



Florida Chapter

American Association of Physicists in Medicine

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Chapter Beginnings

What was to become the Florida AAMP chapter began in the early 1980s as Florida physicists met once or twice a year at the University of Florida for Nuclear Engineering lectures organized by Genevieve and Chuck Roessler. The lectures had a Health Physics emphasis, with medical physics represented by Lawrence Fitzgerald. By the mid-80s, attendees added Farmer chamber intercomparisons to the gathering using nearby Co-60 machines, and the meetings began to occur at regional hospitals and medical centers. In 1987, Daljit Saini and Bill Simon from Sun Nuclear hosted a full-day meeting at Holmes Medical Center in Melbourne, FL, the first meeting with vendor support (six vendors for that first meeting). By the late 1980s, the group had grown larger yet, and became an AAMP chapter in 1990. The first formal Florida AAMP chapter meeting was held in Tampa, FL in 1991, with Bill Huff as President and Daljit Saini as President-Elect.



Greeting sign for 1989 annual meeting. Faiz Khan, Ph.D. (AAMP President at the time) was the featured speaker, and recommended the formation of a Florida chapter.

1990s

Throughout the 1990s, chapter meetings were held in the Spring and included current professional topics (e.g. HDR was the new thing at that time), panel discussions on licensure for Florida medical physicists (license law passed in 1997), and presentations by University of Florida graduate students in medical physics.

Early 2000s

In 2001, a Fall meeting, held jointly with the Florida chapter of the Health Physics Society, was added to the chapter's annual schedule. Meanwhile, the licensing of Florida medical physicists included a requirement for 24 hours of continuing education during each two-year license cycle. Florida chapter meetings became a cost-effective way to earn all required credits needed for licensure, although the AAMP Annual meeting remained a popular CE choice as well. In the late 2000s, Florida added requirements for an hour each of Medical Errors and of HIV/AIDS training for each license cycle, making the Florida chapter meeting even more important for members. Changes in ABR board certification policies, especially Maintenance of Certification (MOC) compelled the Chapter to adapt. FLAAMP began to offer CAMPEP accreditation for its meetings in 2007, and offered Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) in 2008.



Lawrence Fitzgerald, Ph.D., for whom the Florida AAMP Chapter annual award for Best Student Presentation is named.



Presentation of the 2017 Lawrence Fitzgerald Award to University of Florida student, Michael Hermansen.

2010 and Beyond

The Florida chapter has grown immensely in numbers and activity from its early self. The 1.5 day Spring chapter meeting is the main meeting event of the year, generally drawing well over 100 attendees and more than forty vendors. Each Fall, a one day meeting is held jointly with the Florida Health Physics Society. In total, the chapter offers about twenty license CE credits each year, including the all-important and otherwise elusive Medical Errors and HIV/AIDS credits. In each Spring meeting, the student session was always well represented, in which the Fitzgerald Award was given to the best presentation. ABR mock exams were held in certain years. The chapter website includes SAM presentations and credits for chapter members and for a large number of out-of-state MOC participants. The Florida chapter continues to actively enhance the involvement in State legislative issues which will impact Medical Physicists.

| Year | Past President | President | President-Elect | Board Rep | Secretary | Treasurer |
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| 1994 | Ferras | Coleman | Long | Deurkas | | |
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| 1999 | Noriega | Masterson | Duerkas | Miller | Mazzara | Mazzara |
| 2000 | Masterson | Duerkas | McNemey | Miller | Mazzara | Mazzara |
| 2001 | Duerkas | McNemey | Serago | Bova | Atherton | Landers |
| 2002 | McNemey | Serago | Ouhib | Bova | Atherton | Landers |
| 2003 | Serago | Ouhib | Seddon | Bova | Atherton | K.Hintenlang |
| 2004 | Ouhib | Seddon | Pooley | Bova | Cashon | K.Hintenlang |
| 2005 | Seddon | Pooley | Atherton | Serago | D.Gilley | K.Hintenlang |
| 2006 | Pooley | Atherton | D.Hintenlang | Serago | Wagner | K.Hintenlang |
| 2007 | Atherton | D.Hintenlang | Meeks | Serago | Wagner | K.Hintenlang |
| 2008 | D.Hintenlang | Meeks | Waugh | Seddon | Wagner | Shah |
| 2009 | Meeks | Waugh | Wagner | Seddon | Howley | Shah |
| 2010 | Waugh | Wagner | Arreola | Seddon | Howley | Shah |
| 2011 | Wagner | Arreola | Bova | Meeks | Howley | Shah |
| 2012 | Arreola | Bova | Shang | Meeks | Howley | Shah |
| 2013 | Bova | Shang | Staton | Meeks | Howley | Shah |
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| 2015 | Staton | K.Hintenlang | Willoughby | Pooley | Howley | Bossart |
| 2016 | K.Hintenlang | Willoughby | Studenski | Pooley | Patton | Bossart |
| 2017 | Willoughby | Studenski | Sensakovic | K.Hintenlang | Patton | Padgett |



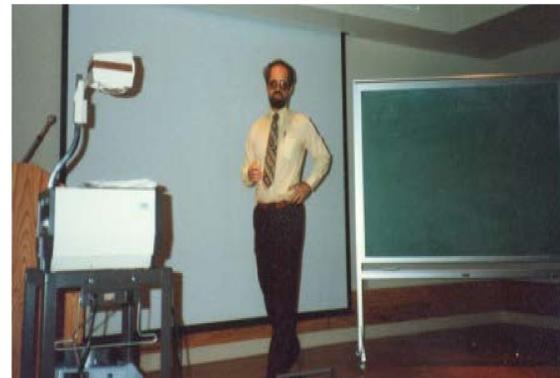
In 2003, the Chapter created the Walter Mauderli award for lifetime achievement in medical physics education, research, and service. Here, recipients of the Mauderli Award attend the Spring 2010 Florida AAMP Chapter meeting in Orlando, FL. (L-R, Frank Bova, Ph.D., Rick Morin, Ph.D., Libby Brateman, Ph.D., Chris Serago, Ph.D.).



Presentation of the 2015 Mauderli Award to William Huff, Ph.D. (the first Chapter President) for lifetime achievement in the field of medical physics in the State of Florida.



Recognition for their three years of service on the FL-AAMP board during the 2017 Spring meeting. (L-R) Elizabeth Bossart, Ph.D. – Treasurer; Robert Pooley, Ph.D. – AAMP Board Rep; Kathleen Hintenlang, Ph.D. – Past President.



Pre-chapter days: 1985 William Huff, Ph.D. (first Chapter President in 1990) prepares to lecture.



The night outs during the chapter meeting are the highlight of the social event, where members often connect professionally,

