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## Message from Chairperson John Winston



Those of you fortunate enough to have attended our 40th Annual Meeting in Greensboro, NC, will agree that those that didn't missed something special. To have John Villforth, Chuck Hardin, and Admiral Krol in our opening session, followed by an excellent collection of presentations throughout, made for a great agenda. Hats off to the poster presenters as well. The MQSA continuing education on digital mammography reset the bar with a record attendance and impressive agenda. The music at the Chairperson's Reception had the dance floor filled, and the Night Out at the NASCAR Museum came with amazing BBQ.

I'd be remiss if I didn't take one more opportunity to thank everyone from the North Carolina program for all of their time and effort hosting the meeting. Did anyone catch any of them without a smile?? I think it is a good example of how Beverly Hall's leadership reflects on her entire program.

I challenge anyone to argue that the character of our Board has not changed with Pearce O'Kelley and Tommy Cardwell rotating off and Adela Salame-Alfie and Earl Fordham coming on! I'm sure it is always a new challenge for our Federal and professional partners to establish a line of communication with the ever-changing Board. I think this is why our Office of Executive Director is so valuable. They're the keepers of our past successes and failures and we would be aimless without them.

Over the years in various capacities I have experienced the challenges of recruiting new volunteers. The Board has regular discussions on ways to encourage our members to become involved in CRCPD activities. Several of you approached me in Greensboro and expressed the

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need to expand our pool of volunteers for our working groups. The expertise is out there, but concerns with excessive workload may cause many to forego the opportunity when we send out our call for volunteers. Does everyone understand what it means to serve as an advisor to one of our working groups?

One shouldn't be intimidated by the thought of serving as an advisor on a working group. It simply means you are copied on drafts, etc., for review and comment. You are not required to respond, but your insight might prove valuable to the effort. It is an excellent way to learn more about emerging issues and how other state radiation control programs are approaching the very issues you're working with in your program. The opportunity allows you to get to know your peers in other state programs while getting your feet wet in the activities of CRCPD. I encourage our Director Members to join in the campaign and ask the members in their program to sign on as an advisor to one or two of our working groups.

The distance is nothing. It's only the first step that's important.  
Marquise Du Deffand



## Greetings from Your Executive Director



Ruth E. McBurney, CHP

### "Building on 40 Years"

Look who's 40—it's CRCPD! The organization is like people who reach that milestone age: broader, wiser (hopefully), and looking forward to even better opportunities. This year's meeting was a celebration of our 40th Anniversary as an organization, and was titled by the Program Planning Committee "Partners in Protection—Building on 40 Years." This was much more appropriate than "39 and Holding," since we are more in a building and forward-thinking mode than just holding on.

Feedback on the critique forms we have received from the annual meeting indicated that it was quite successful and provided suggestions that will make next year's meeting and associated training equally, if not more, beneficial. Kudos to the North Carolina radiation control staff, headed by Beverly Hall, for hosting the meeting and providing Southern hospitality. In addition, the speakers, poster presenters, training instructors, exhibitors, facilitators, the Technical Program Planning Committee, and my staff from the OED deserve high praise for making the meeting a great event.

In building for the future, we also took the opportunity of the annual meeting to provide the members a forum for discussing

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issues important for the improvement of CRCPD: information sharing; communication among the members and with federal partners, the regulated community and the public; as training of radiation control staff as well as others who may be called on to assist in radiological incidents and emergencies. In preparation for the Members Forum, a survey was sent to the membership that focused on 1) the web site as an efficient mechanism for communication and information and 2) training needs and mechanisms.

The participants in the Members Forum provided engaging discussion, expanded on these issues and identified additional initiatives for CRCPD. Both the survey and the forum participants indicated that more information was needed on the web site in the following areas:

- Training resources
- Information about and links to federal radiation agencies
- CRCPD working groups
- Lists of radiation control programs with current contacts
- More information on medical radiation modalities, such as PET, CT, and shielding resources
- Board and committee activities, including resource needs, how to get involved, and contact information

Many new ideas for the web site in content, capabilities and format were explored. Participants suggested new capabilities in the Members Only section that would provide greater value for membership in CRCPD, including links to other data bases, such as emergency response resources in each state, lists of medical physicists and radon professionals, and commonly used resources for state personnel (similar to the Tool Box for Agreement State applications). Several proposals for improving the look and operability of the web site were also noted. Over the next several months, the OED staff and the Board of Directors, with assistance of other members and federal resources, will review these suggestions and implement enhancements to the site.

