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Highlights from the Special Topic Meeting: Radiological Incident/Emergency Preparedness and Response in Sugar Land, Texas

See the Photos taken at the meeting



The STC-HPS Post Office Box has Changed

The Post Office box for the STC-HPS that was in Austin, TX, has been closed, and the new mailing address is:

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

Galveston Plans to Ban Radioactive Material

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Waste Control Specialists Proposes to Bring Spent Nuclear Fuel to West Texas for Storage

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Dallas firm's proposal would send nation's high-level nuclear waste to West Texas

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STC Welcomes Our Newest Members

The South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society gladly welcomes our newest members.

STC Welcomes Our Newest Affiliates

Our Affiliates are important to the STC, and we are thankful for their generous contributions to the Chapter.

Recent Texas Radiation Advisory Board Activities

By: John Hageman

The Texas Radiation Advisory Board (TRAB) has been very productive during 2014. It has approved several items, including Advisory Statements, Comments on Proposed Regulations, Resolutions, and Recommendations related to Medical Radiation, Industrial Radiation, Waste Management, Uranium Processes, and Nuclear Power Plant issues.

These items include the following:

- Comments on the NRC's Proposed Rule Changes to 10 CFR Part 20, regarding Radiation Protection, published on July 25, 2014 (<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=8589993343>)
- Advisory Statement on Sealed Source Disposal (<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=8589992735>)
- Advisory Statement on National Radiation Dose Registry for Patient Exposure During Healthcare Procedures (<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=8589992359>)
- Advisory Statement on the Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel in Texas (<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/TRAB/pdf/TRAB-Position-Paper-on-HLW-Storage.pdf>)
- Resolution on Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBRT), used in dental imaging (<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/TRAB/pdf/Cone-Beam-Computed-Tomography.pdf>)
- Resolution to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Agreement between the State of Texas and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Resolution to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Agreement between the State of Texas and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/TRAB/pdf/TRAB_Resolution.pdf)

The full text of each of these items and more can be found on the TRAB website: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/trab/>, under TRAB Publications.

To see what the TRAB accomplished in Fiscal Year 2013 see the Report to Dr. Lakey (<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/TRAB/pdf/Approved-Final-TRAB-FY-2013-Report.pdf>).

The 18 TRAB members (<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/trab/list/>) and the Committees, upon which they serve, are listed in the following:

Topic Research Committee

- Ian Hamilton, Committee Chair
- Robert Emery, Committee Vice-chair
- John Hageman, TRAB Chair
- Nora Janjan, Vice-Chair
- Mark Pittman, Secretary

Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

- Ken Krieger, Committee Chair
- Mitch Lucas, Committee Vice Chair
- Amy Clark
- John Hageman
- Ian Hamilton
- Stephen Harris

- Judy Raab
- Kevin Raabe
- Darshan Sachde

Medical Committee

- Darlene Metter, Committee Chair
- Mark Silberman, Committee Vice-chair
- Bill Campbell
- Robert Emery
- Ian Hamilton
- Nora Janjan
- John Johnson
- Melanie Marshall
- David Nichols
- Mark Pittman

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2015 STC Education Grant Recipients

By: **Linda Morris**

The South Texas Chapter-Health Physics Society (STC-HPS) has a long history of awarding scholarships to deserving college and university students who are studying health physics or radiation protection in Texas and are student members of the STC. In years past, a \$1000 grant was given to an associate degree student and to a graduate student. For FY 2015 (FA 15-SP 16), a third scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student as well. These three scholarships will be in addition to the Neff-Poston Endowed Scholarship that was established at Texas A&M University by the STC-HPS to honor two prominent health physics educators Dr. Richard Neff and Dr. John Poston, Sr. The Nuclear Engineering faculty at Texas A&M selects a Radiological Health Engineering (RHEN) undergraduate student each year to receive this award. The students who have received awards for this college year are:



Amy Brito Delgado



Mallory Carson



Bernaby Garcia, right, with Linda Morris

- **Graduate Student: Amy Brito Delgado** is working on her Ph.D. in Radiation Therapy Medical Physics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She is studying under the mentorship of STC member Dr. Michael Charlton. Her undergraduate degree is in physics. Amy states that she has a passion for Radiation Safety and Medical Health Physics, fields where she hopes to work after completing her education.
- **Neff-Poston Endowed Scholarship Student: Mallory Carson** is a senior Radiological Health Engineering student from The Colony, Texas. She will be graduating in May 2015. She has always had an interest in physics, math, and human health, and originally majored in nuclear engineering at Texas A&M until she discovered health physics. She plans to continue her education after graduation, hoping to study at MD Anderson, UTHSCSA, or LSU.
- **Associate Degree Student: Bernaby Garcia** is from Belton, Texas. He is going to complete his AAS degree in Radiation Protection Technology this spring. He worked at Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant during the fall semester as an intern in Radiation Protection. He is open to all employment opportunities.

