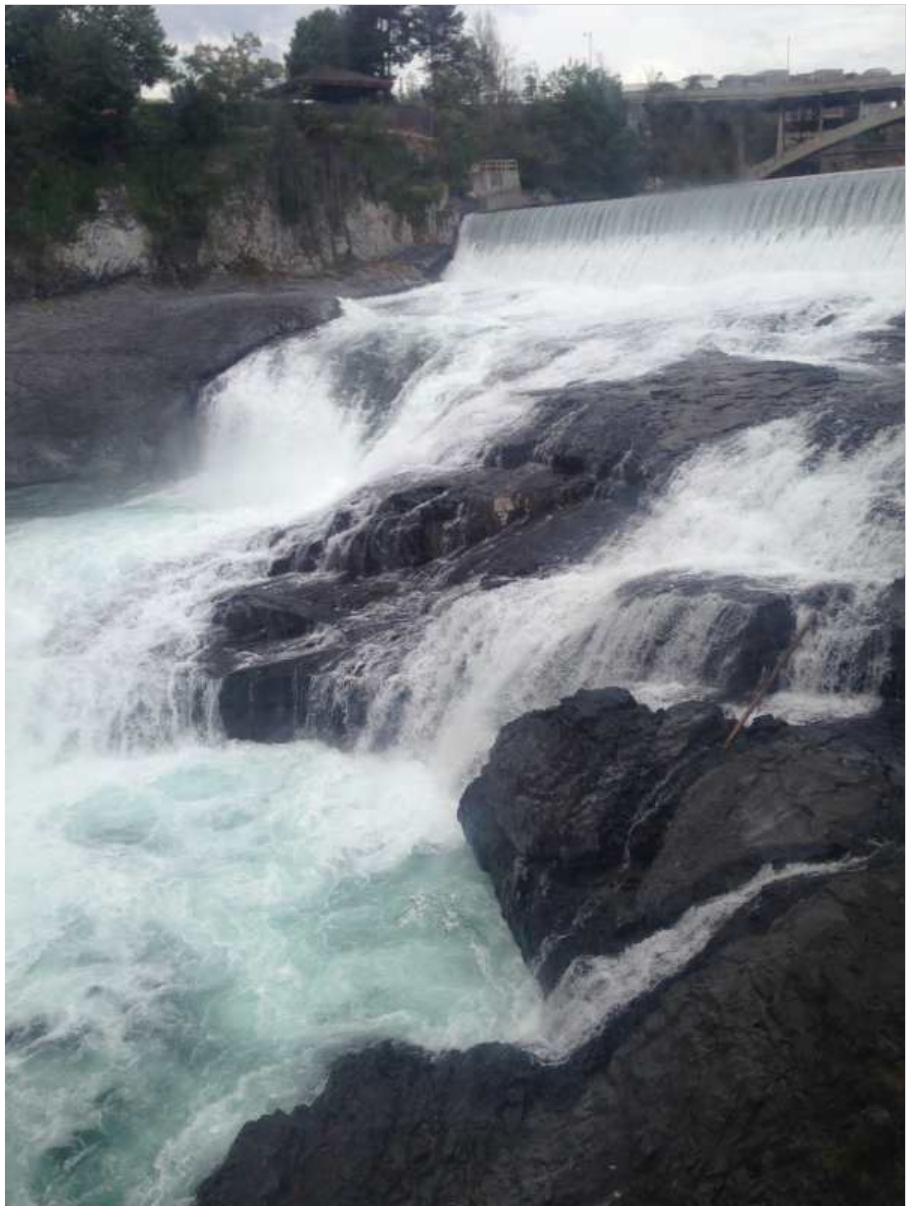
L-R Tyler Cantwell and Evan Western



L-R Bob Cherry, Amber Allardice, and Howard Dickson



Cable Car and Falls in Spokane



Falls in Spokane



Melissa Hageman

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