Regarding training, the message was clear from the critique forms from the 40th Annual National Conference and from the Members Survey and Forum—we need more! Based on the critique forms received thus far, 100% of the respondents said that the technical training opportunities in conjunction with the annual meeting are important and should continue. One of the themes that ran through the Members Forum was doing more with fewer resources. Because of limits on travel funds at the state, federal and organizational levels and the rising costs of individual trips, all of us are looking at other training formats than face-to-face classroom/laboratory/field work training. The consensus opinion

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from the survey and forum participants was that web-based self study modules in combination with regional “hands-on” training may be the most efficient and effective format to meet some future training needs. One of the comments made during the forum was that “it is cheaper to bring a trainer to a local area than to send 20 folks to a training center out of state.” All these ideas will be passed along to our Training Committee for consideration.

For future training in conjunction with the annual meeting, folks are already working to make it happen. We are grateful to the American Association of Physicists in Medicine for providing training at the annual meeting each year. In addition, recently the Health Physics Society offered to provide a training course at next year’s meeting in Columbus.

Whether it is for training, communication, involvement, or information sharing, thanks to all of you that are helping to provide the blueprint and the construction workers that will continue our building in the future.



## Distinguished Alumna Honored



### Executive Director McBurney Named Distinguished Alumna

Ruth McBurney, CRCPD’s Executive Director, was recently honored by Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, as a Distinguished Alumna at the university’s May 2008 commencement activities. The award was selected by the Alumni Association and was presented by the President of the university. Ms. McBurney spoke at a luncheon given for the Distinguished Alumni and invited guests on May 9, 2008, and later that day at the commencement services for the School of Arts and Sciences. Distinguished Alumni were presented a medal and a plaque commemorating the event.

Ms. McBurney received her Bachelor of Science degree from Henderson State in 1970 and a Master of Science degree in radiation sciences from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in 1973. She is married to Millard McBurney, who was a professor of biology at Henderson State for 15 years.



## CRCPD Public Servant Award

### First CRCPD Public Servant Award Presented to Admiral Joseph J. Krol, Jr.

In January of this year, the Board of Directors established the CRCPD Public Servant Award to recognize a federal, state, or local government official (other than a state or local radiation control program director) who has made significant contributions in support of state radiation control programs and/or the public in achieving a better understanding of, and protection from, radiation exposure.

Admiral Joseph J. Krol was awarded the first CRCPD Public Servant Award at the opening session of the National Conference on Radiation Control in Greensboro, NC, on May 19, 2008, by Debbie Gilley, CRCPD Chairperson. Admiral Krol is the Associate Administrator for the National Nuclear Security Administration in the Department of Energy. The award was presented to Admiral Krol “for his contribution and success in reestablishing the Cytogenetic Biodosimetry Laboratory at the Radiologic Emergency Assistance Center/Training Centers. His efforts demonstrate his extraordinary leadership, dedication and commitment to assuring that the United States is prepared in the event of a radiological incident.”

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## 40th National Conference on Radiation Control

By Sue Smith, OED,  
Executive Office Manager



The 40th National Conference on Radiation Control was held May 19-22, 2008 in Greensboro, North Carolina at the Greensboro Marriott Downtown. There were 302 attendees registered for the National Conference and this year CRCPD experienced a first – there were a total of 29 exhibitors.

The critiques are still being received by the OED. If you haven't submitted your comments, please do so immediately. To complete your critique form please click on the [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=uPP\\_2bKCmudDSEtXRY\\_2bYF3LQ\\_3d\\_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=uPP_2bKCmudDSEtXRY_2bYF3LQ_3d_3d)

CRCPD wants to hear from you!

### Special thanks to North Carolina staff

On behalf of the CRCPD membership, board of directors, and the OED staff, I want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the North Carolina Radiation Section staff, especially Beverly Hall, Mike Kelly, Amy Sawyer, Jon



Granger, Ann Cope, Jenny Rollins, Bonnie Poole, James Albright, Christina Britt, Dawn Burke, Lee Cox, Randy Crowe, Ann Dean, Dale Dusenbury, Marion Eaddy, Felix Fong, Cate Foster, Lane Green, Joyce Hall, William Jeffries, Bonnie Kanoy, Pat Kelly, Grant Mills, Wendy Moore, Bennifer Pate, and Catherine Rosfjord, in assisting CRCPD in planning and executing a very successful 40th National Conference on Radiation Control in Greensboro, North Carolina, May 19-22, 2008

Those states who have previously hosted a national conference know of the many hours of planning that it takes to put on a successful conference. We appreciate all the work that went on before the meeting and during the meeting. We thank you for allowing us to share your city.

