

MINUTES
NBPME MID-WINTER BOARD MEETING
March 17, 2018
Washington, D.C.

CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following board members, liaison representatives, and organization staff were present:

Dr. Judy Beto	Mori North (Staff, AACPM)
Dr. Allan Boike (AACPM Liaison)	Dr. Kathleen Pyatak-Hugar
Diann Brady (Staff, Prometric)	Dr. Roland Ramdass
Thomas Corona (Delegate, APMSA)	Dr. Vivian Rodes
Dr. Gregory Davies	Jennifer Romero (Staff, Prometric)
Dr. Robert Eckles	Dr. Alyssa Stephenson
Dr. Jaime Escalona	Russell Stoner (Staff, FPMB)
Dr. Mary Jones Johnson	Phil Park (Staff)
Heather Keith (Staff, APMSA)	Ellen Veruete (Staff)
Amy Lorion (Staff, NBOME)	Kerry Lingenfelter (Consultant)
Dr. Paul Naylor	

Dr. Leslie Campbell and Christopher Girgis were unable to attend. Dr. Mike LaPan joined the meeting via conference call. Liaisons and guests did not attend the executive session.

OPEN SESSION

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

The formal APMA, FPMB, and APMSA were received and accepted. They are included as appendices A, B, and C.

FPMB

Russ Stoner reviewed the FPMB report which is attached as Appendix B.

AACPM

Dr. Boike did not have a formal report. However, he had several matters to discuss. He expressed his concerns with moving the January 2019 Part II exam date to an earlier date in December 2018. He said that the colleges feel that the students won't be ready for the exam move but Dr. Boike felt that they could work something out. Dr. Boike also mentioned concerns that the residency match remains the same and the results are sent out on time for the match in March. Dr. Rodes asked for the reason on why the exam is being moved to December. Jennifer Romero explained that there was a practice analysis done on Part II to keep test specifications up to date. This requires extra time to complete a standard setting and to determine a new cut score. In order to send out the results on time for the match, Prometric is

proposing that the exam be moved to December. They discussed several options for the move with Mori North prior to Friday's examination committee meeting. One suggestion was to offer the exam on a Saturday afternoon (December 8th) to avoid disrupting the students and to also offer a weekday exam (Monday, December 10th) for those who can't attend on Saturday due to religious reasons. Dr. Boike asked if we knew about the standard setting ahead of time. Mr. Park replied that we did and that we've been talking to Ms. North about it. Dr. Boike said that it was important to know about these things years in advance to help prepare the students. Mr. Park also mentioned that the scores for Part I will be released in August due to the Part I standard setting. However, the delayed results should not have a major impact on the profession. Dr. Boike stressed again that it's important to get this information out to the students as early as possible to prepare them for the change.

Thomas Corona introduced himself as the president-elect of APMSA. He voiced their desire to move podiatry's match date to the match date used by MDs and DOs. These organizations would like to see the date moved for parity and to help increase student recruitment. Mr. Corona said that he has been speaking with Mr. Park and realizes that in order to move the match date, the exam date would need to be pushed back. He believes that if the exam date is moved due to the match, the students would be more willing to accept the change.

Mori North said that we will need to look at all test dates if we were to push the exam date back and change the match. She also said that they have restrictions due to CPME requiring all candidates must pass Part I and II before they can start their residency training program. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding all the factors of the match. Ms. North expressed her appreciation to NBPME for its cooperation. Mr. Park pointed out that the date for the match was between the other two organizations. He stated that once they decided, NBPME would work with them regarding our exam and score release dates. After the discussion, Mr. Corona and Ms. Keith left the meeting and returned for the NBOME presentation.

Mr. Park brought up the concern for the declining applications at the colleges. Dr. Boike said there has been a decrease in the applications for the past few years. Ms. North said that the initial drop was about 4% and then 3% off of that. However, three years ago they had the largest pool ever and the recent decline has put them back where they were about four to five years ago. Dr. Boike said that the colleges, AACPM, and APMA have been working to increase recruitment. Ms. North and he were asked for the reason in the decline. Ms. North said that the decline is due to lower interest and declining numbers of high school and undergraduates. There is also a need to change the views regarding podiatry and getting the information out regarding the podiatry profession. Judy Beto suggested that they were missing one important item that Thomas Corona said, which is getting the information out there with social media and changing the match date. Mori said that they are working on it and have changed their match process this year to mimic the MD's process.

