



NBPME Reports



The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Newsletter The American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination Series

TRUSTEES' SERVICE RECOGNIZED

Five members of the NBPME completed nine years of service at the Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City in July. All were cited for their dedication and contributions to the organization and its mission.



Board Vice President Roland Ramdass, DPM, presented Kathleen Pyatak-Hugar with a citation from the board recognizing her contributions over the years and especially noting her year as president of the board.



Judy Beto, PhD, the board's public member was congratulated for her service, and in particular her contributions as a member of the board's Clinical Skills Patient Encounter (CSPE) committee.



Gregory Davies, DPM, was acknowledged for his unstinting service as an item reviewer and his leadership of the board committee on nominations.



Mary Jones Johnson, DPM, received a plaque expressing appreciation for her service including work on the examinations committee and for a successful term as board president.

In addition, the board cited Michael LaPan, DPM, not pictured, for his service as a member and made special note of his effective participation on the finance committee.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

With the departure of five trustees who had played key roles in the operations of the board for many years, the board also was faced with the need to select a new leadership team. **Alyssa Stephenson, DPM**, was elected as the board president. She had previously served both as secretary-treasurer and as vice president. **Roland Ramdass, DPM**, who had previously served as secretary-treasurer was elected vice-president, and **Robert Eckles, DPM**, was elected secretary-treasurer.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

All NBPME trustee positions are selected from candidates who represent various constituencies of importance to the board's functions.



Barbara Campbell, DPM, of Cave Creek, AZ, was chosen as a trustee nominated by the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards, FPMB. **Kerry Lingenfelter, JD**, of Annapolis, MD, will begin service as a member representing the consuming public. **Oleg Petrov, DPM**, Chicago, IL, is the new trustee with experience with the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.



Amy Pitzer, DPM, Greenville, NC, was chosen as a trustee who has experience as a member of a state licensing board. **Kerry Sweet, DPM**, from Fox Island, WA, will serve as a member nominated by the Council of Teaching Hospitals, COTH.

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.

2020 EXAM DATES

	Exam Date	Online Registration Available	Registration Deadline
Part I	July 1, 2020	October 28, 2019	June 19, 2020
	October 7, 2020	July 25, 2020	September 25, 2020
Part II	January 2, 2020	October 28, 2019	December 17, 2019
	February 19, 2020	January 29, 2020	February 07, 2020
	May 6, 2020	March 11, 2020	April 22, 2020
Part II CSPE	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
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**Part III	June 3, 2020	December 30, 2019	May 20, 2020
	December 2, 2020	June 29, 2020	November 11, 2020

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

WHAT DOES THE APMLE TEST? AND WHY?

Podiatric medical students are exposed to many and varied topics during their education and on their path to independent practice. The objective of the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (APMLE) series is to sample their knowledge of those areas that are deemed most significant and relevant to safe, effective practice. This is accomplished in a carefully planned process.

Whether the subject is lower extremity anatomy or surgical procedures and hospital protocol, all questions and tests are tied back to a recent study of what podiatrists do and what they must know. This study is called a practice analysis and is conducted at five-year intervals for the Part I and II examinations, and separately for the Part III test. The practice analysis is a national survey that asks podiatrists what tasks they do, what knowledge they must have to do the task, and how important the task is to safe, competent practice. The survey form and the test specifications that are designed from the results are developed by a group of practitioners under the guidance of testing and measurement experts. Only the tasks and topics that meet established criteria in a ranking of importance are included.

When individual test items are drafted, a review session is held to determine whether the item is appropriate and relevant to practice. Further, every question must be linked to a specific line in the test specifications. Review sessions include both practitioners and faculty for items in Part I and II tests, and are done entirely by practitioners for Part III. All practitioners are obtained from an expert panel maintained by NBPME. Complete test specifications can be found at <https://www.apmle.com/tools-downloads/bulletins-registration/>