



# NBPME Reports

## The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Newsletter

### Annual Meeting

NBPME's Annual Meeting was held August 6, 2005 in Orlando, Florida and continued on August 28, 2005 in Arlington, Virginia. The officers elected for 2005-06 are:

President – Robert A. Christman, D.P.M., M.Ed.

Vice-President – John H. McCord, D.P.M.

Treasurer – Jeffrey S. Gerland, D.P.M.

Members elected for a three-year term were:

Podiatric Physician – Russell S. Sticha, D.P.M.

Psychometrician – Barbara A. Showers, Ph.D.

Public Member – Kenneth E. Burke, Ph.D.

Residency Director – Charles M. Lombardi, D.P.M.

State Board Member – Wayne R. Axman, D.P.M.

### Russell S. Sticha, D.P.M.

Dr. Sticha received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota and a D.P.M. from the College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery of the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences. He completed a three-year surgical residency at St. John Hospital in Harrison Township, Michigan and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. Among his contributions to the profession are the credentials committee for ABPS, an oral examiner of ABPS, a residency site reviewer and a reviewer for the Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery. Dr. Sticha practices in Rochester, Michigan.

### Barbara A. Showers, Ph.D.

Dr. Showers received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics, a Master in Educational Psychology and a Ph.D. in Measurement and Evaluation from Michigan State University. She is active in her profession in test development and validation, test administration, computer based testing and she is an active committee member and past board member of the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR). Her experience includes managing professional testing programs serving forty-nine boards and fifty-two professions. Dr. Showers is the Director of the Office of Education and Examinations in the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.

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**Annual Meeting (continued)****Kenneth E. Burke, Ph.D.**

Dr. Burke's degrees include a Bachelor of Arts from Miami University, a Master's in Education from Kent State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. He has held positions in higher education at Clarkson University, John Hopkins and Miami University in Ohio in the areas of Alumni Relations and Development. He is currently Associate Vice-President for Development at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Burke was a member of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) for eleven years including Chair of CPME and Chair of the Accreditation Committee.

**Charles M. Lombardi, D.P.M.**

Dr. Lombardi earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University and a D.P.M. from the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine. He completed a two-year residency program at Parkview Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. He is a member of the Clinical Faculty at Cornell University Medical College and External Faculty at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. His hospital appointments include New York Flushing, New York Queens, Wycoff Heights Medical Center, Jamaica New York and St. Joseph's. Dr. Lombardi is Chief of Foot Surgery at Flushing Medical Center and at New York Hospital in Queens. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery (ABPS). He also served as secretary-treasurer, vice-president and president of ABPS.

**Wayne R. Axman, D.P.M.**

Dr. Axman holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York at Albany and a D.P.M. from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. His residency program was at Rockland State Psychiatric Hospital. He is board certified in Podiatric Surgery (ABPS) and Podiatric Orthopedics (ABPO). His current institutional appointments include Mount Sinai Hospital, Elmhurst Hospital, Long Island Jewish Medical Center, Catholic Medical Center, Parkway Hospital and Long Beach Memorial Hospital. Among his numerous professional appointments are Director of Podiatric Medical Education and Associate Chief of Podiatry at Mount Sinai; Associate Clinical Professor Mount Sinai School of Medicine; a member of the New York State Board of Podiatry; Deputy Examiner-American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and past president of the Queens County Division of the New York Podiatric Medical Association.

**Questions/Answers July 6, 2005 Part I Exam**

The following are the students' questions that were presented to the Board by Marie Keplinger (APMSA Representative) at the Annual Board Meeting.

