



Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.

# NEWSBRIEF

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A Partnership Dedicated to Radiation Protection

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## Message from Chairperson Kim Steves

It's hard to believe this is my final *Newsbrief* article as Chairperson! When I agreed to run for the Board of Directors, I had no idea that my year as Chair would be during a pandemic and completely virtual. **I'm proud of the innovative thinking which has taken place by the Board and by the Office of Executive Director (OED). We have continued to accomplish our objectives under these very challenging circumstances.** At the same time, I've missed the opportunities to meet in-person with the other Board members, our membership, and our partners at various events.



Our biggest virtual challenge yet is the upcoming Mammography Training, National Conference on Radiation Control, and Business Meeting. **We are very excited by the early registration numbers and for how well the planning for these meetings is coming together.** It is our hope that by offering registration at a low cost, many of our members who are not typically able to attend an in-person Conference will be able to participate virtually. **Director Members, please consider supporting your staff to attend.** There will be several very important issues discussed and brought for vote during the Business Meeting on May 20. The Director Members should have received copies of the

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### Strategic Plan

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Kim Steves

## Very Worthwhile Endeavors

proposed Position Statements on Gonadal Shielding and the NextGen Radiochemists Training Program, along with the Strategic Plan and the Constitution. Please take time to review these documents prior to the Business Meeting.

### Strategic Plan

As you know, each year the Board reviews the CRCPD Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives and prioritizes objectives for the year. Additionally, this year, we looked at the Strategic Plan as a whole to discuss if any revisions or updates we needed to the base document. The last time this plan was ratified by our membership was in 2015, so we decided it was time to bring it before membership again for a vote. During 2019 the Board participated in a facilitated discussion of our Strategic Plan. We continued this discussion into 2020 and in the end, we decided not to make any changes to the plan, but instead to request a re-ratification vote at the Business Meeting for this plan. It is our belief that the Goals and Objectives still match well with the mission of the CRCPD. Our areas of focus during this year have been:

- Maintain a Sound Fiscal Plan
- Increase the Availability of Electronic Based Information
- Promote Opportunities to Participate in Committee Activities
- Promote Standardization

### Grants and Contracts

Ruth McBurney and her staff currently manage a large number of grants and contracts that are the base of the CRCPD budget. **They continue to identify ways to cut costs without impacting the services the CRCPD provides.** There have been challenges in recent years with finances and changes to grant requirements and methodologies. I commend our Executive Director and OED staff for their effort to keep the Board informed and address these challenges.

### G-73 Committee on Communication and Outreach

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## Message from Chairperson *(continued)*

### Communications

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## Very Worthwhile Endeavors - *continued*

and our social media presence, along with making recommendations on how to better connect our membership and partners through interactive tools. This Committee is also working to engage our membership in opportunities to volunteer for working groups and get involved.

### SSR Steering Committee

The reorganization of the Suggested State Regulations for Control of Radiation (SSR) Council and creation of a Steering Committee to help guide and prioritize the work of the SSR Committees has been an exciting project to watch unfold. Your incoming Chairperson, Angela Leek (IA), has dedicated much effort to ensuring the success of this project.

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Along with that, the Board of Directors has communicated with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regarding our concerns about the varying radiation standards in use. Stay tuned for more on this topic from David Allard (PA) during the Business Meeting.

### National Alliance for Radiation Readiness

The National Alliance for Radiation Readiness (NARR) is providing support to a two-year Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) project in partnership with the Association of State and Territory Health Officials (ASTHO). **The goal of this project is to develop a Public Health Clinical Framework for Cytokine Administration in Patients with Acute Radiation Syndrome following a Nuclear Detonation.** If this is an area of interest for you and you would like to be involved in the framework development, please let me know. I still currently serve as the CRCPD Liaison to the NARR, and Chris Williams (WA) is the alternate liaison.

Thank You!

*Thank you for your support and encouragement this past year during my time as Board Chair. It has been a very worthwhile and exciting adventure.*



## Greetings from Your Executive Director



Ruth E. McBurney, CHP

### Adjusting to Changing Times

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Ruth E. McBurney

## A Very Busy Time

Spring is here and that means a very busy time for the Office of Executive Director (OED). Over the past couple of years, we have made several adjustments to changing times, especially so since March 2020, due to the pandemic. There were other changes as well since 2019 at OED -- in office location, organizational staff, and meetings of the board and committees.

