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A Partnership Dedicated to Radiation Protection December 2019

Message from Chairperson Jeff Semancik

Happy Holidays!



As the new year approaches, many of us are assessing our performance this past year and making resolutions for the future. At CRCPD we are doing the same. In addition to our annual meeting in Anchorage and Radon Training meeting in Denver, CRCPD, along with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), organized and hosted the Ninth Annual International Symposium on Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM IX). This was the best attended NORM conference to date.

During our fall meeting, the board took the time to work on strategic planning for the organization. Angela Leek (IA) helped us by coordinating assistance from Andrea Bentzinger, a facilitator from the Iowa Department of Public Health, who volunteered her time to work with the board. **Andrea worked with the board to identify specific**

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CRCPD Budget

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Assessing Performance and Making Resolutions - *continued*

actions to help us to improve the organization’s performance in two of our priority areas this year: maintaining a sound fiscal plan and promoting opportunities for participation in committee activities.

Maintain a Sound Fiscal Plan. The CRCPD budget is complex. The Office of the Executive Director (OED) manages several grants from various federal agencies all with different terms, fiscal years, and conditions. This is not easy task, but Ruth and her staff work hard to keep it straight. **In addition to the grant deliverables, a portion of these grants is used to fund the administrative costs required to run the organization and it is important for us to ensure the timing of our cash flows not only funds the costs, but also builds up our unencumbered reserves to ensure that we can sustain operations in between grant awards.** The action plan for the budget area focus on enhancing and standardizing our periodic reviews of the budget and our operating expenses. This is a continuous process that has already benefited the organization. **Just this last year, we have realized significant savings from the move of our offices and reorganization of our OED staff.** We continue to face challenges in ensuring that our conference finances remain within budget. In order to maintain a sound fiscal plan, we decided that we need to improve the detail in our financial tools, extend our planning horizon and diversify our sources of income. We plan to share an improved picture of our resources with our director members at the business meeting during the annual conference.

Promote Opportunities for Participation in Committee Activities. We also discussed ways to re-invigorating participation in the organization including some of our new members. **This includes promotional material that describes the benefits and responsibilities of membership and participation in CRCPD and recognizing those states that have high participation.** We will also be surveying our members to document their areas of interest and expertise in order to help better identify the best members for specific committees, liaisons, and offices. As we near the time to select new board members, I also encourage all of you to consider participating on the board as one of the best ways to gain an appreciation for all that we do at CRCPD.

Thank you all for making 2019 a successful year for CRCPD! I am looking forward to a new and even better 2020! Jeff



Greetings from Your Executive Director



Ruth E. McBurney, CHP

Activities

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Ruth E. McBurney

It's That Time of Year....

December always brings an excitement to the year, with the holidays and special times. It is also a great time to reflect on the activities and changes that the year brought and to look forward to the coming year.

2019 has been a quite active year for CRCPD. Some of the things that have changed over the past year were mentioned in past *Newsbriefs*, such as our office move and changes in office staff. In addition to administrative changes, some significant activities have ensued.

Radon Leaders Web Portal Upgrade. Over the past several months, the Radon Leaders Saving Lives Web Portal (radonleaders.org) has been updated and will soon be available in the upgraded version. This will enable more content and should be easier to navigate.

Renewal of Practical Arrangement with the International Atomic Energy Agency. In July of this year, CRCPD requested and was granted a three-year extension to the Practical Arrangement it has with the IAEA, thus extending the arrangement to September 2022. The scope of the activities under the arrangement remain the same; therefore, CRCPD will continue to collaborate with IAEA in the areas of medical applications of radiation, naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) and radon. CRCPD's hosting of the Ninth International Symposium on Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM IX) in September came about partially as an offshoot of the Practical Arrangement. In the coming year, CRCPD representatives will be working with IAEA on guidance involving NORM in water treatment facilities and in the oil and gas industry.

Successful Assistance in Disposal of Cesium Sources: Under the Source Collection and Threat Reduction Program that CRCPD conducts under a cooperative agreement with the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, CRCPD arranged for two pilot disposals of larger cesium sources at the low-level radioactive waste sites in Washington and Texas. The second of the two disposals was accomplished this month. This is exciting progress in the disposition of disused sources.

Looking forward to next year, of course, planing for the Annual Conference is high on our planning priorities. As you well know, part of the success of the annual National Conference on Radiation Control is due to the great presentations, networking opportunities and additional training. I hope you will take the opportunity to nominate a person for the John Villforth Lecture for 2020. (Information on this is found in another article in this edition.) Also, do make plans to attend—it is in **Williamsburg, Virginia, May 4-7, 2020, with a theme of 2020: Vision for the Future.** Save the date!

As we wrap up 2019, *I wish you all a happy holiday season and best wishes for 2020.*



John C. Villforth Lecture Series 2020 Nomination

Call for Nominations

You are invited to nominate a person for the **2020 John C. Villforth Lecture Series** that will be presented during the opening session, Monday, May 4, 2020, at our 52nd National Conference on Radiation Control in Williamsburg, Virginia.