### Special thanks to the Committee on Mammography (H-11)

A special thanks is extended to the H-11 Committee on Mammography, and to John Winston, Healing Arts Council Chairperson, for their development and coordination of the Mammography Continuing Education – 2008 – Inspector Day of Digital Training and A day of Learning, that was held on May 16-17, 2008, in conjunction with the 40th National Conference on

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Radiation Control in Greensboro, North Carolina. This course was designed for MQSA inspectors and others interested in mammography continuing education. There were 198 registered attendees.

Those persons who deserve special recognition are: Beverly Jo Carswell (AL), H-11 Chairperson, H-11 members, Shanna Farish (AZ), Karen Farris (MA), and Donald Parry (MI); Stephanie Belella, FDA/CDRH resource, Pamela Platt, American College of Radiology (ACR), resource, Melissa Martin, American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM), resource, and Lin Carigan, OED staff. Thank you for a job well done!

### **CRCPD Board of Directors – outgoing/incoming officers**

At the annual business meeting that was held on Thursday, May 22, 2008, in conjunction with the 40th National Conference on Radiation Control in Greensboro, North Carolina, special recognition was bestowed to Debbie Gilley, outgoing chairperson for 2007-2008. Ms. Gilley was presented with the traditional “Chairperson’s Plaque” as a symbol of her tenure as chairperson and an expression of the membership’s appreciation for her hard work during the past year.

Two CRCPD board members rotated off the CRCPD Board of Directors effective at the end of the National Conference due to their term of office coming to an end. They were Pearce O’Kelley (SC), past chairperson, and Tommy Cardwell (TX), member-at-large.

At the business meeting both Pearce and Tommy were recognized for their many contributions to the organization. We sincerely appreciate their hard work and will miss their wise counsel.

Two new CRCPD members rotated on the CRCPD board of directors, effective at the end of the National Conference. They are Adela Salame-Alfie, Ph.D. (NY), Chairperson-Elect and Earl W. Fordham, CHP, Member-at-Large. Both individuals had the opportunity to sit in on the board meetings that were held in conjunction with the annual meeting. We extend to each of them a hearty welcome and we look forward to their many contributions over the next three years.

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### CRCPD 2008 Awards

The following awards were presented at the 2008 National Conference on Radiation Control:



*Gerald S. Parker Award of Merit*  
was awarded to  
**Richard A. Ratliff, P.E. (TX)**



*James W. Miller Award*  
was awarded to  
**Jack Ferruolo (RI)**



*Public Servant Award*  
was awarded to  
**Admiral Joseph J. Krol, Jr.**

### Melissa Martin, M.S., FACR, FAAPM, gives the 2008 John C. Villforth Lecture



John C. Villforth and Mellissa Martin

Melissa Martin, M.S., FACR, FAAPM, gave the annual John C. Villforth Lecture at the CRCPD Annual Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina. Her presentation was entitled "Forty Years Later: Times are Changing or are They?" You will be able to view her presentation in full when the Proceedings are published.

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### Call for nominations for the 2009 John C. Villforth Annual Lecture

The purpose of this annual lecture is to honor Mr. Villforth's steadfast support of State radiation agencies as a working partner 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 his strong support of the CRCPD in its early years of development. Mr. Villforth has long recognized the capacity of State radiation personnel to make valuable contributions to the success of the national programs to protect the public health of our citizens. The CRCPD has the utmost respect, admiration, appreciation for the unceasing friendship and support Mr. Villforth has extended to our organization and the State radiation control programs over his many years of public service. With this lecture series, the CRCPD pays tribute to a man with impeccable integrity, a person with outstanding leadership credentials, and a giant in the field of radiological health.

The criteria for nominations, with a link to the nomination form, can be viewed at [www.crcpd.org/Awards/Villforth/FactSheet.Villforth.pdf](http://www.crcpd.org/Awards/Villforth/FactSheet.Villforth.pdf). Deadline: September 30, 2008.

### Poster presentation winners

The following posters were awarded ribbons for excellence:

#### 1st Place

*"Regulations"*

Monica Orendi and Kathleen Schneider, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs  
Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

#### 2nd Place

*Suggested State Regulations – Part U: Licensing Requirements for Uranium and Thorium Processing and Related Radioactive Material (SR-U)*

Philip Egidi (CO), Chairperson, SR-U Task Force

#### 3rd Place

*"CRCPD: 40 Years of Progress"*

Terry Frazee (WA), CRCPD Former Historian



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## Eighteenth National Radon Training Conference

By Sue Smith, OED,  
Executive Office Manager

You are invited to present a paper at the 41st Annual National Conference on Radiation Control that will be held in Columbus, Ohio, May 18-21, 2009. If you are interested in presenting a paper, please submit your topic along with a brief summary (a couple of sentences) to the OED <ssmith@crcpd.org> no later than September 1, 2008 for consideration by the Technical Program Planning Committee.

