

## Dave Niven – Communications Officer CRPA, Canada

My roots in communications for radiation protection associations go back 15 years, as a member of the Canadian Radiation Protection Association (CRPA). I was a member, and then chair, of our Communications Committee, during which time I helped oversee a significant website update. Afterwards, I joined the CRPA Board as Communications Director for a two-year term. In 2018 I took on the role of editor of our CRPA Bulletin, and immediately led a successful transition from print to an online publication. In the last year, I struck our CRPA social media committee and also chaired an ad-hoc committee for our most recent website update.



Professionally, I have over 15 years of experience in Health Physics and Radiation Safety, which I've been interested in since

my very first exposure (pun intended) to radiation dosimeters in university while I was completing my Engineering Physics degree. Prior to joining the Health Physics team at McMaster University, where I currently work, I was a Health Physicist at the University Health Network (UHN) in Toronto, one of the largest research hospitals in Canada. I also worked for several years with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, and the insights from working on both sides of the regulatory "fence" have proven very valuable.

I am a Certified Health Physicist with the American Academy of Health Physics, and a Registered Radiation Safety Professional with the CRPA. In my free time I enjoy outdoor activities such as running and camping, or on rainy days you can find me playing board games or tinkering with my computer.