

Benefit Exchange

A newsletter of Medical Physics for World Benefit



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[Submit your nomination for President-elect to medphyswb@gmail.com](mailto:medphyswb@gmail.com)

Membership meeting in Nashville, TN
Tuesday 31 July; 12:15 to 1:45 pm
Omni Nashville Hotel
Room: Music Row 6 on Level Two

Quick Highlights!!

This issue of *Benefit Exchange* addresses four issues for which we are seeking help from our membership: (1) board member nominations, (2) announcement of MPWB annual membership meeting, (3) help with promotional flyer, and (4) help with suggestions for granting agencies in support of MPWB activities.

Board Member Nomination

The MPWB articles of incorporation indicate that we have six Board positions consisting of Past-president, President, President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Director of Communications, and Director of Fundraising. The first iteration of these positions officially began on 01 January 2017. Board positions are for three-year terms except for the Past-President, President and President-elect, which are for two years. These are presently filled as shown below:

Board Position	Incumbent (Term end)	Proposed as of 1 Jan 2019 (Term end)
President	Jacob Van Dyk (31 Dec 2018)	Yakov Pipman (31 Dec 2020)
President-elect	Yakov Pipman (31 Dec 2018)	Open
Past-president	Gerald White (31 Dec 2018)	Jacob Van Dyk (31 Dec 2020)
Secretary/Treasurer	David Wilkins (31 Dec 2019)	Renewable for 3-years
Dir. Communications	Parminder Basran (31 Dec 2019)	Renewable for 3-years
Dir. Fund Raising	Robert Jeraj (31 Dec 2019)	Renewable for 3-years

Thus, the **Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for the position of President-elect**, to take office January 2019. This position is to be elected at the MPWB Membership meeting to be held on Tuesday 31 July 2018 at the Annual AAPM meeting in Nashville, TN. Please submit your nominations along with a resume or biographical sketch of the individual to medphyswb@gmail.com. Also indicate that you have the agreement of the individual to stand for nomination.

Annual membership meeting

MPWB will hold its **annual membership meeting on Tuesday 31 July 2018 from 12:15 to 1:45 in room Music Row 6 on Level Two in the Omni Nashville Hotel** at the annual meeting of the AAPM in Nashville, TN. This is the hotel that is the AAPM Headquarters and hosts all the AAPM committee meetings. The meeting will be open to all people interested in MPWB and its activities; however, any formal voting will be restricted to members only.



Promotional Flyer

MPWB is developing a flyer to promote the activities of MPWB both to prospective members as well as potential donors. We are looking for a volunteer who has experience with graphic design and layout for a single leaf double page flyer. Please contact medphyswb@gmail.com if interested. Note that this is a short-term project, such that the flyers are available in time for the World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering in Prague, 3-8 June 2018 ... and, of course, other meetings after that.

MPWB is looking for someone with experience in graphic design. Contact us at medphyswb@gmail.com

Fundraising Suggestions

MPWB is working with the AAPM/IOMP Equipment Donation Program Subcommittee (EDPSC) to raise funding for training of medical physicists in lower income environments. In brief, The EDPSC is working in collaboration with the Accredited Dosimetry Calibration Laboratories (ADCL) to refurbish these systems, provide updated calibration factors and then to make them available for donation to some resource challenged, lower income locations. MPWB has agreed to provide training support to the recipients. In addition to providing detailed training on the use of the dosimetry systems, MPWB seeks to develop long-term, partnering and mentoring relationships between the Medical Physicists being trained and the Medical Physicists providing the training. There is experience with one such system which was delivered to a clinic in Kenya. It is possible that up to 100 systems might be available and it is estimated that about 20 systems might be delivered per year. MPWB is working with EDPSC to seek a grant of US\$150,000 to US\$250,000 per year for 3+ years to provide the delivery and training support of these systems. The question is: Are you aware of any organizations or granting agencies that would support this type of training and education for Medical Physicists in lower income contexts. If so, please contact us at medphyswb@gmail.com.

MPWB is working with AAPM/IOMP Equipment Donation program to provide training and mentoring support. Funding is needed for training up to 20 Medical Physicists per year. Total cost could be between \$150,000 to \$250,000 per year. Suggestions for potential funding agencies are welcome. Contact us at medphyswb@gmail.com

In addition, we would like to remind the membership about our Fund-Raising Committee. We are still seeking some additional volunteers. If interested, please contact us at medphyswb@gmail.com.