Acceptance of a submitted paper does not imply that CRCPD will pay the travel expenses of the speaker to give the paper.



The 18th National Radon Training Conference will be held September 14-17, 2008 at the Tuscany Suites and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. A special room rate of \$108.00 single/double, plus 9% sales tax. Additional person in the room will be \$20.00 per person, per night, plus tax. These rates are available three days prior to and three days after the Training Conference based on availability.

A block of rooms has been reserved in the name of the "CRCPD" at the Tuscany Suites and Casino. You must call the hotel directly at 877/887-2261 to make a reservation. You must guarantee your reservation with either a credit card or one night's deposit. If you need to cancel your reservation, you must call and cancel 24 hours prior to your arrival date or your deposit will be forfeited/credit card charged. NOTE: Guaranteed reservations are held for one night only – not for the entire stay. Cut-off date for making reservations is August 12, 2008.

The agenda and general information about the Conference, registration forms, fees, etc. are on the CRCPD web site - [www.crcpd.org/2008rnmtg.asp](http://www.crcpd.org/2008rnmtg.asp).

The 18th National Radon Training Conference Night Out will be held Tuesday night, September 16, 2008, at the Imperial Palace Car Collection.



## SR-C Meeting Report

By Monica Perez, (TX)  
SR-C Chair

### SR-C Working Group -Licensing of Radioactive Material

The SR-C Working Group met before the CRCPD Annual Meeting May 17-18, 2008, in Greensboro North Carolina.

#### **Summary of Meeting:**

- Reviewed and discussed comments received from CRCPD Board during final review and made applicable suggested changes reflected in new Draft SR-C.
- Reviewed and discussed comments received from Federal agencies (NRC and EPA) during final review and incorporated applicable suggested changes in new Draft SR-C.

#### **Follow-up:**

- Chair will add Increased Controls and Fingerprinting requirements equivalent to NRC Orders to new Draft SR-C.
- Chair will review and incorporate suggested changes received as a result of the 2007-2008 SR-C Peer Review, but were not addressed then, because these items needed extensive research and discussion.
- Chair will distribute the new Draft SR-C that includes the above noted changes, to all SR-C Working Group members, advisors, and resource individuals for their review and comment.
- Chair will request SR-C Working Group conference call meeting be approved by the Board, to review and discuss any comments received for the new Draft SR-C.
- Please note that new Draft SR-C will be on a fast-track timeline for this version, in order to as quickly as possible make a final SR-C available for use that includes Increased Controls and Fingerprinting requirements.



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## Environmental Nuclear Council Activities

James McNees, CHP (AL), Chairperson

### E-5 Committee on Radioactive Waste Management

Mark Yeager (SC), Chairperson

- Committee provided additional comments on behalf of the CRCPD for consideration for inclusion in the final draft of Nuclear Regulatory Commission FSME-08-21, Draft Information Notice (IN) 09-09 (REV.1): Extended Interim Storage of Low-Level Radioactive Waste by Fuel Cycle and Materials Licensees.
- The Chairperson continues an active role on the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) N14.36 Subcommittee to develop the new ANSI standard titled “Measurement of Package and Conveyance Radiation Levels and Surface Contamination.”

### E-23 Committee on Resource Recovery and Radioactivity

Michael Whalen (MA), Chairperson

- No activity to report.

### E-24 Committee on Decontamination and Decommissioning

Dwight Shearer (PA), Chairperson

- Chair participated in one conference call with the ISCORS committee on the Catalogue of Risk Assessment Parameters.

### E-25 Committee on Radon

William Bell (MA), Chairperson

- The Committee met in Manchester, New Hampshire, November 27-29, 2007.
- The main focus of meeting was program development for the 18th National Radon Conference, which will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, September 14-17, 2008. The theme for the 18th National Radon Conference will be “Growing Radon Leaders.”
- There were extensive discussions on a number of other pressing issues:
- Bill Long of EPA’s Indoor Environments Division outlined the status of EPA’s follow through on items concerning EPA support of New Construction Standard implementation. This item related to the E-25 letter to Mr. Long of January 2007 and his response of April 2007. A number of items remain incomplete.
- The need for CRCPD to take a leadership role in the incorporation of Radon Control Options in building codes. A strategy for development of a model building code was discussed.

