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The Professional Services Committee (PROFS) is a relatively new node in the AAPM's Committee Tree, created by gathering together some previously free-floating entities that all have in common that they represent services to the membership in nominal support of professional practice. These include the newsletter, insurance, the Placement Service, and the Professional (Salary) Survey. In addition, PROFS also serves as a home for some critical infrastructure including subcommittees charged with gathering workforce statistics and with identifying the results of the Professional Survey.

PROFS is the right platform for additional new member-directed services to the membership in support of professional practice. The last three bullet points in the current Rules describing the charge of PROFS are

- Create and operate a career services booth at the Association annual meeting.
- Educate the membership on issues related to practice development and business management support.
- Offer programs and services of value to the membership that support the careers of medical physicists, such as malpractice insurance, legal and contractual guidance, business education, employment counseling, marketing techniques and compensation negotiation.

We're recurrently underachieving at most of this, and both Vice Chair Mark Davidson and I are anxious to try to fill some of the void with your help.

In this presentation I'll briefly review the structure of PROFS and the work of the current subcommittees. But I'll move pretty quickly to the question of what PROFS can be and what our priorities ought to be in the coming year, and will solicit audience feedback about that.

It should be no surprise that an overarching theme of my presentation will be that if you want help from the AAPM, you've got to volunteer to be part of the effort. Requests from members for new services from subcommittees or task groups in PROFS are always welcome, and the potential for funding of new projects is high, but a suggestion is way more likely to be implemented if there are requests accompanied by a raft of charge and staff willing and enthusiastically volunteer members.