### Annual Meeting Planning

Usually at this time of year, we would be preparing all the logistics and arranging travel to the annual meeting, but instead we are working with our contractor and the Program Planning Committee to hold our first virtual National Conference on Radiation Control and associated training as well as the first virtual Mammography Training.

I am sure many of you will miss the camaraderie, networking, and getting to know new colleagues in radiation control in person (as I will), we hope to have a great virtual meeting anyway. **We have an excellent line-up of speakers and panelists for the conference and training sessions.** Also, the virtual aspect of the event and reasonable registration fee will give radiation control programs the opportunity to involve more of their staff than would normally be able to attend the in-person conference. **From reviewing the numbers of early registrations for both the National Conference and the Mammography Training, we expect to have a record turnout.** If you have not already done so, please check out the conference and training microsite for more information on the Conference at <https://www.crcpd.org/default.aspx>.

### Activities of Working Groups

Many of the CRCPD working groups have been having conference calls and web conferences to keep up with their activities. **I applaud their efforts to keep momentum going this year.** Some are still planning small in-person events in 2021. One such working group is the Task Force for Development of Population Monitoring Train-the-Trainer Workshops. This group has been working virtually to develop training modules for another Train-the-Trainer Workshop in

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## Executive Director

Greetings *(continued)*Population  
Monitoring Training

*Train-the-Trainer  
Workshop in  
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in late September  
2021*

A Very Busy Time - *continued*

Orlando, Florida, in late September 2021. **If you have state or local population monitoring trainers in your state that could benefit from this free workshop (including travel), please have them sign up.** A notice of this workshop is provided in this *Newsbrief* issue.

## Continuing Our Goal

Although we have had to adjust and make changes over the past year (and at the OED over the past two years) in the way we do some of our events, activities and other work, and are learning to do more with fewer on-site staff, **it is still our goal to be able to meet the needs of the membership and provide the guidance documents, information and training needed by state and local programs.**

We are continuing to work toward that goal, despite the challenges, through our continuing partnerships involving the state and federal radiation protection agencies and other organizations that share or interest in radiation protection issues.

## Special Thanks

A special thank you for their service on the Board goes to Jeff Semancik (CT), Past Chair, and Karen Farris (MA), who will be completing their terms in May. We really appreciate the extra effort that they have made to keep the organization going through the past three years.

***We hope to see you in person at the 54th National Conference on Radiation Control May 16 – 19, 2022, in Tucson, AZ!***



**53<sup>RD</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RADIATION CONTROL****FIRST VIRTUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
RADIATION CONTROL**

May 17 - 20, 2021

**Annual Conference****“CHALLENGING  
TIMES,  
INNOVATIVE  
RESPONSES”**

The 53rd National Conference on Radiation Control will be held virtually through a web platform for the 1st time! There is a great line up of speakers including Dr. John Boice, from NCRP, who is the 2021 Villforth Lecturer, Troy Mueller, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, Keynote Speaker, and NRC Commissioner Jeff Baran.

Registrations indicate a large turnout, with sessions and workshops providing excellent training and exchange opportunities at a low registration fee and no travel involved. As you will note from the theme, many of the presentations will focus on how radiation control activities changed during the last year.

Some of the presentations will be live and some are prerecorded, with a live Question and Answer Period. A poster session will be included, with ability to question the poster contributors.

For more information regarding the conference, please visit our website at <http://www.crcpd.org> for the agenda and registration information.



## CRCPD Elects New Board Members

The following CRCPD members were recently elected to the Board of Directors and will take office at the end of the 2021 annual Business meeting, May 20, 2021. We congratulate them and look forward to their leadership on the Board.