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- The committee felt that the information collected from the 17th National Radon Conference evaluation forms was not adequate. A committee task group was formed to propose alternatives to be discussed at the next meeting.
- The committee was interested in revising the mini-grant program. A committee task group was formed to propose alternatives to be discussed at the next meeting.

### E-29 Liaison - Association of State Drinking Water Administrators and the American Water Works Association (ASDWA/AWWA):

Michael Gilley (FL), Liaison

- There have not been any requested actions, activities or inquires on radiological issues directed to E-29 from ASDWA or AWWA, its committees or its membership during this reporting period.
- There have been no actions or activities by the AWWA Research Foundation's Committee on Radon in Drinking Water since it tabled that committee's actions. It is unlikely that AWWA will take any additional action until US EPA decides to "move" the issue. Additionally, the liaison is one of three remaining committee members and this AWWA committee is without chairmanship at the current time.

### E-31 Liaison - Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials

Barbara Youngberg (NY), Liaison

- No activity reported. Barbara Youngberg retired in May 2008.

### E-34 Committee on Unwanted Radioactive Materials

Joe Klinger (IL), Chairperson

- Successfully completed the Florida Source Collection and Threat Reduction (SCATR) Pilot Program. The pilot dispositioned over 2700 sources and focused on old Cs-137 brachytherapy devices being held in long-term storage. E-34 continued efforts at providing nationwide assistance with properly dispositioning unwanted radioactive materials. Committee members continued efforts at promoting the SCATR Program.

### E-35 Coordinator - Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM)

Jenny Goodman (NJ), Coordinator

- The MARSSIM Working Group is addressing EPA's Scientific Advisory Board comments to MARSAME.

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- Focus for E-34 is to get training scheduled for MARSAME shortly after it is finalized. Currently, the EPA is offering Webinar-based training in MARSSIM as a pilot to see if a technical course can be given in this fashion. The chair signed up for the class to provide feedback on whether MARSAM training should be done in this manner (remotely via Webinar).

### E-37 Committee on Naval Nuclear Propulsion

Robert Greger (CA), Chairperson

- No activity reported.

### E-38 Task Force on Power Reactor Changes

Richard Pinney (NJ), Chairperson

- No activity reported.

### E-39 Coordinator-Multi-Agency Radiological Laboratory Analytical Protocols (MARLAP)

John Volpe (KY), Coordinator

- No activity reported.

### General Council

Tommy Cardwell (TX), Chairperson

### G-2 Committee on Ionizing Measurements

Don Parry (MI), Chairperson

- The Chair attended the CIRMS meeting at NIST. Issues discussed included the running of the annual proficiency test for the three labs. Per consultation with NIST and the labs, the beams to test were selected and the test was scheduled to begin in January to be completed in March of 2008.
- Michigan received the NIST probe first. The probe was tested but satisfactory results were not obtained. The probe was sent to Illinois. The Illinois lab also had problems with the probe. It was sent back to NIST for evaluation. NIST found the probe in proper working order. Michigan tested the probe again and after discussions with NIST discovered that the probe connection was different than that typically used in the three labs. Labs obtained the correct adapters and the test continued. Michigan and Illinois has completed the test and the probe is at the South Carolina lab.

### G-34 Committee on Industrial Radiography

David Turberville (AL), Chairperson

- Since the last report, comments were received from members,

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advisors and resource persons for the rough draft of procedures to review a radiographer certification program. The comments were incorporated into the draft document and the draft procedures were forwarded to the NRC contact person (Monica Orendi) for their review on 11/1/07. On 12/3/07, Ms. Orendi provided comments on the procedures. Her comments were forwarded to the members and advisors for their review.

### G-36 Liaison - Health Physics Society/Academy Board of Health Physics

Earl Fordham (WA), Liaison

- No activity reported.

### G-55 Training Committee

Cindy Becker (FL), Chairperson

- No activity reported.

### G-61 International Outreach and Relations Committee

Edgar Bailey (TX), Chairperson

- No activity reported.

