



NBPME Reports



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Dr. Mary Jones Johnson, left, is congratulated by incoming president Dr. Kathleen Pyatak-Hugar for her service as president of the NBPME 2016 – 2018.

NBPME ANNUAL MEETING

The National Board held its annual meeting on July 14, 2018 in conjunction with the APMA Scientific Meeting in National Harbor, MD. In addition to receiving reports and approving the actions reported below, the board elected officers for the 2018-2019 year. Dr. Kathleen Pyatak-Hugar will serve as president, Dr. Alyssa Stephenson was elected vice-president, and Dr. Roland Ramdass was elected secretary-treasurer.

New Board Member Appointed

Dr. Leonard La Russa, who practices in Georgia and who is a member of the board of the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards, was elected to the NBPME board for a three-year term.

PROMETRIC TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

Prometric representatives described new programs intended to improve the scheduling and test-taking experience for candidates. Beginning in 2019, a new system known as Surpass will introduce an enhanced testing platform and allow candidates to access their official scores online. When Surpass is implemented, candidates will no longer receive paper score reports. This same system is fully integrated into the test item writing and review process as well. Prometric is also intending to provide a new web scheduling user interface, known as ProScheduler, that will allow candidates to use their phones or tablets for scheduling, as well as introduce greater search capabilities. This new functionality is expected to be in place by the end of the year. Dr. Johnson, NBPME president, commended Prometric at the board meeting on their constant attention to enhancing the test experience for candidates.

CLINICAL SKILLS PATIENT ENCOUNTER (CSPE) EXAMINATION

The board heard a report by representatives of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), who administer the Part II CSPE examination. The 2017-2018 examination cycle went very smoothly and NBOME has found some minor adjustments to further enhance the program for the 2018-2019 cycle.

Communication in Healthcare Module

The board accepted a proposal by NBOME to develop an instruction module on communication in healthcare that is intended to further explain and illustrate the skills and practices expected of successful candidates in the patient communication module. This will be developed in coming months and made available through the APMLE website when finished.

Study of Simulation Practices

The board also enthusiastically accepted a proposal to conduct a study of how simulation practices are carried out in the podiatric medical schools. The intent is that this study will meet formal scientific research protocols. While it is essential that every school participate, the study design and reporting will not reveal any school identities, nor will school identities be able to be inferred. Board members Judy Beto, PhD, and Robert Eckles, DPM, and a faculty member at NYCMP will work with NBOME staff on the design of the survey.

MAJOR REVISION TO SCORE REPORTING

The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners is pleased to announce significant changes in the score reporting process that are being designed now for implementation in early 2019.

All Score Reporting to be Done Electronically

All candidate scores for a recently completed examination will be available to candidates through their candidate portal. The reports will have a standardized format across all APMLE examinations and will include security measures to certify legitimacy. This is expected in 2019.

FPMB to Assume Responsibility for Part I and II Historical Reporting

The Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards has achieved a remarkable level of service for rapid fulfillment of historical Part III score report requests to state licensing boards, completing most requests in a matter of minutes and transmitting them electronically to the state boards. The FPMB is now working with the NBPME to provide that same service for Part I and II historical reports. This is also expected in early 2019.

Part II Scores Release to Facilitate New Match Date

At the request of the American Association of Colleges of Podiatry (AACPM) and the American Podiatric Medical Student Association (APMSA), scores for the Part II written and CSPE February retake examinations will be released Monday, March 4. This will allow time for AACPM to process the results and announce matches on the same date as MDs and DOs. Dr. Pyatak-Hugar, who became president at the conclusion of the July meeting, said the board and its contractors were pleased to be able to make the extra effort to facilitate this long-standing priority for the AACPM and APMSA.

2019 EXAM AND REGISTRATION DATES

	Exam Date	Online Registration Available	Registration Deadline
Part I	July 3, 2019	May 6, 2019	June 21, 2019
	October 2, 2019	August 5, 2019	September 20, 2019
Part II	December 8 and 10, 2018	May 21, 2018	November 30, 2018
	February 25, 2019	February 4, 2019	February 22, 2019
	May 1, 2019	March 11, 2019	April 26, 2019
Part II CSPE	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
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**Part III	June 5, 2019	April 1, 2019	May 24, 2019
	December 4, 2019	October 7, 2019	November 22, 2019

State Board Deadlines Differ (Check with the State Board. A directory is listed in the Candidate Bulletin)

CPME CONTACT PROVIDER STATUS RENEWED

The NBPME was recently notified that it was awarded a five-year renewal of its status as an approved sponsor and provider of continuing education contact hours. This is important because participants at the various workshops used in the test development process will be awarded CE hours for their work. Dr. Pyatak-Hugar expressed the appreciation of the board for its continued recognition.

EXPERT PANEL MEMBERS NEEDED

The National Board is continually seeking new volunteers to serve at test development and review workshops. Participants are provided travel, per diem, an honorarium and continuing education contact hours. Workshops are held in Arlington, VA, Conshohocken, PA or by telephone and web conference calls that are typically three-hour calls from 2:00 to 5:00 Eastern Time. Eligible persons will have completed a residency program and all three parts of the APMLE series. Please submit a CV with email contact information to nbpmeofc@aol.com.