The STC Education grant application process is now active, so interested students should visit the [Student Assistance page of the STC-HPS website \(http://stc-hps.org/student.htm\)](http://stc-hps.org/student.htm) to obtain more information and the application forms. The deadline for submitting is May 29, 2015. For more information, contact STC Student Assistance Chair Linda Morris at Linda.Morris@tstc.edu or call 254-867-2952.

Photos of the Special Topic Meeting: Radiological Incident/Emergency Preparedness & Response in Sugar Land



Gamaliel Torres and Sandra Jimenez



Sandra Jimenez



Gamaliel Torres



Lori Upton



Lori Upton



Bob Emery, DrPH



Bob Emery, DrPH



Mary Van Baalen, Ph.D., CHP



Mary Van Baalen, Ph.D., CHP



Nancy Kirner, CHP



Scott Nicholson



Janet Gutierrez, Amanda Sullivan, Sandra Jimenez, Jennifer Cerecero



Chris Moore



Chris Moore



Sandra Jimenez



Eric Daxon, Ph.D.



Eric Daxon, Ph.D.



Sandra Jimenez

STC-HPS Links:

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Galveston Plans to Ban Radioactive Material

By: Rick Jacobi

The Galveston City Council is presently amending their existing Land Development Regulations. Among the proposed changes is a city-wide specific prohibition on “. . . uses involving radioactive (nuclear) materials and waste, including disposal facilities and decommissioning services.” This provision was added in an attempt to scuttle the decommissioning of the Sturgis, an old barge that formerly hosted a nuclear power reactor, by the US Army Corps of Engineers at Pier 41 on the Galveston wharf. Later, the Galveston City Council approved the decommissioning and issued a Specific Use Permit to allow the work. But, the onerous prohibition remains in the proposed ordinance.

As written, the ordinance could conceivably prohibit any use involving radioactive material on the Island. Such uses include nuclear medicine for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, research at Texas A&M University-Galveston or at the University of Texas Medical Branch, industrial radiography in the shipyards, soil moisture and density measurements for road building or building foundations, delivery of radiopharmaceuticals to medical facilities or removal of medical or research radioactive waste from such facilities, or shipping well logging sources through the Port of Galveston to and from offshore oil-drilling rigs.

Such municipal prohibitions have been struck down before. Attempts at local control of radioactive material or nuclear facilities raise questions about federal pre-emption under the Atomic Energy Act. The Courts have uniformly held that local entities may not adopt such ordinances.

To read the proposed ordinance, go to: <http://www.cityofgalveston.org/DocumentCenter/View/2057> and scroll down to Section 2.202 (page 2-5).

If you desire, you may informally comment by sending an email message to knoxian@cityofgalveston.org sharing your thoughts about the proposed ordinance.

Two articles about the Council's decision to accept the Sturgis for decontamination in Galveston, are on the Web at: [Galveston Council OKs Dismantling of Nuclear Ship](#) and [Galveston Council OK's Sturgis Project](#).

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Valhi's WCS Subsidiary to Apply for License to Store Used Nuclear Fuel

Dallas, Texas (February 9, 2015) –Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI) subsidiary Waste Control Specialists LLC (“WCS”), announced today that it has sent a notification to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“NRC”) expressing its intent to apply for a license for the interim storage of used nuclear fuel at its facility in Andrews County, Texas. The need for such a facility arises as a result of the ongoing decades long search for a disposal solution for the nation’s used nuclear fuel. In 2012 the presidential-appointed Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future issued a report recommending that at least one interim storage facility be sited in the U.S., while a permanent disposal site is being developed.

“This is a unique opportunity for WCS to provide a viable solution to the industry’s needs,” said William J. Lindquist, Chief Executive Officer of WCS. “We already offer the only one-stop shop for low-level radioactive waste (“LLRW”) storage, processing and disposal and with this development we will be in a position to provide a comprehensive solution for the entire range of waste produced in the nuclear fuel cycle.”