### Healing Arts Council

John P. Winston (PA), Chairperson

### H-EI Emerging Issues

Kathleen Kaufman (La. Co./CA), Chairperson

- The SCATR source recovery program is operational, but at least one state (and County!) simply did not have the time to do the work necessary to actually implement the project.
- Continued to relay to FDA our concerns about digital radiography exposures (H-33).
- Discussed the issue of educating physicians on doses for the exams they are ordering.
- Suggested H-7 or H-32 develop a “white” paper that could be used as a handout to inform physicians of typical doses for procedures, including CT doses. The handout could provide a sample, and encourage facilities to record patient exposures, particularly from interventional procedures.
- **H-4 Committee on Nationwide Evaluation of X-Ray Trends (NEXT)** Warren Freier (ND), Chairperson
  - Completed the 3rd review of the 2003 Fluoroscopy survey data and trifold information and submitted compiled comments to FDA.
  - Committee met via conference call February 21, 2008 to

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### H-7 Committee on Quality Assurance in Diagnostic X-Ray

Jennifer Elee (LA), Chairperson

- Produced the Collectible “A Brief Overview of Photo-Stimulable Phosphor Imaging for Dental Intral-oral Imaging” October 2007.
- Committee met via conference call November 7, 2007. The committee discussed the draft of the CR collectible and decided to add information on index/indicator values to the document.
- Committee met via conference call February 20, 2008 and made minor changes to the “Overview of Computed Radiography” collectible. The committee chose peer reviewers that have been sent to the Board for approval.
- The review progress began of existing Collectibles. Each member was assigned a set of Collectibles for review. Five Collectibles were determined to need revision. Each is revising all five Collectibles, then the Chair will compile the changes for a final committee review.
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### H-11 Committee on Mammography

Beverly Jo Carswell (AL), Chairperson

- The committee met via conference call January 14, 2008 to discuss the mammography training at the 2008 Annual Meeting:
  - All members participated.
  - Stephanie Belella arranged for FDA to provide MQSA inspectors with digital training during the 2008 training
  - Arranged for new MQSA ID badges from the FDA at the

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- training.
- The Committee decided to offer 15 MEUs over two days of training and Lin Carigan applied for 15 CEUs through the ASRT.
- Don Parry contacted three vendors about participating in the hand-ons portion of the training.
- Karen Farris contacted GE and arranged for a digital mammography unit to be available for the hands-on portion.
- Shanna Farish worked diligently with the North Carolina MQSA inspectors to encourage local participation of Radiologic Technologists.
- Lin Carigan prepared a flyer with registration information that was provided to the North Carolina Society of Radiologic Technologist and they were included in their quarterly mailing.
- Pam Platt, ACR, arranged for ACR to provide several speakers, and a door prize for Saturday.
- The Chair and Lin Carigan sent a finalized draft of the agenda to the committee and resource individuals for final review and approval, and the final agenda was placed on the CRCPD website February 20, 2008.

### H-13 Committee/Liaison - American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT)/American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT)

Al Orlandi (NJ), Chairperson/Liaison

- Chair/Liaison attended the January 14-16, 2008 Alliance for Quality Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy meeting.
- There was an extended discussion of the differences between regionally accredited (i.e., accreditation that is awarded to all programs within a college/university) or programmatic accredited (i.e., accreditation awarded to the individual program within the school). The Alliance decided to focus on passage of the Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility, and Excellence (CARE) Bills (H.R. 583 and S1042), then address such details.
- The Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography presented a very nice booklet entitled "Quality Sonograms" developed to promote the CARE Bills.
- The ASRT discussed the collaborative efforts of the Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging (note: CRCPD is a member) to launch the "Image Gently" campaign.
- The ASRT lobbyists are very optimistic that the CARE Bills will pass this year.

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### H-15 Liaison - American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM)

Debbie Gilley (FL), Liaison

- Liaison participated in the discussion of registering AAPM members in response to the expected passage of the CARE bill.
- Discussed several issues of mutual interest with director of governmental affairs via phone and e-mail.
- Discussed and received support from AAPM to promote the SCATR program at their 2008 meeting.
- AAPM continues to provide web access to their technical information to CRCPD Director Members.
- Worked with AAPM on training for CRCPD annual meeting.

### H-16 Liaison - Joint Commission

Ray Dielman (FL), Liaison

- Dennis O'Leary, MD, retired as President of the Joint Commission after 21 years, effective 12/31/07. Mark Chassin became JC's President, effective 1/1/08. Dr. Chassin has served as medical school chair, state health commissioner and internist.
- Regulatory references were transmitted to JC, as requested, to obtain congruency between government and JC radiation overdose sentinel event definitions.
- The JC surveyor "radiation" training was not implemented due to delays.

### H-23 Liaison - American College of Radiology (ACR)

Jennifer Elee (LA), Liaison

- Continued reviewing the ACR Journal for articles and information that would be helpful to CRCPD members and passed relevant information on to the appropriate Healing Arts committee.
- Contacted ACR about providing speakers for the MQSA training in Greensboro.
- Continued to keep up with ACR's position on proposed legislation.

