

# Benefit Exchange

*A newsletter of Medical Physics for World Benefit*



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*The nominee for President-elect is John Schreiner PhD, FAAPM, FCOMP*

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**Membership meeting in Nashville, TN**

**Tuesday 31 July: 12:15 to 1:45 pm**

**Omni Nashville Hotel**

**Room: Music Row 6 on Level Two**

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## Quick Overview

This issue of *Benefit Exchange* addresses: (1) Annual General Membership meeting at the AAPM including Board Member elections, (2) Information Meeting at COMP, (3) dosimetry systems delivery/training/mentoring, and (4) summary of activities.

## MPWB Annual General Membership Meeting

The MPWB Annual General Membership meeting will be held at the AAPM Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

Date: Tuesday 31 July 2018

Time: 12:15 to 1:45 pm

Location: Music Row 6 on Level Two in the Omni Nashville Hotel

All members are invited to participate and vote on new Board member positions. Since we are incorporated in both Canada and the US, the votes will be recorded according to Canadian or US membership status. The meeting is open to visitors as well, although non-members will not be able to vote.

### Positions to be voted on and nominees:

**President Elect:** Nominee is John Schreiner PhD, FAAPM, FCOMP

John Schreiner received his PhD degree from the University of Waterloo in 1985 then joined McGill in Montreal as a medical physicist; in 1997 he became Chief Physicist at the Kingston Health Sciences Centre in Kingston, Ontario. He is Adjunct Full Professor of Oncology and Physics at Queen's University. He has served medical physics as Newsletter editor for the Canadian Organization of Medical Physicists (COMP); examiner, board member, and President of the Canadian College of Physicists in Medicine (CCPM); and is active on COMP committees. He was a founder and organizer for 10 biannual International Conferences on 3-Dimensional Dosimetry, editing two conference proceedings. He has served on the Editorial Board for the journals *Medical Physics* (senior associate editor) and the *Journal of Medical Physics* (India). In 2010, he was invited by the International Atomic Energy Agency to lecture for one week on regulatory issues for radiation safety in hospitals (Vilnius, Lithuania). He has supervised about 120 trainees over his career, many who continue to work as Medical Physicists. He is a Fellow of both AAPM and COMP.

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**Positions to be voted on:** ... cont'd

**President:** Yakov Pipman DSc, FAAPM, FACMP, FIOMP

Yakov has served as President-elect for the past two years. Yakov also serves as Chair of the Professional relations Committee for the International Organization of Medical Physics (IOMP) and on various international committees for the AAPM.

**Past-president:** Jacob Van Dyk MSc, FAAPM, FCOMP, DSc(hon)

Jake is the primary founder of MPWB and has served as its President over the last 2-years. He has a close working relationship with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). He also serves on various international committees for the AAPM.

The incumbents will start their positions on 1 January 2019.

As of 1 January 2019, Gerald White will step down from his position as Chairman of the Board (equivalent to Past-president). First, we would like to extend a **hearty thank you to Jerry** for his wisdom and constant sage-advice, especially as we were navigating through the various intricacies of starting a new organization in both the US and Canada as well as getting registered for charitable status in both countries. While Jerry will be stepping down from the Board, he has already indicated on-going support for the activities associated with MPWB. We wish Jerry the best and we look forward to his on-going involvement.

The rest of the Membership/Information meeting will be devoted to communicating the various activities of MPWB.

## MPWB Information Meeting at COMP

This year the Canadian Organization of Medical Physicists (COMP) is meeting jointly with the Canadian Association of Radiation Oncologists (CARO) and the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) in Montreal, Quebec from 12 to 15 September 2018. The **MPWB Information Meeting will be held on Friday 14 September from 5:30 to 6:30pm on Level 2, Salon 4/5 of the Le Centre Sheraton, Montréal, QC.**

## Dosimetry Systems for Delivery and Training in LMICs

In the last Benefit Exchange, we announced that we are working with the AAPM/IOMP Equipment Donation Program Subcommittee (EDPSC) to raise funding for training of medical physicists in lower income environments. **The good news is that we have received a \$5,000 educational grant from Elekta.** This is a great way to get started. In addition, we are working with members of the Rotary Club in Alberta to generate a Rotary International Vocational Global Grant to support the delivery/training/ mentoring associated with these systems. **Stay tuned because we will be looking for individuals to deliver these systems, to provide on-site training and to maintain on-going mentoring via electronic means post-delivery.**

## Further Highlights

### World Congress 2018

MPWB had a significant profile at the World Congress of Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering in Prague in June. A special 1.5-hour session was devoted to MPWB with Jake Van Dyk, Yakov Pipman, Robert Jeraj and Parminder Basran speaking. The discussion was lively with multiple individuals staying after the session for further information. In addition, MPWB was referred to in various other sessions throughout the meeting. **All-in-all, a tremendous profile was given to MPWB.**

### MPWB Endorses Perspectives of Advanced Radiotherapy in Middle Income Countries (PARIMICS)

Jake Van Dyk is representing MPWB as a keynote speaker at the PARIMICS meeting in Iran in September. See: <http://www.parimics.isco.ir/>

### Medical Physics International article on MPWB

See: <http://mpijournal.org/pdf/2018-01/MPI-2018-01.pdf>. Page 152.

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### MPWB Successes

- **Funding from Elekta for delivery of dosimetry systems and educating/mentoring MPs in low-to-middle environments**
  - **High profile at the World Congress**
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