

In February 1997, a questionnaire was developed and sent to 672 identifiable women members of AAPM. The questionnaire was designed to collect pertinent information regarding degree held, board certification, years of experience, primary employment, areas of practice, and time spent in clinical and academic pursuit. In addition, specific questions concerned individual member's participation in various AAPM organizational activities, including attendance in local chapter meetings, annual meetings, and summer schools.

A total of 286 (42.6%) completed questionnaires were collected. Of those who responded, 6% held bachelor degrees and 62% and 31% held masters and doctorate degrees respectively. About 37% of the respondents were board certified, of whom about 60% were in therapy and 21% were in diagnostic and nuclear medicine combined. Their years of work experience varied from 1-5 years (33%), 5-10 years (27%), and 10-20 years (31%). The majority of the women (56%) were employed at private/community or medical school/university hospitals. Most of the respondents (70%) were primarily involved in clinical duties while (7%) were primarily in research and another (7%) served in academic institutions.

About 41.4% of the respondents had joined the AAPM in the ten year span (1981-1990) as compared to 41.2% in the six year span (1991-1996). The majority of the women (63%) were Full Members while (19%) were Junior and (11%) were Student Members. A vast majority (86%) did not participate in the AAPM activities.

In the past 5 years (1992-1996) their (%) attendance in the 5 Annual meetings was as follows: (9%) attended five, another (9%) attended four, (16%) attended three, (20%) attended two and another (25%) attended only one AAPM annual meeting, while (21%) attended none. Over half (59%) did not attend summer schools during this period. Most members (65%) had travel expenses paid in full by their institutions while (19%) received partial support. Detailed information concerning the involvement of women members in various AAPM activities as well as the results of AAPM 1996 Salary Survey will be presented.