

Chapter Beginnings

What was to become the Florida AAPM 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 AAPM chapter in 1990. The first formal Florida AAPM 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. (AAPM President) was the featured speaker, and recommended the formation of a Florida chapter.



Pre-chapter days: 1985

1990s

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



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. In 2003, the Chapter created the Walter Mauderli award for lifetime achievement in medical physics education, research, and service.

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. 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. FLAAPM began to offer CAMPEP accreditation for its meetings in 2007.

2010s

The Florida chapter grew immensely in numbers and activity from its early self. The 1.5 day Spring chapter meeting became the main meeting event of the year, generally drawing nearly 100 attendees and 25 vendors. In each Spring meeting, the student session was always well represented, and the Fitzgerald Award was given to the best student presentation. Mock ABR exams were held in certain years.



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



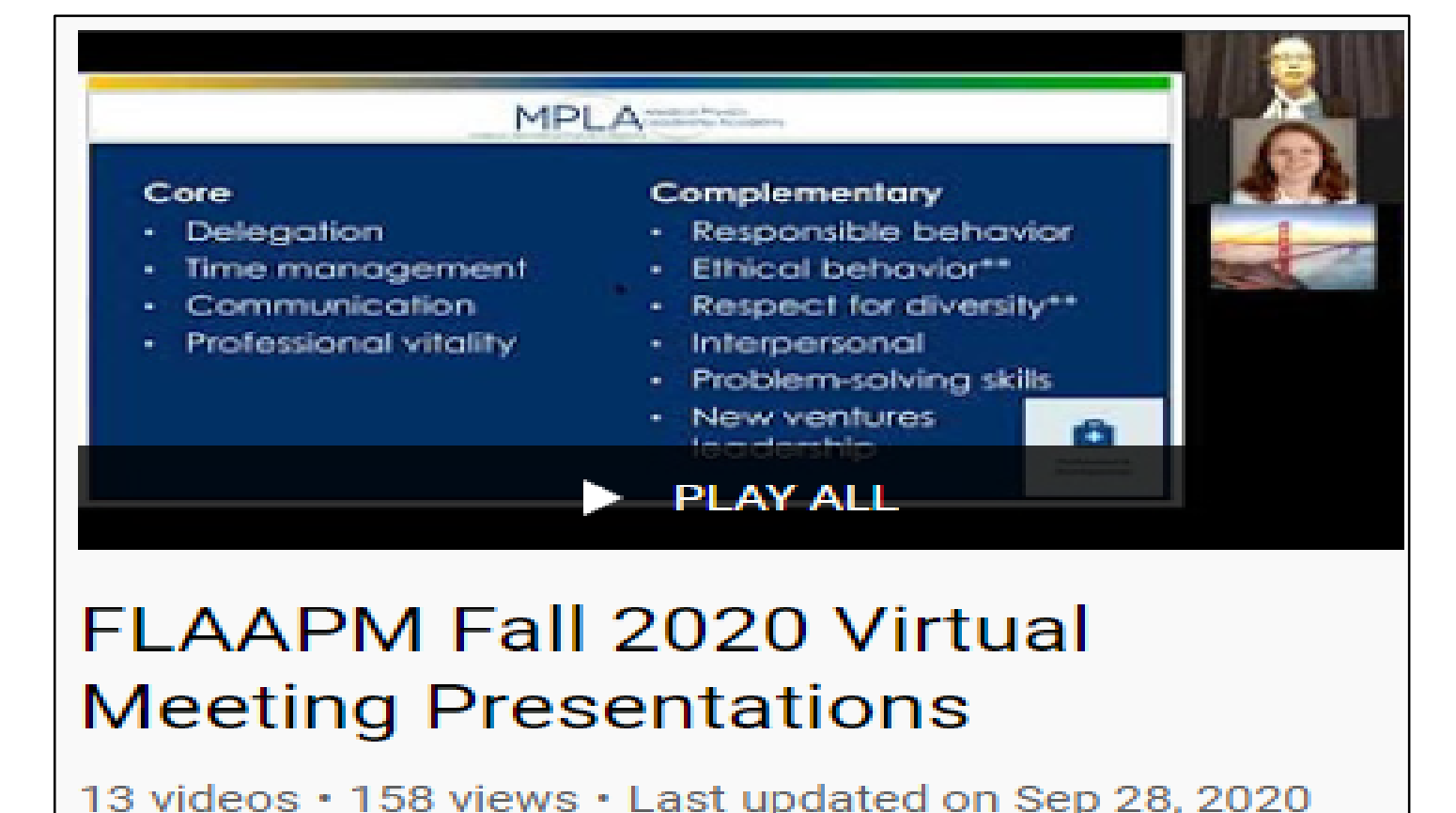
Here, recipients of the Mauderli Award attend the Spring 2010 Florida AAPM Chapter meeting in Orlando, FL. (L-R, Frank Bova, Rick Morin, Libby Brateman, Chris Serago).