Dr. Boike was questioned about the quality of their students and whether we will see a decline in exam scores. He replied that he does not expect a decline in performance since the metric of

the students applying are at the same level; their MCAT scores, organic chemistry and basic science scores are also higher.

Dr. Ramdass asked Ms. North if it was possible to have the same match date as MDs and DOs. She responded that it is possible but it will take some work and the cooperation of many organizations and multiple pieces to come together to make it happen. Cooperation with NBPME is one piece.

PROMETRIC

Jennifer Romero and Diann Brady

Ms. Romero presented a report that included the volume of candidates over the years, an overview of the center process reports for 2017-2018, the displacements due to weather or lack of seats at a candidate's first choice of test center in 2017-2018, the survey results from 2016-2018, organizational updates, an update on the transition to Surpass, new features for electronic score reporting, organizational and technology updates including a kiosk to check in at the exam center, a new web registration and scheduling user interface which allows candidates to schedule with their mobile phones, and the option of increased access to seats with a remotely proctored exam . Please see Appendix D.

As the program migrates to Surpass, a new portal will be added to Prometric's system that will allow all candidates to access and print an electronic score report. Prometric will no longer send paper score reports. Mr. Park noted that by this time next year, all exam scores will be electronic. Kerry Lingenfelter asked if Ms. Romero could send a template of their new score reports, since we would like to have similar score reports for all of our exams and she agreed. Staff will work with Prometric to determine a feasible template that incorporates CSPE and works with FPMB score reports.

NATIONAL BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE (NBOME)/CSPE EXAM

Amy Lorion and Kerry Lingenfelter

Amy Lorion gave a presentation regarding the progress of the Part II CSPE exam. There were 538 candidates in the fall, and 49 in the February retake, of which six were first-time candidates. She provided a monthly breakdown of the testing cycles, and an explanation of the two added days for the November testing cycle due to ADA candidates requiring extra time. In addition, she described the new registration process including the addition of the Dean page which allows the deans the ability to monitor their students. Because NBOME determined that the earlier August dates were the least popular in 2017, she proposed shifting the 50-session 2018 exam dates to begin in late August and continue to mid-November, specifically, August 27 to November 16, 2018. Registration would begin on April 2nd. Ms. Lingenfelter stated that the registration date could change if not all the deans are prepared to use the Dean page by April 2nd. Ms. Lorion also proposed the retake exam dates as February 19-23, 2019. The 2018 score release dates will be determined once they are discussed with AACPM. Please see Appendix E.

Mr. Park noted that Prometric has been handling registration and score reporting for the CSPE at no charge, and the NBPME was grateful for their cooperation and assistance.

One area of concern in capacity is the number of ADA candidates. In the first year that NBOME handled the testing, there were four candidates requesting extra time for the notes. In the most recent session, 16 candidates initially requested additional time, and 8 actually tested as ADA.

A question was raised about how there came to be six first-time candidates in February. Ms. Lingenfelter explained that there were different reasons. In one case, a candidate missed the fall session because of National Guard duty. In other situations, students at some schools had just become eligible by finally passing the Part I examination in October after the fall sessions had closed.

Dr. Rodes asked Ms. North if AACPM needed to be compensated for the additional Part II CSPE score. Ms. North said that it's digitally transferred and it's only a minimal amount of additional work.

Ms. North was asked if there was a desire to have the scores sent directly to them from NBOME instead of from Prometric. Ms. North said that it doesn't matter as long as it's coming from NBPME or she had a notification stating a specified alternate source is authentic. The discussion was deferred to executive session.

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Naylor said that most items were already discussed in the open session and the remaining will be discussed during the executive session.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT

The continuing education report was accepted and approved as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Johnson reiterated the board's mission is that we exist to protect the public health. She also said that our vision is to produce valid and reliable exams that are acknowledged by licensing state entities for the podiatry profession. She also noted that we continue to work closely with other organizations and continue to attend their organizational meetings. She feels that everything continues to run smoothly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

FUTURE BOARD MEETING

The board will meet for its annual meeting on July 14, 2018 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, MD (provided APMA can accommodate our meeting).

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Summarized by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Philip Park", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Philip Park
Executive Director