“We are confident we can provide a safe and comprehensive interim solution for used nuclear fuel, which has been accumulating at nuclear power plants across the country and for which no alternative for safe, secure storage and disposal currently exists. We are fully committed to this effort and plan to submit the final license application by April 2016. We currently expect the licensing, regulatory requirements and construction process to be completed by December 2020.

“This will be a community supported, consent-based facility – just as are our current nuclear disposal facilities,” Lindquist said. The community and region, which actively support WCS’ existing operations, have already been apprised of our intent to apply for the interim storage license, and Andrews County has passed a resolution of support of such application and licensing process. “The combination of transparent communication with both regulatory and community constituents, informed community support, our robust permitting and site characterization process all contributed to our successful achievement of the broadest range of permitted operations to treat, store and dispose of Class A, B and C LLRW. We believe our commitment to these practices and our demonstrated operating capabilities under our existing LLRW permits make WCS well suited to operate an interim storage facility”, Lindquist said.

WCS currently operates two separately licensed LLRW disposal facilities at its Andrews site, including the Texas Compact Disposal Facility which is the only commercial Compact facility that has been built since Congress passed the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act more than 30 years ago. WCS plans to work with other experienced industry leaders to assist with used nuclear fuel management and transportation, to help assure a safe and comprehensive solution for the interim storage of this material.

“The positive environmental impact of providing for an interim storage facility is very significant, with thousands of tons of used fuel currently being stored temporarily at 72 locations in 33 states,” said Mr. Lindquist. “Most are located in areas that are closer to major population areas and that are more prone to catastrophic events related to natural disasters than is Andrews County Texas. Six of the 72 locations are decommissioned nuclear power plants that have been totally remediated

and where the property is ready for return to the community in which they are located, other than for removal of the used nuclear fuel stored on-site.”

Steven L. Watson, President and Chief Executive Officer of Valhi, said “For over 20 years, the process of developing and operating our WCS business has been built on our dedication and commitment to open and transparent communications with the local community, state and Federal government oversight agencies and other affected parties across the U.S. Our objective has been to provide facilities which are capable of providing the services needed by the nuclear waste industry, in a safe and environmentally sound manner. We believe WCS’s proven operating history makes its Andrews County, Texas facility the ideal location to deliver a reliable, private sector, community-supported, comprehensive solution to the entire range of waste produced by the nuclear fuel cycle.”

About the WCS Facility

The WCS facility in western Andrews County is the only commercial facility in the U.S. licensed to dispose of Class A, B and C LLRW and Mixed LLRW and is the site for the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact facility for commercial LLRW and the Federal Waste Facility for waste from DOE. WCS has contracts in place with most of the nuclear power plants in the U.S. and a nationwide contract with DOE that can be used by DOE or its contractors.

The state of Texas takes title to any waste disposed in the Compact Waste Facility and DOE takes title to any waste disposed in the Federal Waste Facility.

Situated in an arid and isolated location, the WCS facility sits atop a formation of 600 feet of impermeable red-bed clay which makes it an ideal setting for the storage and disposal of LLRW. The state of Texas has determined the WCS facility does not sit above or adjacent to any underground drinking water formations.

WCS is a subsidiary of Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI). Valhi, Inc. is engaged in the titanium dioxide pigments, component products (security products and high performance marine components), waste management, and real estate management and development industries.

Statements in this release that are not historical in nature are forward-looking in nature that represent the Company’s beliefs and assumptions based on currently available information. In some cases, these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as “believes,” “intends,” “may,” “should,” “could,” “anticipates,” “expected” or comparable terminology. Although the Company believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, the Company does not know if these expectations will be correct. Forward-looking statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could significantly impact expected results. Actual future results could differ materially from those predicted. Among the factors that could cause the Company’s actual future results to differ materially from those described herein are the risks and uncertainties described from time to time in the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Welcome New Members!

The South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society gladly welcomes our newest members:

- **Gehan Flanders** – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
 - **Tom Haan** – Instructor at the Texas State Technical College
 - **Ken Kawabata** – South Texas Project, NPP
 - **Eric Skolak** – Texas Dept. of State Health Services
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The STC Welcomes Our Five New Affiliates!

