



Trinity Section American Nuclear Society



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May 2015 Dinner Meeting

The 1 May 2015 ANS Trinity Section dinner meeting was held at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History in Albuquerque, NM. The Museum was open for our exclusive use all evening, with docents available for exhibit interpretation. Several of the UNM Student Section members displayed the poster sessions they had presented at the annual ANS Student Meeting earlier in the year. Our speaker for the evening was Eugene S. Grecheck, 2014-15 ANS Vice President / President-Elect. His topic was: *Challenges and Opportunities: Nuclear Technologies and ANS*. The meeting was attended by approximately 60 people. Mr. Grecheck's background was with Dominion Nuclear in Virginia for many years prior to becoming an independent consultant. Mr. Grecheck discussed current trends in nuclear science and technology, including the challenges currently faced by the commercial nuclear industry in the US. He also described some of the opportunities present for innovation. He concluded with a discussion of the role of ANS in addressing these challenges and opportunities and how all ANS members can help shape both the future of the industry and of ANS.

Fundraising

"Money" is not always a welcome subject, but it's occasionally necessary to discuss how we fund the activities of the Section. Our nominal Section dues cannot pay for the desired activities of the Section, and the funds we earn from Topicals are intermittent. See the "Fundraising" page of our web site for more discussion. The Section is a registered 501(c)(3) organization.



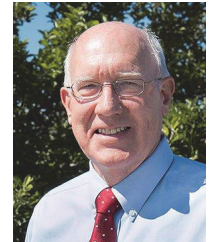
Our principal focus is providing more assistance to our students: supporting participation in the ANS national student meetings, supporting Student Section social events, paying for expenses incurred during outreach activities, and providing several scholarships. In addition, we have become active with a number of the local and regional science fairs and in the state science fair, where we try to make small awards available for deserving participants.

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John Bliss Named Fellow of Health Physics Society.

Our very own Trinity Section Immediate Past Chair, John Bliss, was named a Fellow of the Health Physics Society at their annual meeting in Indianapolis in July 2015.



The award is given to senior members of the Society in recognition of their significant administrative, educational and/or scientific contributions to the profession of health physics.

Congratulations, John!

Volunteers Needed to Fill Several Executive Committee Vacancies

The Section is still in need of a **Vice-Chair / Chair-Elect** for the current term to join our team. Continuity / mentoring for new officers is provided by the availability of previous Chairs for two years past their term.

Also, as a result of the departure of two of our **at-large Executive Committee** members, the Section is in need of volunteers for appointment to fill those unexpired terms. One is until the 2016 election and the other is until the 2018 election. The at-large appointments are especially good ways to learn about the Section and begin your involvement.

Our **Public Information and Outreach committee chair** is on the East coast for graduate school for the next two years, so we are also in need of an interim chair for that committee. Please refer to the Public Information pages of our web site for additional information about those activities.

Contact any current Executive Committee member (list on this page) for further information and to express your interest in and availability for one of these positions.