### H-25 Task Force for IMRT

James Pate (LA), Chairperson

- No activities reported.

### H-28 Liaison - Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM)

James Yusko, (PA), Liaison

- No activities reported.

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### H-31 Task Force for Monitoring Patient Dose During Fluoroscopy

Tim Gibson (TX), Chairperson

- Held a conference call in October 2007 with members and advisors to reestablish assignments, etc. ICRP Report 85 was discussed in brief and was adopted as a general guideline for dose monitoring activities.
- Reviewed the radiation safety pamphlets developed by Dr. Stephen Balter. The members of the committee were impressed with the content of these pamphlets and it was decided that we should contact Dr. Balter to seek permission to use the content in developing the inspector handout charged to this committee.
- Contacted Dr. Balter and received permission to use the content of his pamphlets. Dr. Balter has also stated that the pamphlet content is in digital format, so any diagrams or illustrations would be available for use as well.
- Contact with our CDRH resource was initiated by Tim Gibson. Nick Walter with the CDRH has expressed his willingness to help. Mr. Walker is new to the CDRH and has limited knowledge on our topic, but he stated that he will ask others in the FDA to assist if needed.
- Tim Gibson sent e-mail's attempting to get feedback from our AAPM resource individuals (Keith Strauss, Melissa Martin, Mary Moore) regarding the ICRP Report 85. To date, no responses have been received.

### H-32 Task Force for Computed Tomography

Lisa Bruedigan (TX), Chairperson

- Actively working on draft white paper.
- Dr. Payne, ACR resource individual, has been instrumental in editing the white paper.

### H-33 Task Force for the Inspection Protocol of Diagnostic X-ray Facilities Using CR/DR Technology

Steve Crawford (OR), Chairperson

- Task Force created January 2008.
- Several members and advisors submitted papers and testing protocols along with comments.
- Two committee members met for testing of CR/DR protocol.

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### Homeland Security/Emergency Response Council

Kim Steves (KS), Chairperson

HS/ERC-EI – Homeland Security Council – Emerging Issues

Pearce O’Kelley (SC), Chairperson

- No activity reported during this period.

### HS/ER-1 Task Force for EPA’s Creation of National Monitoring System

Debra McBaugh (WA), Chairperson

- With OED support, the task force assembled a list of contacts for the states. These contacts will be given access information to the database that contains all the data from the RadNet air monitors. We provided the list to EPA in January 2008. Half of the states responded. All task force members will also be given access as part of the charge for testing implementation of the program
- The task force also participated in an online teleconference of the new RadMap developed by EPA partially at our behest.

### HS/ER-2 Committee for Fostering Partnerships and Developing Operational Guides to Support Emergency Preparedness and Response

Adela Salame-Alfie (NY), Chairperson

- The working group has been working with CDC and their contractor in the preparation of a roundtable to be held in June 2008. The purpose of the roundtable is to “Strengthen Communication and Partnerships between Public Health and Radiation Control Programs during Response to Radiological Incidents.” We are planning this roundtable to bring together representatives from state and local public health agencies and radiation control programs to: increase awareness and understanding of our responsibilities for preparing and responding to radiological incidents, strengthen communications and improve working relationships among participating organizations, and share information on available resources.

### HS/ER-4 Task Force for Operational Guidelines for Models and Tools for Recommendations and Responses to RDD/IND

Debra McBaugh (WA), Chairperson

- This project will soon get underway.

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### HS/ER-5 Committee on Emergency Response Planning

Patrick Mulligan (NJ), Chairperson

- Provided comments and feedback on documents at the request of DOE and FRMAC for the Laboratory Analysis working group.
- Provided comments and feedback on documents at the request of DOE and FRMAC for the Monitoring and Assessment working group.
- Supported the FRMAC Operations Working Group through conference calls and document review.
- Continued to provide support to the CDC in the review and revision of the draft population monitoring guide.
- Committee members and advisors participated in the FRMAC biannual conference call.
- Committee members and advisors provided feedback and review of FRMAC data products as requested.
- Attended meetings to support the Advisory Team committee in the development of working groups to support updates and revisions to the operations, education, and outreach programs of the A-Team.
- Provided additional comments and feedback to the ASTM “Draft Practice Standard for Radiological Emergency Response” (second draft).
- Committee members and advisors provided support for the TOPOFF 4 federal exercise.
- A member supported the Interagency Population Monitoring Working Group meeting.

### HS/ER-6 Task Force for Development of CRCPD Comments on the EPA Protective Action Guidelines

Cynthia Costello (NY), Chairperson

- This working group was established and staffed in January 2008 and will begin its assigned tasks after the U.S. EPA publishes the PAGS for comment.