By: Jennifer A. Cerecero, STC Chair, Affiliates Committee

The South Texas Chapter (STC) of the Health Physics Society gladly welcomes our newest Affiliates

Seven New Affiliates since March 2014

- Advanced Health Education Center
- Berkeley
- Canberra
- CRCPD
- Imaging Solutions of America
- Sectra
- TexCom Environmental Services, LLC

All of the STC Affiliates are listed on the STC website at <http://stc-hps.org/affiliates.htm>

Please look to the STC Affiliates first for the products or services that you may need.

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Executive Council Minutes

January 16, 2015

Submitted by: Amanda Sullivan, Secretary

Persons in Attendance

Executive Council (EC) Members:	Committee Chairs:	Chapter Members and Guests:
Scott Nicholson – Past-President Sandra Jimenez – President William Pate – President-Elect/Programs Committee Chair Jay Poston – Board Member Amanda Sullivan – Secretary/Membership Committee Chair Jennifer Cerecero – Treasurer Warren Snell – Board Member	John Hageman Editor – <i>The Billet</i> Ken Krieger – Science Teacher Workshop Linda Morris – Student Assistance Janet Gutierrez – Public Relations	Ed Bailey – STC Member & Guest Boris Tsenov – STC Member & Guest Tom Haan – STC Member & Guest Karen Blanchard – STC Member & Guest

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order 6:08 p.m.	Quorum Established.	N/A
Agenda Approval	Move to approve as written Motion: Sandra Jimenez Second: Janet Gutiérrez	<i>Committee Vote:</i> Approved
March 28, 2014, STC-HPS Executive Meeting	Motion to approve the minutes from the March EC meeting Motion: Sandra Jimenez Second: Jennifer Cerecero	<i>Committee Vote:</i> Approved
Past-President's Report	Scott Nicholson proposes that we incorporate the changes suggested by National into our by-laws and that we send it out to the chapter to be voted on in the next election. He has submitted a copy of the proposed changes to the EC for approval. Motion to send this out to chapter with minor revisions: Motion: Jennifer Cerecero Second: Amanda Sullivan Scott is also working on a set of standardized procedures for the EC. This will help guide the council when determining how to proceed with out-of-cycle budget proposals and other issues.	<i>Committee Vote:</i> Approved
President's Report	Chapter National <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Jimenez thanked Janet Gutierrez for submitting an article for the <i>HPS Newsletter</i> published on December 14 highlighting the very successful Regulatory Conference. • The pre-registration deadline for the mid-year meeting in Norfolk, VA has been extended to January 20, 2015. • The call for papers and abstracts for the 60th Annual HPS meeting in Indianapolis are due February 7, 2015. 	

	<p>STC-HPS interest in developing a Radiation Response Volunteer Corps (RRVC) program in Texas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Jimenez was approached to gauge the interest of the STC-HPS running and maintaining a database of qualified volunteers that would be available in the event of a wide scale radiological emergency. • After much deliberation by the Executive Council it was decided that the STC-HPS would agree to support efforts already being made by other groups towards this goal but does not have the necessary resources to formally conduct such an effort at this time. 	
<p>President-Elect/ Program Committee Report</p>	<p>Past Chapter Meetings, statistics (Location, type, attendees, gain/loss)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-12 Sept 2014 Austin, TX – Texas Radiation Regulatory Conference and Affiliates Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 385 total registrants, 65 TDSHS/TCEQ Employees, 15 Affiliate Members ◦ Net gain: \$22,669.94 ◦ Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to put together the conference and make it such a great success. Specifically, huge kudos to Karen Blanchard for all of the work, coordination and time she spent on the organizing the meeting arrangements, speakers, and getting all of the CEUs sorted out. <p>Future Chapter Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Topics Meeting: Radiological Incident/Emergency Preparedness & Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 57 registered online; 8 speakers from SETRAC, UT Health, NASA, DSHS, VA, and more ◦ Thank you to Karen Blanchard for working with AAHP to get meeting pre-approved for 7 CEC for CHPs; approved for 5.5 hours for LMPs ◦ Estimating break-even financially or slight gain based on conservative estimates • 48th Mid-Year Topical Meeting-Norfolk/Virginia Beach, VA – Breakfast meeting? • 2015 Student Meeting – April 18, 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Location: Waco, TX @ TSTC ◦ Call for Presentations sent out to professors at Texas A&M, TSTC, and UHD on 01/08/2015 • July 12-16, 2015: 60th Annual HPS Meeting- Indianapolis, Indiana – Breakfast meeting? • September 18-19, 2015: Affiliate’s Fair, Location: San Antonio 	
<p>Secretary’s Report</p>	<p>EC Electronic Voting Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker Fees – Proposal to waive registration fees for non-STC members that will be presenting at the January 2015 Meeting <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: Will Pate on 12/10/2014 Second: Jennifer Cerecero</p>	<p><i>Committee Vote:</i> Approved</p>
<p>Treasurer’s Report</p>	<p>The total assets of the Chapter are \$184,230.88. This includes the annuities, petty cash fund, operating account, Science Teacher workshop account and</p>	

