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Hi Nicole

Hi Nicole,

Apologies for not responding in a timely manner.

Hope you had a good Easter holiday. I've just returned from the mountains in New York and enjoyed the peaceful calm with a new grandson.

I think one important thing regarding the Health Physics Society's unfortunate circumstances (and turn to the dark side) is to obtain "knowledge" and then decide on what actions might be taken. Here's some past experiences (and attached).

I had mentioned before in March that I was going to write you more details, and I attempted but it started to turn into "War and Peace." Anyway, I've attached the Tolstoy letter response I never sent. Essentially a number of us have been concerned about the Health Physics Society for quite a number of years, accelerating in 2017 after Ulsh became editor (which should not have been allowed since he's a card carrying member of SARI and voices biased views-not appropriate for an editor). We concerned citizens met at NCRP several times. We put on special sessions on science with a focus with the AAHP. And we published the HPS symposium in JRP. We talked with former presidents. We also then nominated scientists to the Board of Directors and influential committees, knowing that for change to occur you need to have receptive individuals in authority.

Unfortunately, none of our efforts helped much. This final blow with supporting Calabrese as the face of HPS is probably the end of the road for many of us. I'm aware of the current discussions that NCRP (PAC 1) is having (a meeting May 17) ... but there is no collective knowledge or strategy on how to approach. One needs to respond with "no holds barred", but few scientists are familiar in this arena (it's usually kid gloves at all times). We did a "no holds barred" response to Doss in JRP when he espoused the anti-LNT garbage against Commentary 27. It was a "startling" and forceful response, and we haven't heard anything from him in a few years. (attached).

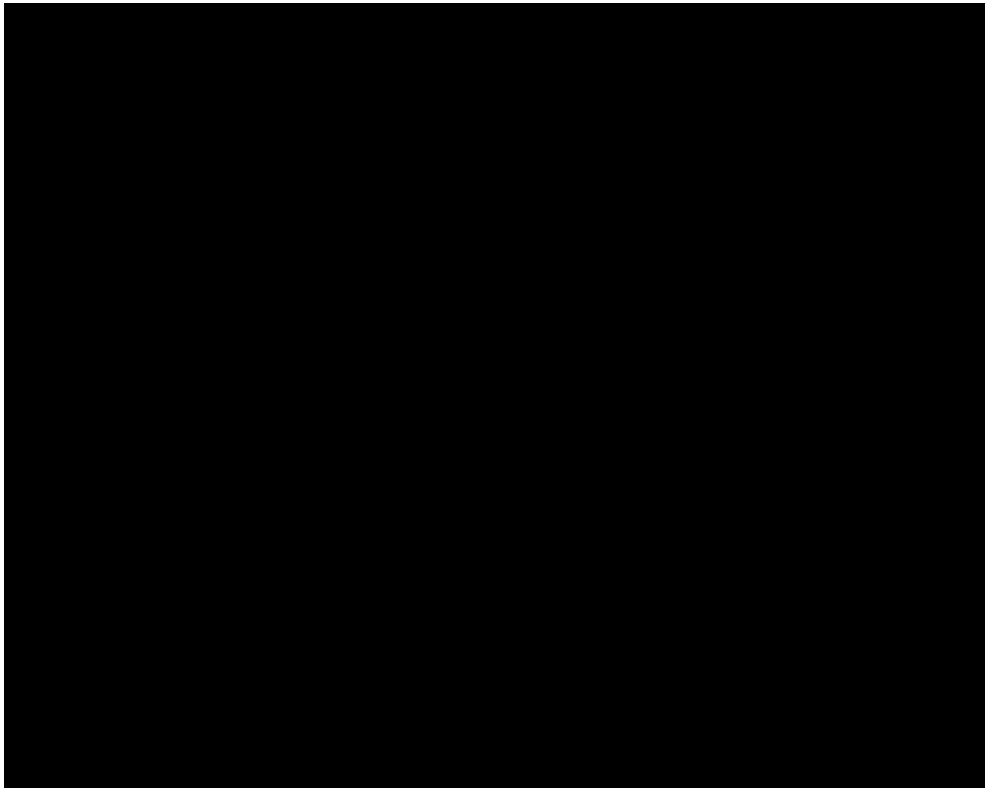
Unfortunately, I no longer have the energy to take on this anti-science juggernaut, and can only be supportive. The inmates are running the asylum! I suspect many will quit the society (or will become inactive) and few will join. But hopefully I'm wrong.

Well, that was a little longer than what I was going to say, but I'd be happy to speak with you and share a bit more. So, if you had any time this week or next or later and had specific questions or comments, I'd be glad to talk (I can talk faster than I can type!).

With best wishes,

John

PS: Here are 3 generations of JDBs



On Thu, Apr 14, 2022 at 1:22 PM Nicole Martinez <nmarti3@clemsun.edu> wrote:

Hi John,

Great workshop last week! I continue to be inspired and thrilled to get to see first-hand the amazing work that goes into the MPS. Even more to get to contribute in my small way.

But, I'm sure you saw the Calabrese videos were released recently -- it's worse than I thought as even the minor concessions don't seem to have been considered. It's pretty upsetting if I'm being honest. (At the same time, and to be fair I can't even make myself sit through a video.) We spoke briefly about the videos and potential response at the EPA FGR-16 team meeting, and at the least I know that a paper or statement or communications plan will be prepared, but I wanted to reach out to you and see if there is anything I could do to help with what you are working on, etc. I'm kind of at a loss... Sorry if I'm adding to the noise on this issue!

All the best,
Nicole