### Suggested State Regulations Council

Jennifer Elee (LA), Chairperson

#### SR-EI - Emerging Issues

Cindy Cardwell (TX), Chairperson

- No activity reported.

#### SR-A - General Provisions (Part A)

Shawn Seeley (ME), Chairperson

- Part A has completed an annual review of definitions. The committee will begin updating definitions. The committee

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is planning to meet in conjunction with the 40th National Conference on Radiation Control.

### SR-B - Registration of Radiation Machines, Facilities, and Services (Part B)

Russell Takata (HI), Chairperson

- Part B has completed peer review and is ready for Board review. This has been placed on hold due to the establishment of the new SR-Z committee.

### SR-BB - Nonionizing - Tanning (Part BB)

Part BB was published November 2007. Part BB has been designated inactive.

### SR-C - Licensing of Radioactive Materials (Part C)

Monica Perez (TX), Chairperson

- Part C was submitted to the Board for review and approval. Part C has been approved by the Board. Part C was sent to the federal partners for concurrence in February 2008. Part C plans to reopen to address new issues and NRC amendments once concurrence on the current draft is received.

### SR-D - Standards for Protection Against Radiation (Part D)

Shawn Seeley (ME), Chairperson

- Part D has completed an annual review. The committee plans to meet in Greensboro to address NRC amendments that were incorporated into Part D. The committee has also recommended incorporating Part O into Part D.

### SR-E - Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiographic Operations

Cindy Cardwell (TX), Chairperson

- No report received.

### SR-F - X-Rays in Health Arts (Part F)

Russell Takata (HI), Chairperson

- Part F is currently working on draft regulations for hand held dental units; quality assurance for general radiography, fluoroscopy, and CT; and some portions of digital radiography, including both CR and DR.
- Part F has had several conference calls and plans to meet in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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### SR-G - Use of Radionuclides in the Healing Arts (Part G)

Cathy Fontaine (TX), Chairperson

- Part G received the proposed NRC amendment for medical events and has begun review of it.

### SR-H - Radiation Safety Requirements for Analytical X-Ray (Part H)

David Allard (PA), Chairperson

- No report received.

### SR-I - Radiation Safety Requirements for Particle Accelerators (Part I)

David Allard (PA), Chairperson

- No report received.

### SR-J - Notices, Instructions, and Reports to Workers: Inspections (Part J)

Shawn Seeley (ME), Chairperson

- No activity reported.

### SR-R - Radon (Part R)

Robert Stilwell (ME), Chairperson

- Draft Part R and the rationale statement were sent out for peer review.
- Peer review comments have been received; response to the comments is nearing completion.
- Matters for future consideration were started, but are on hold during comment response.
- Most work has been accomplished with monthly conference calls.

### SR-S - Bonding and Surety (Part S)

Robert Young (TN), Chairperson

- Part S held a conference call to discuss changes to Part S.

### SR-T - Transportation of Radioactive Materials (Part T)

Bob Owen (OH), Chairperson

- Part T held a conference call to discuss comments received from previous peer review.

### SR-U - Licensing Requirements for Uranium and Thorium Processing and Related Radioactive Material (Part U)

Phil Egidi (CO), Chairperson

- Jeffrey Telford (MI) and Mike Welling (WA) were added as

members to SR-U.

- Edgar Bailey (TX), Mike Gilley (FL), Martha Dibblee (OR) were added as advisors to SR-U.
- Work materials were distributed for review. SR-U is looking at the previous work of the committee to evaluate whether any final changes are needed.
- Conference calls and meetings were scheduled for next year.
- Started review of NRC proposed rule on decommissioning and surety. This rule impacts regulatory requirements for early and increased environmental monitoring and impacts to surety.

#### **SR-W- Radiation Safety Requirements for Wireline Service Operations and Subsurface Tracer Studies (Part W)**

Tommy Cardwell (TX), Chairperson

- No report received.
- SR-W is ready for peer review.

#### **SR-Y - Disposal of Contaminated Waste Water Sludge in Landfills (Part Y)**

Jay Hyland (ME), Chairperson

- Committee met via conference calls to discuss the writing of SR-Y.

#### **SR-X - Medical Therapy (Part X)**

Bill Dundulis (RI), Chairperson

- Part X is ready for peer review.
- Peer reviewers have been approved by the Board.
- Part X has been submitted to the OED for formatting.

#### **SR-Z - Medical Credentialing (Part Z)**

Paul Brown (IL), Chairperson

- Part Z was created in January 2008 to address medical credentialing.



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