

DELAWARE AUTHORITY ON RADIATION PROTECTION
SUMMARY OF MEETING
April 2, 2012
Harry Levin Center for Pharmacy History & Education
27 North Main Street
Smyrna, Delaware

Members Present: (those with checks only)

R. Arm		F. Fisher-Tyler	√	K. Musto	√
F. Esposito	√	W. Holden	√	K. Neelans	√
L. Fox	√	C. Krikelis		D. Smith	
E. De Whitt	√	T. May	√	D. Tilton	√
J. Dill	√	N. Melikechi	√		

Others Present:

R. Brinsfield	√	L. Terry-Graham	√	N. Henry	√
R. Mims	√	W. Fendt	√	C. Milazzo	√

Authority Chair F. Esposito called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

I. AGENDA ADOPTED

N. Melikechi moved to approve the agenda, L. Fox seconded, and all members voted in favor of accepting. The motion was approved.

II. MINUTES

N. Melikechi moved to approve minutes of the November 14, 2011 Authority meeting, L. Fox seconded, and all members voted in favor of accepting. The motion was approved.

III. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chair F. Esposito thanked the members of the Authority for their continued service and contributions to radiation protection for all Delawareans. She briefed the attendees on her March 7, 2012 meeting with Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) Deputy Secretary Henry Smith, indicating that he was very supportive of the importance of providing radiation control services, with the sustained increase in use of radiation in Delaware. At that meeting, she also discussed the Authority's interest in allocation of radiation control fee revenue to provide needed resources for the Office of Radiation Control. The Chair presented a Senatorial Letter of Commendation to N. Melikechi, for his service as Chair of the Authority from 2010 – 2011 and his dedication to radiation protection for Delawareans.

IV. OFFICE OF RADIATION CONTROL (ORC)

F. Fisher-Tyler provided an overview of ORC activities. She indicated that she would be happy to entertain questions at the meeting, or in the interest of time, via email after the meeting.

The Authority meeting dates were confirmed for 2012: same meeting venue and time as this meeting: April 2, September 10, December 3, at the Harry Levin Center in Smyrna, Delaware, 6-8 pm.

V. Informational Updates

N. Melikechi indicated that a request has been submitted to the Delaware State University (DSU) Department of Computer & Information Sciences for a student volunteer to serve as webmaster of the Authority webpage. He will keep the Authority membership informed on progress.

Action Item: A member willing to take the lead for review of new content is needed, contact N. Melikechi if interested. In the meantime, another student willing to act as webmaster will be identified, N. Melikechi.

W. Holden, Chair of the Nominating Task Force, affirmed that Authority Chair F. Esposito sent a letter of recommendation to the Governor's Office to appoint Mr. Charles Milazzo to the Industry/Non-medical vacancy. Mr. Milazzo has 40 years of experience in the insurance industry, working in risk management and loss control for multiple insurance carriers, agencies, and independent consulting firms. He has considerable experience in radiation protection matters and medical malpractice insurance. His educational background includes degrees in chemistry, mathematics and safety sciences. Mr. Milazzo is a Certified Safety Professional, a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, and is currently Chairman of the local section of the American Society of Safety Engineers in northern Delaware.

K. Musto, Chair of the Legislative Liaisons task force reported that he has had conversations with several elected officials regarding allocation of radiation control fee revenue to the Office of Radiation Control. He indicated that he had drafted talking points and would be happy to share them with any Authority member who is willing to contact their state senator and representative.

L. Fox , Chair of the Certification Committee has items on the table for review this year, including review of radiation technologist/technician application fees, preparation of a notice to the Dental Society regarding the Dental Radiologic Technology (DDRT) Exam, and major revision of the Radiation Technologist/Technician Manual.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Fendt, Radiation Safety Officer for the University of Delaware, attending as a public member, provided a written summary regarding U of D experience operating with operating a

hand-held x-ray device for laboratory experiments. The Authority approved the variance in 2011, with specific conditions and requirements. He reported that an audit form was used to ensure variance conditions were observed, and radiation surveys and dosimetry confirmed the effectiveness of radiation protection controls.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

N. Melikechi moved to adjourn the meeting, K. Neelans seconded and all voted to accept. The motion was approved. The next Authority meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2012 from 6 – 8:30 pm at the Harry Levin Center for Pharmacy Education, 27 N. Main Street, Smyrna, DE 19777.

Respectfully submitted,

Frieda Fisher-Tyler, Administrator, Office of Radiation Control
Executive Secretary,
Authority on Radiation Protection