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Chapter Incorporation

NECHPS® has obtained from the IRS status as a 509(a)(2) public charity along with a tax exemption under the 501(c)(3) tax code. This allows the Chapter to accept tax deductible “bequests, devises, transfers or gifts”. The Chapter also renewed its tax exempt status with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which means the Chapter does not have to pay Massachusetts sales tax. However, the Chapter was not listed as being a corporation by the Massachusetts Secretary of State. The Officers discovered that not being incorporated led to roadblocks in the handling of Chapter business. Not the least of these roadblocks is the inability to change banks or obtain financial instruments.

Given all the business reasons that require an entity to be incorporated, the Executive Council voted to pursue incorporation within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. One of the issues found when the current Officers were trying to change signature authorities for our accounts was that our bank could not fit the entire name “New England Chapter of the Health Physics Society” onto banking tools, like debit cards or referenced financial instruments. As the By-Laws allow the Chapter to be referred to as “NECHPS”, the Executive Council voted to incorporate the Chapter under the name “NECHPS, Inc.”.

The firm of Cain, Bourret, Jarry and Associates has been engaged to draft and submit filings for incorporation. The new incorporated entity will be known as “NECHPS, Inc. Doing Business As (d.b.a) New England Chapter of the Health Physics Society”. So, our venerable name, “New England Chapter of the Health Physics Society”, will not disappear and will in fact be used as in the past. However, our corporate name, “NECHPS, Inc.”, will appear on all corporate documents and publications, like the website.

To incorporate, it was necessary to provide a physical address. In the past, our physical address was at state locations like the MRCP and UMass Lowell. However, the long-term availability of these offices were tenable, at best. An office has been obtained through Cain, Bourret, Jarry and Associates in their building at 1595 Lakeview Avenue, Dracut, MA 01826 at a greatly reduced monthly fee. A 12-month rental for the office plus the incorporation fees to be paid to CBJ will cost the Chapter less than \$1,000.

2015 NOVEMBER



Vendor Social, Wednesday, 12/9/15.

Location:

Fairways at Woburn Country Club
5 Country Club Road
Woburn, MA 01801
781-935-4653

5pm, Registration and Cocktails
6pm, Buffet Dinner

Menu:

- Garden tossed salad
- Chicken marsala
- Green beans almondine
- Roasted red bliss potatoes
- Dessert cookies and bars

Pre-Registration \$40 Members, \$60 Non-Members, \$20 Students
At the Door: \$60 Members, \$80 Non-Members, \$40 Students

Register by sending payment to
NECHPS, Inc.
PO Box 1404
Lowell, MA 01854

Credit cards payment accepted with name of card holder,
cc number, expiration date and security code being provided
in a letter sent to the PO Box and signed by the card holder.

For meeting information, contact Michael Talmadge at
michael.c.talmadge@lahey.org or 781-744-2854

VENDORS! Contact Dave Meissner at dmeissner@kenteklaserstore.com to reserve a display table and for other questions about this event.

Come to meet friends. Come to see the latest vendor technology. Come for a chance to win great door prizes.

SAVE THE DATE!

DOT Radioactive Materials Seminar

April 5, 2016, Westford Regency, Westford, MA
8:00am to 5:00pm, Registration at 7:00am
Lunch as well a coffee/tea service will be provided.

This is an 8-hour course that meets USDOT requirements for the 3-year renewal of training to ship packages containing radioactive material.

Presenter: Dr. Roy Parker, FedEx

Note: IATA Manuals will NOT be given out at this training session. This will greatly reduce the cost of this presentation.

Securing NECHPS Domain Names

After ten years, the Chapter's domain name, NECHPS.org, came up for renewal. When our Webmaster, Vince Chase, tried to change hosting vendors, it was discovered that the current technical contact for the domain name NECHPS.org (a current Chapter member) is not the owner. The company that administers the domain name NECHPS.org, Network Solutions, will not divulge the owners name. However, it is believed the owner is a deceased Chapter member.

Our Webmaster is working on providing Network Solutions with documentation to regain control of the domain name NECHPS.org. Some of the documentation includes a certified letter on "company letterhead", the street address for the Chapter, a contact phone number and a utility bill. So, much of this documentation will be provided after the Chapter is incorporated.

In the interim, NECHPS.org has been renewed through Network Solutions. In addition, our Webmaster has secured the domain names NECHPS.com and NECHPS.net through GoDaddy.

Business Continuity and Trademarking Intellectual Property

As the Chapter is run by volunteers who change annually, the Executive Council has been addressing business continuity issues. One of these issues was the revocation of the Chapter's tax exempt status by the IRS. The Chapter had to incur an expense to renew our tax exempt status and spend extra money to have our accountant reconstruct and re-file our tax returns.

To maintain business continuity and to protect the Chapter's intellectual properties, the Executive Council has put Chapter records on a Cloud-based platform. The Executive Council also voted to trademark the name "NECHPS" and the Chapter's lighthouse logo.

So in the future, you will see the registered trademark symbol on the Chapter's logo and on NECHPS® in Chapter publications and our website.



President's Corner

Dear Members,

I am excited about this Chapter year and the meetings we have planned. We are offering the DOT refresher training for a bargain price. Thank You, Mike Talmadge, for all your work arranging this event.

I would like to thank Vince Chase for his work on getting NECHPS® incorporated; trademarking our logo, securing NECHPS® domain names and acquiring office space so the chapter now has a physical address. This space can be used to hold our board meetings.

Also, many thanks go out to Steve Snay who worked on automating our online payments and creating an online database to centralize all our documentation.

I would encourage members to consider a tax deductible donation to the Chapter or charitable bequest. Also, please think about adding NECHPS® to charitable contribution lists at work, such as United Way Campaigns. After all, we are listed as a charitable organization by the IRS. Your tax-deductible donation can make a big difference in aiding our ability to help students attend national meetings, award cash prizes at state science fairs and hold teacher workshops, all of which help foster the profession of Health Physics.

Hope to see you all at the vendor social.

Haneef Sahabdeen

HPS President-Elect Addressed Joint NECHPS® / CTHPS Meeting

At a joint meeting of the New England and Connecticut Chapters held at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA., HPS President-Elect. Dr. Bob Cherry, gave a presentation on "Recovering Depleted Uranium Spotting Ordinance Used by the Davey Crockett Short Range Nuclear Weapon System".

Dr. Cherry, a retired Colonel in the US Army and Vietnam Veteran, described how Davey Crockett gun crews would use the 20mm M101 DU spotting round to determine the impact point of the 0.01 kiloton W54 warhead fired from a recoilless rifle.

Dr. Cherry also spoke about working for the Department of Army as the Radiation Safety Officer on the Army's USNRC license to possess DU. Dr. Cherry detailed efforts to identify where M101 rounds were used or shipped, interactions with the USNRC and ongoing efforts to recover M101 rounds and remediate weapons ranges where the M101 was used.

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