	<p>Student Scholarship account. The chapter made approximately \$23,000 from the Regulatory Conference held in September and it is projected that there will also be about a \$130.00 gain at the conclusion of this meeting.</p> <p>Jennifer Cerecero has also proposed the 2015 budget to the EC. The major changes to the budget include adding an additional \$1,000 scholarship available to undergraduate students and the \$200 in fees in Constant Contact to keep the electronic registration process.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Motion: Scott Nichelson Second: Jay Poston</p> <p>Motion to approve the 2015 budget</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Motion: Sandra Jimenez Second: Scott Nichelson</p>	<p><i>Committee Vote:</i> Approved</p> <p><i>Committee Vote:</i> Approved</p>
<p>Affiliate Committee Report</p>	<p>Three Affiliates have renewed their memberships since September 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Laboratories • Berkeley Nucleonics • Sectra <p>A survey was sent out to Affiliates to determine the preferred meeting date and location for the Affiliates fair to be held in September 2015. Based on the survey results and a discussion by the EC, it has been determined that the meeting will be held in San Antonio, TX, on September 19, 2015.</p>	
<p><i>The Billet STC Newsletter</i></p>	<p>Future Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/1-4/2015—48th Midyear Topical Meeting, Norfolk/Virginia Beach, VA • 4/17-18/2015—Student Presentations and Annual Business Meeting, Waco, TX • 7/12-16/2015—60th Annual HPS Meeting, Indianapolis, IN • 9/18-19/2015—STC Affiliates Fair and Technical Meeting, San Antonio, TX. 	
<p>Student Assistance Committee Report</p>	<p>Education Grants:</p> <p>We would like to have information in <i>The Billet STC Newsletter</i> announcing the Student Education Grants for the fall of 2015. As always, we will be giving \$1000 associate and graduate degree grants (one of each). The deadline will be May 29, 2015. Students should attach their transcripts indicating their Spring 2015 grades. The winners will be announced at the September 2015 STC-HPS meeting. The Nuclear Engineering faculty at TAMU will be selecting the next Neff-Poston Endowed Scholarship recipient later this Spring or early summer.</p> <p>Student Assistance for HPS Annual Meeting:</p> <p>The HPS is giving travel awards for the national meeting in Indianapolis next summer. The deadline is March 1. Please announce. Preference is given to student members who are presenting and willing to work at the conference. If any of our STC student members are attending, do we want to offer small monetary stipends as we did last year?</p>	
	<p>Science Fairs 2015: Dates for the upcoming science fairs are listed below:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Texas Science & Engineering Fair Waco, TX Feb, 24–25, 2015 • Austin Energy Regional Science Festival Feb. 18–21, 2015 • Science & Engineering Fair of Houston Feb. 27–Mar. 1, 2015 • Alamo Regional Science & Engineering Fair Feb. 15, 2015 • ExxonMobil Texas Science & Engineering Fair Mar. 26–29, 2015 	
	<p>Annual Meeting and Student Presentations: If any of you are affiliated with an academic institution that has radiation-related programs, please consider helping with the academic program at our April 18 meeting in Waco. I am sure that our President-Elect would appreciate assistance with signing students up for presentations.</p> <p>Plans are proceeding well for local arrangements for this meeting. We will again be meeting in the IDEAS Center on Saturday. The Friday EC meeting will also be held in the same location – Technical Studies Center (my building). I am arranging for Tom's Smoke House to cater the lunch, and the College dining department will provide the breakfast and breaks.</p>	
Membership Committee Report	Current STC membership is at 166 members.	
WELCOME NEW STC MEMBERS!	<p>New Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Skotak—TDSHS • Gehan Flanders—TCEQ • Ken Kawabata—South Texas Project • Tom Haan—TSTC <p>Motion To Approve:</p> <p>Motion: Amanda Sullivan Second: Sandra Jimenez</p>	<p><i>Committee Vote:</i> Approval of new STC members. Congratulations!</p>
Webmaster Report	No report at this time.	
Legislative Committee Report	No report at this time.	
Nominations Committee	No report at this time.	
Public Relations Committee Report	<p>Janet Gutierrez is currently seeking articles for The Billet and also for the HPS Newsletter. Anyone that would like to submit please contact her.</p> <p>Sales have also been good for the coffee mugs and pint glasses that the chapter has been selling.</p>	
New Business	<p>Use of Chapter Funds—Will Pate suggested that we add a third scholarship of \$1000 available to undergraduate students. Amanda Sullivan will send this out to the EC for an electronic vote before the next meeting.</p> <p>Research Support—Boris Tsenov has approached the committee seeking a letter of support for his graduate level research. Sandra Jimenez as President has agreed to provide such a letter.</p> <p>Motion To Approve:</p>	<p><i>Committee Vote:</i> Approved</p>