This lecture series was established by the CRCPD Board of Directors to honor Mr. Villforth for his steadfast support of state radiation control agencies as working partners with the FDA/CDRH in the protection of the American people from unnecessary exposure to electronic product radiation, radioactive materials (especially radium), and protection of the environment from radioactive contamination, as well as for his strong support of the CRCPD in its early days of development. With this lecture series, CRCPD pays tribute to a man with impeccable integrity, a person with outstanding leadership credentials, and a giant in the field of radiological health.

Information that will assist you with this request is found on our web site at <https://www.crcpd.org/page/Villforth>

- Fact Sheet - which explains the detailed selection criteria and nomination process
- Nomination Form - for submitting your nomination(s) to CRCPD

Please note that the CRCPD will reimburse travel expenses for the 2020 John C. Villforth Lecturer, in accordance with CRCPD policies and procedures. The individual will also be presented with a special plaque commemorating his/her participation in the Lecture Series.

We hope you will consider nominating a candidate by **January 17, 2020**.



Gerald S. Parker Award of Merit 2020 Nomination

Call for Nominations

You are invited to nominate a person for the **2020 Gerald S. Parker Award of Merit**.

Gerald S. Parker was one of the founding fathers of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., and many will say the chief founding father.

Because of his enthusiastic dedication to assist beginning state radiation control programs, and a strong desire to have a national organization to represent these new programs in a unified manner, the CRCPD and the individual state radiation control programs have become a strong force in protecting the public from unnecessary radiation exposure. It is because of this person that CRCPD has established this award in his name.

For full information on the award, see page 26, <https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.crcpd.org/resource/collection/59D66772-01A8-4596-9A7B-A836C3CA14CD/BoardPoliciesJuly2018.pdf>

We hope you will consider nominating a candidate by ***January 17, 2020.***



James W. Miller Award 2020 Nomination

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Dr. James W. Miller, who retired from the Food and Drug Administration after more than thirty years of service, was the leader among federal personnel who assisted in the establishment of CRCPD in 1968. Dr. Miller provided guidance and direction in the early developmental stages of the organization, and most importantly, assisted CRCPD in obtaining the federal government support needed to sustain the operation of the newly formed organization. He developed and coordinated the first meeting of CRCPD held in Montgomery, Alabama. Following the formation of CRCPD, and for at least the next twenty years, Dr. Miller was an invaluable federal resource person to the CRCPD Board of Directors. Many of the accomplishments of the organization can be traced to the wise direction provided by Dr. Miller. It is because of his significant impact on CRCPD that an award in his name has been established.

Dr. Miller was a strong supporter of radiation control programs, nationwide, and worked very closely over the years with state and local officials in these programs.

One of the goals for Dr. Miller was to encourage and nurture the career advancement of those individuals in these programs who were performing the routine day-to-day tasks. The James W. Miller award was established to recognize these hard working professionals. Therefore, based on this goal, the following criteria are established for individuals to qualify for the James W. Miller Award.

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Nominations for Board Positions

Call for Nominations

It is that time of year again that we solicit the CRCPD membership for nominations to fill Board positions.

This year we need to receive nominations for the positions of:

- Chair-elect
- Treasurer-Elect
- Member-at-Large

Please consider running for one of these positions.

It is a wonderful opportunity to expand your understanding of radiation issues, gain invaluable insight, and represent your peers.

The responsibilities of these positions can be found at https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.crcpd.org/resource/collection/59D66772-01A8-4596-9A7B-A836C3CA14CD/Bylaws_17.pdf.

Please submit all nominations to Mendy Cremeans at mcremeans@crcpd.org.

We hope you will consider nominating a candidate by **January 17, 2020**.



Results of ICC Hearings

ICC Hearing Results

On October 25-26, Joshua Kerber (MN) and Kim Steves (KS) attended the International Code Council (ICC) Hearings as CRCPD representatives and provided testimony pertaining to radon new construction building code proposals: sidewall venting, which was disapproved, and the post-installation radon test, which was approved. These two proposals underwent online voting by code officials who were not in attendance at the ICC Hearings. The online vote on the Appendix F items, including these, has concluded.

“A special thanks to Josh Kerber and Kim Steves for representing CRCPD at the meeting in Las Vegas and carrying our message forward. There will be no sidewall venting and testing will be required in Appendix F of the International Residential Code,” reported Chrystine Kelley (CO).

Note that the voting results are preliminary and are subject to certification by the Validation Committee and confirmation by the ICC Board. For vote results see:

<https://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/PRELIMINARY-2019-GROUP-B-OGCV-RESULTS.pdf>

For previous article on ICC Hearing participation, see the October 2019 issue of the *Newsbrief*.



Call for News

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Would you like to share some information about your work, or some project or issue that you're involved in?

CRCPD is interested in what you are doing and would like to share your knowledge and experiences with other CRCPD members through a feature article in the ***Newsbrief***.

If you would like to submit an article, please contact Ruth McBurney (rmcburney@crcpd.org) suggesting a topic you'd like to present.

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We welcome your news and photographs, too, if you'd like to share.



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