### Patrick Mulligan (NJ) -- Chair-Elect Designate



Patrick Mulligan is the Assistant Director of the Radiation Protection Program in the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Pat brings over 29 years of experience in various disciplines of radiation protection and many years of management experience

to his position as Assistant Director. Pat's experience with the state is diverse and includes the evaluation of NRC regulation and the reactor oversight process, emergency response and preparedness, environmental monitoring, and transportation of radioactive materials. More recently Pat's duties include involvement with the Agreement State program's roles and responsibilities and the oversight of the Bureau of X-Ray Compliance that administers machine source registration and inspections as well as licensing for technologists.

Pat has gained national recognition in the field of radiological emergency preparedness for his work with the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors. He was elected to serve on the CRCPD's Board of Directors as Member-at-Large from May 2013 through May 2016, assigned as the Chairperson of the Homeland Security/Emergency Response Council. Pat also received the CRCPD's James W. Miller Award for significant contributions to the field of nuclear emergency preparedness and response in May 2012.

### Tanya Ridgle (LA County, CA) Member-at-Large Designate (3-year term)

Tanya Ridgle is a Principal Radiation Protection Specialist with Radiation Management at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. In this role, Ms. Ridgle responds to and investigates incidents involving radioactive materials, provides radiation safety training and support to local first responders and stakeholders, and assists with the development of radiological emergency plans and procedures.



Ms. Ridgle began her career in the Radiation Safety field immediately after receiving her Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2001. With over 20 years of experience, Ms. Ridgle has developed radiation safety manuals and guidance documents for nuclear pharmacies, served as Radiation Safety Officer on three California radioactive material licenses and performed audits of radioactive material licensees in various states throughout the United States. Ms. Ridgle has also been a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) certified Counter Terrorism Operations Support instructor since March 2015.

As a member of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD), Ms. Ridgle chairs the HS/ER-13 Task Force for Development of Population Monitoring Train-the-Trainer Workshops and also serves as a member on the SR-G Suggested Regulations - Part G Workgroup which reviews regulations for use of radionuclides in the Healing Arts.



## Train-the-Trainer Workshop

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## Preparing for a Radiological Emergency? CRCPD Has Training!

# Population Monitoring Train-the-Trainer Workshop

## PRESENTED FOR

State and local health departments, Medical Reserve Corps units, and other volunteer organizations who are involved in training local staff and volunteers on emergency preparedness, and in particular, population monitoring and community reception center operations



For more information visit  
<https://www.crcpd.org>

Monday and Tuesday, September 27-28, 2021  
Bureau of Radiation Control  
in  
Orlando, FL

## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

This workshop will provide training materials that have been developed by CRCPD and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and will include both presentations and hands-on demonstrations and activities.

The first day will be dedicated to the course material itself, focusing on the elements a trainer would need to know to train others in population monitoring.

The next half day will include interactive discussion on the content of a training program and any gaps or new or modified modules that might be needed to make the training better.

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## FUNDING

Funding is available for travel to the workshop and there is no registration fee. If you or any of your staff are involved in training people in population monitoring or plan to be, and are interested in attending, contact Tanya Ridgle [Tanya.Ridgle@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Tanya.Ridgle@cdph.ca.gov) or Ruth McBurney [rmcburney@crcpd.org](mailto:rmcburney@crcpd.org).

## SPONSOR

Through a grant with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CRCPD will conduct the workshop.



## Virtual Mammography Training Available

### Virtual Mammography Training

The CRCPD is pleased to be offering a virtual Mammography Training session this year, May 12 -14, 2021. We usually hold the mammography training in person in conjunction with

the National Conference on Radiation Control. Even though everything is virtual this year, we are continuing to provide the training. Since travel is not involved, the training provides an opportunity for gaining up-to-date information and professional enrichment at a low cost. Registrations to date have already exceeded our average turnout at the in-person training sessions.

The H-11 Committee on Mammography has developed the training program, which includes presentations from radiologists, radiation therapists, and medical physicists, as well as updates on mammography facility inspection techniques. The training will provide 15 hours of continuing education through ASRT for mammography technologists and will fulfill 15 hours of continuing education requirements for mammography inspectors.

For more information and to register for the 2021 Mammography Training, go to the microsite from our website at: <http://burkclients.com/CRCPD/2021/site/index.html>

## Remembering John P. Winston

On February 27, 2021, the radiological health and control community lost a friend, colleague and an irreplaceable member, John P. Winston. John passed away after a courageous, hard-fought battle with cancer.