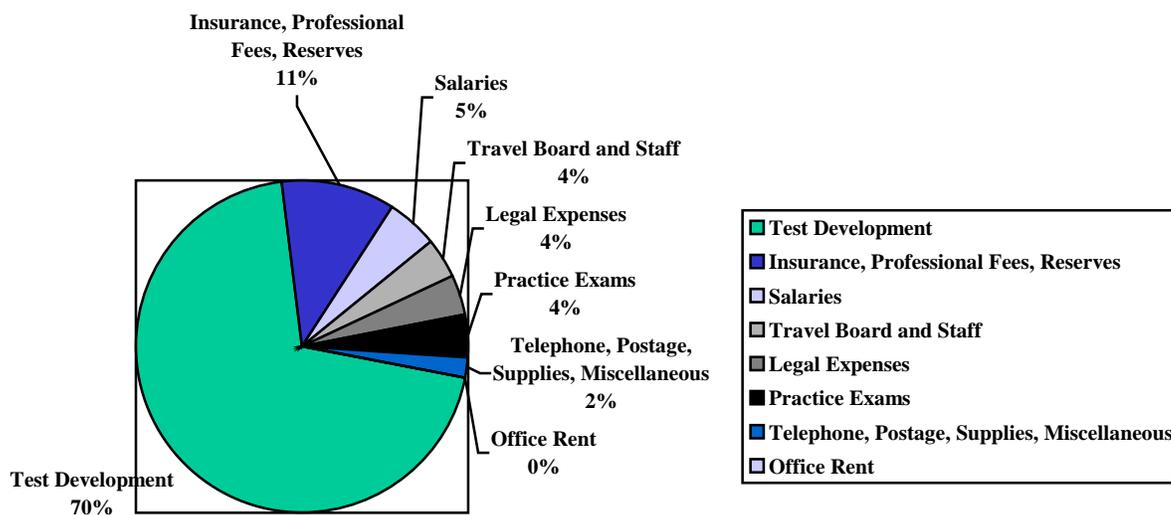
- 1) Test outline: Is there anyway to stream line material to study? Are there any books the NBPME would recommend studying?  
*NBPME does not recommend any specific textbooks for studying. The content experts (the faculty who teach you) are the best resource for the subject material. The content outline should be used as a guide particularly with regard to the weight given to each subject area. Three practice exams for Part I and three practice exams for Part II are on the NBPME website (www.nbpme.com).*
- 2) Testing sites - Can they be at the respective schools?  
*For security reasons NBPME has adopted a policy of not administering exams at the respective schools.*

**Questions/Answers July 6, 2005 Part I Exam-continued**

- 3) Is it possible to receive verification of the application and fee earlier than one week before the exam?  
*The schools in New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania send in the applications in bulk for their students. If the students from the other schools provide an e-mail address as requested in the application form, Thomson Prometric will notify each candidate by e-mail as soon as the application and fee are processed.*
- 4) Why was a biomechanics question included in the July, 2005 Part I exam?  
*There was one item on the July 2005 exam that could be interpreted as a biomechanics question. It was an application of the function of an anatomical structure.*
- 5) Can Part I and II exams be lengthened to contain 300 questions allowing more flexibility to the student and to cover a broader spectrum of material?  
*NBPME could expand the test from 150 to 300 questions. It would make soliciting questions from faculty more difficult and expand the administration time (a cost factor). More importantly, the Board and its testing contractor, Thomson Prometric, have determined that 150 questions are sufficient to determine whether candidates are minimally competent in Basic Sciences (Part I) and in Clinical Sciences (Part II).*
- 6) When will the practice tests be available for Part II?  
*The Part II Practice Tests are available on the NBPME website ([www.nbpme.com](http://www.nbpme.com)).*
- 7) Timing of test- Can the test be earlier in the day?  
*The timing of the tests is dictated by administering the exams at the same time throughout the country.*
- 8) Can the students receive a certificate for passing instead of a letter?  
*Historically, NBPME did offer a certificate (called a diplomate) indicating passage of Parts I and II. The certificate was used by some practitioners as evidence of board certification when applying for hospital privileges. The confusion caused by the certificate made it necessary to discontinue the practice.*
- 9) Can a student take Part II without passing Part I.  
*Yes*
- 10) Is there a cap on how many times a student can take each exam?  
*No*
- The National Board organization will be happy to address questions and/or issues that students bring to our attention.*

**NBPME 2005-06 Budget**

1. Income-100% from Examination fees for Part I, II, II
2. Expenses
  - Test Development-70%
  - Insurance, Professional fees, Reserves-11%
  - Salaries-5%
  - Travel Board and Staff-4%
  - Legal Expenses-4%
  - Practice Exams-4%
  - Telephone, Postage, Supplies, Miscellaneous-2%
  - Office Rent-0%




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