

DELAWARE AUTHORITY ON RADIATION PROTECTION
SUMMARY OF MEETING

December 3, 2018

Harry Levin Center for Pharmacy History &
Education 27 North Main Street
Smyrna, Delaware 19977

Members Present: (those with checks only)

F. Esposito	√	F. Fisher-Tyler	√	K. Musto	√
I. Turner, Jr.	√	W. Holden, III	√	H. Chen	√
D. Andrews		T. Hitchens		M. Higgins	√
M. Finkelstein	√	N. Lippman	√	G. Poirier	
J. Wyatt		J. Mack	√		

Guests:

R. Brinsfield	√	K. Shaughnessy	√	D. Hill	√
N. Henry	√	B. Fendt	√	J. Hanes	√
J. Suder		M. Zdradzinski	√		

I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Authority Chair F. Esposito brought the meeting to order at 6:05 pm, with a quorum of ten Authority members. M. Higgins introduced a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented, amended to add approval of July 25, 2018 Regulations Task Force meeting minutes. K. Musto seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Chairman's Comments

Authority Chair F. Esposito welcomed all present to the meeting, and thanked everyone for contributing their personal time and effort to the work of the Authority, providing radiological health protection for Delawareans. In particular, she thanked those members serving on Authority committees for their contributions to the work of the Authority.

III. Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2018

K. Musto introduced a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 Authority public meeting. M. Finkelstein seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. The motion passed.

IV. New Business

F. Fisher-Tyler introduced the Annual Election of Officers for Vote, asking W. Holden, III, Nominating Committee Chair to present the slate of nominees. He presented Dr. Frances Esposito as the nominee to continue serving as Chair for 2019, and Ivan

Turner, III as nominee to continue serving as Vice-Chair for 2019. He asked if there were any nominees from the floor, there having been none he introduced a motion to elect Dr. Frances Esposito for a one year term as Chairperson of the Authority. M. Finkelstein seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. The motion passed. W. Holden, III then introduced a motion to elect Ivan Turner, III for a one year term as Vice-Chair of the Authority. M. Finkelstein seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

F. Fisher-Tyler provided an overview of temporary exemption granted for the radiation control regulations published November 1, 2018 and effective November 13, 2018. She reported that the Delaware Association of Nurse Anesthetists (DANA) filed a complaint regarding scope of practice for nurses utilizing fluoroscopy and a concern that new radiation control regulation language would impact this subset of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). She indicated that the exemption is temporary. M. Higgins and M. Finkelstein asked what time period is represented by this temporary status. F. Fisher-Tyler reported that the Regulations Task Force would be meeting to discuss this matter, along with other implementation matters for the newly published regulations, shortly after the New Year.

Action Item: Regulations Task Force to meet and discuss interim and long term solution to concerns raised by DANA and the Board of Nursing, F. Esposito and F. Fisher-Tyler

V. Informational Updates

F. Fisher-Tyler briefly reviewed the Radiation Control Program Report, reporting that the Authority Bylaws and Strategic Plan will be reviewed at the first meeting of every year. She reminded the membership the Bylaws, Strategic Plan, final public meeting minutes, and other Authority documents are posted to Authority webpage: www.deradiationprotection.org. She reported that a number of items listed in this report would be elaborated upon by the committee chairs in their reports.

R. Brinsfield reviewed the ORC Monitoring Reports for January – October, 2018. He indicated that the handouts were numbered, and would be collected prior to the end of the meeting. He described each category in the report, beginning with Number of New X-Ray Rooms subject to shielding plan review by ORC-registered Radiation Service Provider & issuance of “Approval to Construct” letter by the DPH Office of Engineering, as well as pre-operational inspection/issuance of “Approval to Operate” letter, and registration permit by the DPH Office of Radiation Control. He reviewed the X-Ray Facility Inspection Report, Inspection Violation Report, and Radiation Technologist & Technician Certification Report. He reported that activities for calendar year 2018 and 2017 would be presented at the first Authority meeting in 2019, to allow for year over year comparison.

VI. Old Business/Committee Reports:

F. Fisher-Tyler reported that the Regulations Task Force, Public Education and Certification Committees will be scheduling meetings after the New Year.

Action Item: Schedule committee meetings for the period January through February, F. Fisher-Tyler.

VII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Acknowledgements and Adjournment

Thanks were expressed to Robert Brinsfield and James Hanes for diligently preparing ORC Monitoring Reports, to Kelly Shaughnessy and Robert Brinsfield for handling meeting logistics & preparation, and all present who helped with break-down/clean-up of meeting venue, to enable an effective and efficient meeting!

Our collective thanks to Authority member Kevin Musto, who enables access to this centrally-located, outstanding meeting space by the Delaware Pharmacists Society! A wonderful resource to the practice community, much appreciated.

In 2019, the Authority is scheduled to meet on the following dates at 6 pm, at the Harry Levin Center for Pharmacy History & Education in Smyrna:

- February 25
- May 20
- September 23
- November 18.

M. Higgins introduced a motion to adjourn, J. Mack seconded the motion, and all voted to approve. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frieda Fisher-Tyler,
Administrative Agent,
Authority on Radiation
Protection, and the
Division of Public Health