Early 2020s

The rapid spread of COVID-19 in early 2020 caused a major health safety concern worldwide. After a short survey to the entire FL membership, the FLAAPM board decide to hold the first ever virtual meeting in Fall 2020. A total of 13 live presentations were offered in the 1-day meeting. The positive feedback from this meeting led to the creation of a successful 2-day virtual meeting in Spring 2021, with a record 24 live presentations and 162 attendees.



Spring 2020 Meeting



Fall 2020 Meeting (virtual)

Year	Past-Pres	President	Pres-Elect	Board Rep	Treasurer	Secretary
1990		Huff	Saini	Noriega	Ferras	Ferras
1991	Huff	Saini	Wedding	Noriega	Ferras	Ferras
1992	Saini	Wedding	Ferras	Noriega	Ferras	Ferras
1993	Wedding	Ferras	Coleman	Deurkas	Long	Long
1994	Ferras	Coleman	Long	Deurkes		
1995	Coleman	Long	Landers	Huff	Ferras	Ferras
1996	Long	Landers	Bova	Huff	Ferras	Ferras
1997	Landers	Bova	Noriega	Huff	Ferras	Ferras
1998	Bova	Noriega	Masterson	Miller	Mazzara	Mazzara
1999	Noriega	Masterson	Duerkas	Miller	Mazzara	Mazzara
2000	Masterson	Duerkes	McNerney	Miller	Mazzara	Mazzara
2001	Duerkes	McNerney	Serago	Bova	Landers	Atherton
2002	McNerney	Serago	Ouhib	Bova	Landers	Atherton
2003	Serago	Ouhib	Seddon	Bova	K. Hintenlang	Atherton
2004	Ouhib	Seddon	Pooley	Bova	K. Hintenlang	Cashon
2005	Seddon	Pooley	Atherton	Serago	K. Hintenlang	Gilley
2006	Pooley	Atherton	D. Hintenlang	Serago	K. Hintenlang	Wagner
2007	Atherton	D. Hintenlang	Meeks	Serago	K. Hintenlang	Wagner
2008	D. Hintenlang	Meeks	Waugh	Seddon	Shah	Wagner
2009	Meeks	Waugh	Wagner	Seddon	Shah	Howley
2010	Waugh	Wagner	Arreola	Seddon	Shah	Howley
2011	Wagner	Arreola	Bova	Meeks	Shah	Howley
2012	Arreola	Bova	Shang	Meeks	Shah	Howley
2013	Bova	Shang	Staton	Meeks	Shah	Howley
2014	Shang	Staton	K. Hintenlang	Pooley	Bossart	Howley
2015	Staton	K. Hintenlang	Willoughby	Pooley	Bossart	Patton
2016	K. Hintenlang	Willoughby	Studenski	Pooley	Bossart	Patton
2017	Willoughby	Studenski	Sensakovic	K. Hintenlang	Padgett	Patton
2018	Studenski	Sensakovic	Zeidan	K. Hintenlang	Padgett	Herchko
2019		Zeidan	Leon	K. Hintenlang	Padgett	Herchko
2020	Zeidan	Leon	Schofield	Arreola	Padgett	Herchko
2021	Leon	Schofield	Schwarz	Arreola	Padgett	Herchko

List of FLAAPM officers from 1990 to date