John was with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Radiation Protection (DEP) for about 35 years, working as a Radiological Health Physicist, inspecting and testing x-ray facilities, equipment, and linear accelerators. During those years, he mentored many junior staff regarding the proper methods and procedures to inspect dental, medical, and industrial facilities. John also assisted and counseled many dentists, technologists, doctors, and clinicians on how to perform equipment quality assurance to reduce patient radiation exposure, while optimizing image quality. He led the recent effort to update the DEP's medical x-ray regulations.

Although John's position description with the PA DEP never mentioned mentoring employees and going the extra mile with staff, John wrote his own job description with higher standards, greater responsibilities, and way more heart than we could ever ask of him. John continually encouraged and was a positive influence on his junior staff to step outside of their comfort zones and be positive role models. John's friends and colleagues at DEP were truly amazed at his level of professionalism and positivity, especially during undoubtedly the most difficult time in his life.

John was born in Erie on July 30, 1961, one of nine children of the late John Patrick Winston and Theresa Ann Barczynski Winston. John valued family and strove to keep relationship ties strong. John was a skilled craftsman and woodworker, and he used those gifts for both small and large projects which he gave generously to all the family. As a nature lover, John was often hiking with his wife, Chandra, near and far from home, or in the outdoors fishing. He also enjoyed brewing his own beer and reading books.

John is survived by his loving wife, Chandra L. Morgan Winston; son, Daniel Winston of Meadville; daughter, Taylor Wittmaak (fiancé Dylan Alasky) of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; six siblings; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Patrick Winston, and a sister, Kelly Uhrmacher.

John Winston was an inspiration for so many. His influence spanned many decades and will not be soon forgotten. His work, dedication, honesty, and love for family will always remain in the hearts of those who knew him.



### Professional Contributions

Penn State University, BS in Environmental Science , 1983.

Organizer - Mid-Atlantic States Radiation Control Program Conference, 2000

CRCPD Service: Board of Directors including terms as the Chairperson and the Treasurer. Liaison to the American Society for Radiation Oncology. Liaison to the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. Recipient of the James W. Miller Award in 2003 and the Gerald S. Parker Award of Merit in 2013. Chaired CRCPD committees on Quality Assurance in Diagnostic X-Ray, Reducing Risk from Fluoroscopy Procedures, SSR for Diagnostic and Interventional X-Ray. Member Committee on IEC Standards, Computed Tomography Brain Perfusion, Medical Events.

Nationally recognized expert in x-ray radiation protection. Elected to the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements. Member of Program Area Committee on Radiation Protection in Medicine, on Scientific Committees publishing Statement No. 11, Outline of Administrative Policies for Quality Assurance and Peer Review of Tissue Reactions Associated with Fluoroscopically-Guided Interventions and statement No. 13 on NCRP Recommendations for Ending Routine Gonadal Shielding During Abdominal and Pelvic Radiography. Member of the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards Working Group on Medical Radiation charged with writing the Federal Guidance Report No. 14: Radiation Protection Guidance for Diagnostic and Interventional X-Ray Procedures and the NCRP Scientific Committee 4-6.



## New Members March & April

### CRCPD Welcomes New Members

#### Director Members

David Adams (WY)

Sarah Chaney (IN)

Becky Wisell (NE)

Jill Wood (WA)

#### Associate Members

Rachael Bruni (NV)

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Daniel Johnson (GA)

## Directory Information

*The Directory of Personnel Responsible for Radiological Health Programs* is available online for members and our federal partners and is updated regularly. Visit [www.crcpd.org](http://www.crcpd.org)



## Call for News

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*Would you like to share some information about your work, or some project or issue that you're involved in?*

CRCPD is interested in what you are doing and would like to share your knowledge and experiences with other CRCPD members through a feature article in the ***Newsbrief***.

If you would like to submit an article, please contact Ruth McBurney (rmcburney@crcpd.org) suggesting a topic you'd like to present.

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We welcome your news and photographs, too, if you'd like to share.

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