American Nuclear Society - Health Physics Society

Applicability of Radiation - Response Models

to Low Dose Protection Standards:

Topical Planning Meeting Minutes

Conference Call Friday June 9, 2017

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[Call in Email](http://www.umtanum.com/TopicalManagedFiles/Minutes/2017-06-09/CallIn.msg)

Attendees: Alan Waltar, Wanda Munn, Steve Baker, Bob Tibbats, Mike Leimon, Wayne Glines, Mike Lawrence, Tony Brooks, Jerry Woodcock, Kris Troyer, Darrell Fisher (late)

Call started at about 10:05. Wayne confirmed that we do have a conflict with the 2018 Radiation Research Society meeting. Wanda said that she was categorically opposed to changing the dates of our meeting. Mike Lawrence supported Wanda’s objection to changing our dates. Bob and Jerry also opposed changing the dates. Tony evaluated the people who will not be at our conference because of the conflict. He suggested that if we don’t change the dates we should change the tenor of the meeting away from science toward policy. Wayne agreed and said that he has always felt that the meeting should focus on policy more than science.

Alan said that Carol Marcus and Jeff Siegel had sent a letter to HPS saying that they “see no need for it” (i.e., our conference) and our conference “is structured to ensure that nothing will be accomplished”. The editor in the same issue disagreed saying that people “should seriously consider the potential benefits of attending this meeting before deciding that it would be a waste of your time”.

Jerry pointed out that we have right of first refusal for Red Lion, but it won’t last very long.

Mike Lawrence said that if we don’t change the dates attendance will not be as large. He also said that he had contacted DOE and they have no interest in increasing limits. Tony said that the Hanford Advisory Board took the position that changing the limits would not significantly change cleanup levels.

Darrell came on line. Alan gave a summary of the discussion before Darrell came on line, including that Ludwig was OK with changing the dates. Darrell said that if we don’t change the dates we must expect a much smaller attendance. Tony agreed. But it isn’t clear that if we do change the dates we still won’t have reduced attendance because the two meetings would be so close together. Darrell stressed that we have advertised the conference as a scientific conference. Alan suggested that it is unlikely that people would go to both meetings even if we do change the dates.

Tony said that one objective was to address the one millisievert limit for public exposure. Darrell said that we will not attract government officials if we don’t change the dates. Alan discussed changes in the ICRP that seem to be favorable to the Low Dose conference.

Alan suggested that we don’t need to decide right now and need more information. The big problem is that we might lose the Red Lion. Tony suggested that we contact the people who we want to attend to see if they would attend Low Dose if we change the dates.

Alan suggested that we should be trying to attract young people and the Rad Research people are [old](#MindAndSpirit). Tony said that young people go where their bosses tell them where to go.

Consensus developed that we should poll people who will go to the Rad Research meeting to see if they would attend Low Dose if we change the start date to September 30. Tony suggested that we should poll potential attendees by telephone. Wanda agreed.

Darrell pointed out the political overtones of the Low Dose conference, noting that Carol Marcus pulled out the conference because the Health Physics Society would not endorse her candidate for Nuclear Regulatory Commission commissioner. Tony said that we need to establish a list of [contacts](#PaulLocke) to make sure that we don’t call the same person twice. Alan, Ron, Darrell, and Tony will [compare lists](#TonyHooker) to avoid duplications. They will make calls before the June 21st full committee meeting so that a decision can be made [then](#NoelMetting).

**Wayne’s additional comments:**

Perhaps in body, but NOT in mind or spirit.

I had initially contacted Paul Locke. Should I re-contact him, or will Alan, Ron, Darrell, or Tony be doing so?

Has anyone contacted Noelle Metting? She gave a presentation at the May Council of Scientific Society Presidents entitled “Low Dose Radiation Exposures in Perspective”.

**Steve’s additional comment:**

Tony Hooker informed us of the conflict in a [May 14 email](http://www.umtanum.com/TopicalManagedFiles/Correspondence/TonyBrooks/TonyHooker/TonyHooker01.msg). In the email, he said “From my perspective, it would be good to have both meetings close together so that I can get to both! Australia is a long, long way from anywhere! ”. Doug Boreham has expressed an interest in funding Tony (and perhaps some students) to come from Australia for the meeting.