	<p>Motion: Amanda Sullivan Second: Sandra Jimenez</p> <p>Online Registration—It has been proposed that we continue to use Constant Contact for their electronic meeting registration capabilities.</p> <p>Motion To Approve:</p> <p>Motion: Jay Poston Second: Amanda Sullivan</p>	
Adjournment	<p>7:45 p.m.</p> <p>Motion: Sandra Jimenez Second: William Pate</p>	<p><i>Committee Vote:</i> Approved</p>

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2015 Student Presentations and Annual Business Meeting

Meeting Date: April 18, 2015

STC Executive Council Meeting: April 17, 2015

Texas State Technical College, Waco, Texas

Pre-registration Deadline is March 27, 2015

The South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society (STC-HPS) will host the Annual Student Paper Presentations and Annual Business Meeting in Waco, TX, on Saturday, April 18, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. One of the most important and a primary goal of our Chapter is aiding in research, education, and financial assistance opportunities for students in the fields of health physics and radiation protection. The Student Presentation meeting gives the next generation of HPs the opportunity to:

- Present their research projects/papers
- Interact with active and experienced HPs
- Network with their future colleagues
- Practice and learn presentation and public speaking skills
- Possibly earn financial rewards for their presentations

Students will compete for monetary awards for the best papers in each of the following categories:

- Undergraduate
- Graduate
- Associate degree programs

This meeting also serves as the STC-HPS Annual Business Meeting where we announce the results from our officer elections and discuss other important chapter business.

The 2015 Student Presentation and Annual Business Meeting will be held at:

Texas State Technical College
IDEAS Center (Located in Electronics Center)
Corner of 4th Street and Airline Drive
Waco, TX 76705

The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (0830-1700 hours). Onsite registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the hallway in front of the meeting room.

Registration Prices are:

\$35 for STC Members, registering in advance before April 1, 2015
\$10 for Students
\$45 for registration made on or after April 1, 2015
Non Members: \$10 extra
\$55 for at the door registration on day of the meeting, if room and lunch are available

Registration includes:

Continental Breakfast

Lunch:

Famous Tom's Smoke House BBQ: two meats—brisket and sausage—with onions, pickles, sauce, potato salad, baked beans, bread, cobbler, and tea

Breaks

The Hotel Near this Event is:

Holiday Inn Express Waco Northwest
1801 Development Boulevard
Waco, TX 76705
Phone: 254-799-9997

There is a limited block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Express for the evening of April 17, 2015. A discount rate of \$89/night plus tax for King rooms and \$99/night for two Queen beds has been given to this block of rooms. To reserve a room under this block, please call the hotel at the number above and give the group code "STC," or you may make your reservation online clicking this link: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/reservation/stc>. This block of discounted rooms is available until sold out, or April 1, 2015. So be sure to make your reservation as soon as possible!

Directions to the Meeting Location (Signs will be posted):

Texas State Technical College
IDEAS Center (located in the Electronics Center)
Corner of 4th Street and Airline Drive
Waco, TX 76705

The hyperlink to the map from Holiday Inn Express to the meeting location on the Texas State Technical College campus is <http://goo.gl/il3DPk>.

Parking is free.

STC Executive Council Meeting, Friday, April 17, 2015

The STC-HPS Executive Council will meet on April 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (1730-1930) at the Texas State Technical College campus in the Technical Studies Center in Room 158. The Technical Studies Center is located at 300 Airline Drive. This building is two buildings down from where the Technical meeting will be held on Saturday. See map at <http://goo.gl/il3DPk>.

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