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**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** March 6, 2000

**To:** Collaborating Organizations of the NCRP

**From:** William Beckner  
Executive Director

*William M. Beckner*

**Subject:** Recent Actions of the Board of Directors

As part of our continuing effort to keep Collaborating Organizations of the NCRP informed about our program, I am enclosing a copy of a report on recent actions of the Board of Directors. This information may also be found by visiting our website which is listed above.

I hope you will find this report of interest.

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Enclosure

*cc: Ed Bailey, NCRP Liaison  
Board of Directors (State only)  
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**To:** Members of the Council  
**From:** William M. Beckner *William M. Beckner*  
Executive Director  
**Subject:** Recent Actions of the Board of Directors

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Please find enclosed a summary of the recent actions of the Board of Directors resulting from their meeting December 6, 1999. If you have any comments on the summary, I would be pleased to receive them.

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Enclosure

## RECENT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors at their December 6, 1999 meeting took action to address NCRP's finances for the year 2000. Significant losses were projected for 1999 and 2000 by the Officers. As a result, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended that the Board take definitive actions on the budget for 2000. Since the budget for 2000 projected a loss of approximately \$450,000, if the *status quo* were allowed, the Board took the following actions regarding finances:

- Elimination of the full-time scientific staff category
- Elimination of the publication's clerk position
- Established a personnel severance policy of one week's pay for each full year of service
- Eliminated salary increases for 2000
- Curtailed unfunded travel except for an annual meeting of the eight program area committees, an annual meeting of the Scientific Vice Presidents, attendance of committee chairmen and Council members at the 2000 Annual Meeting and the attendance of the President at three meetings where he will represent the NCRP
- Authorized the utilization of paid consultant scientific staff to help the funded committees
- Suggested other cost saving measures be investigated, e.g., less expensive office space

The Board then addressed the topic for the Annual Meeting in 2001. They approved two possible topics under the leadership of Harold Beck. These were:

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Worldwide Fallout, Monitoring-Implications for Radiation Measurement Science, Atmospheric and Biospheric Processes and Health Effects
- Biological Dosimetry

The selection of a topic for the 2001 Annual Meeting was delayed until the April 2000 meeting of the Board. In the mean time it should be determined which subject would be the most likely to be funded.

Other topics addressed by the Board at its December 1999 meeting were:

- Approval of the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) as a Special Liaison Organization
- Reconstitution of Scientific Committee 89-5 on Biological Effects and Exposure Criteria for Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields
- Approval of Alan Richardson and LeRoy Moore as members of Scientific Committee 92 on Public Policy and Risk Communication
- Approval of Bruce Boecker as Scientific Advisor for Internal Emitters
- Appointment of Keith Eckerman as an advisor and the addition of Jeffery Wong as a member of Scientific Committee 64 on the Environment

- Approval of the strategic plan of Scientific Committee 87 on Radioactive and Mixed Waste to include the following authorized but unfunded activities:
  - Development of an NCRP Commentary on *Clearance as a Radiation Protection Strategy for Radioactive Material Management*
  - Development of a *Risk Assessment and Risk Management Parameter Handbook*
  - Develop an *NCRP Position on the Use of Risk Management Concepts* and
  - Development of an NCRP document on *Criteria for Unrestricted Release of Slightly Radioactive Solid Materials*

The Board established a Strategic Planning Committee at its August 1999 meeting consisting of Michael Ryan, Chairman, Barbara McNeil, Gail de Planque, and William Beckner, members with James Adelstein and Charles Meinhold as ex-officio members. At the December 1999 meeting the Board decided to proceed with its strategic planning under the guidance of Dr. Ryan resulting in a contract to the Medical College of South Carolina for of up to \$50,000 for Dr. Ryan's time and the time of others, to conduct strategic planning for NCRP. The plan anticipates that the information gathered from strategic planning will be presented to the members at the time of the members dinner at the 2000 Annual Meeting.

The President advised the Board that since a strategic plan was to be implemented he didn't feel it was necessary to do a Five Year Plan at this time.

The President also advised the Board that since their August 1999 meeting he had been involved in a number of activities. Of these activities he mentioned: (1) that he had presented courses on risk to a number of the NRC Regional Offices, (2) He had presided over an IAEA "International Symposium on Restoration of Environments with Radioactive Residues," (3) he had participated in the "Bridging Radiation Policy and Science" conference, and (4) he had given a seminar on risk to the Southern California Edison staff and invited guests and on the same trip had given a four hour lecture on radiation risk to the local Southern California Health Physics Society Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

*William M. Beckner*

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