



NBPME Reports

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Our Last Print Edition! New APMLE Web Site Now On Line

The National Board has completed a major revision of the APMLE web site. The objective was to present users with an updated design that offered ease of use, especially with important links and downloads. It also is more accessible to social media users and more readable on mobile devices. All visitors should be able to find and acquire what they need quickly and easily.

The new site will include important links for test candidates and timely updates on changes to registration procedures and board policies. In addition, new information will be posted on various aspects of the APMLE test series. **There also is a convenient subscription entry for all future newsletter editions.**



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Dr. Charles Lombardi thanks Dr. Mindy Benton for her service to the board, including a term as board president.



Dr. Lombardi presents Tim Graeser with a plaque acknowledging his service to the board as APMSA liaison.

Annual Board Elections Held

The NBPME held the election of officers at its annual meeting in Las Vegas, in July. Dr. Wayne Axman was elected as president, succeeding Dr. Charles Lombardi. Dr. Roy Corbin was elected vice-president and Dr. Jonathan Haber was elected treasurer. Their terms will run until the annual meeting in 2014.

Alyssa Stephenson, DPM, Welcomed to Board

The NBPME is pleased to announce that Dr. Alyssa Stephenson has been appointed to join the board. She will replace Dr. Mindy Benton, who served her full term of nine years. Dr. Stephenson graduated from Scholl College and completed a three year podiatric surgical residency in Michigan with an additional traumatology rotation at Womack Army Hospital in North Carolina. She practices at Agnesian Health Care in Wisconsin. She is a Diplomate in ABPS and has served the profession in a variety of roles.

Wayne Axman, DPM, president of the NBPME stated that the board was pleased to have a physician of Dr. Stephenson's caliber and professional dedication join the board. Dr. Stephenson expressed her pleasure at being selected and said she looked forward to the opportunity to make a contribution to the board and to the profession.



NBPME Adopts Patient Encounter Exam

After more than three years of careful study, including administering two pilot tests, the National Board agreed to institute a clinical skills patient encounter (CSPE) examination as a component of the Part II. The test will be required of fourth year students beginning with the Class of 2015. The first administration will be in August 2014 so scoring can be completed and an opportunity for retake offered prior to the residency match date the following winter.

(Patient Encounter Exam, continued.)

A committee comprised of board members, practitioners and members of faculty has worked with the Clinical Skills Evaluation Collaborative, an agency of the NBME and ECFMG that is responsible for a similar examination for allopathic candidates. Discussions included detailed reports from CSEC testing specialists on the outcomes of the two pilot examinations.

The board adopted a policy that the first administration would be held at CSEC facilities in Philadelphia, and the fee will be \$1,230. Dr. Wayne Axman, board president, said the board chose to strike an appropriate balance that recognizes the need many candidates will have to travel to the test, but ensures adequate confidence in the scoring, which is best served by using only one test center, as is done in the osteopathic examination. He also emphasized that, while the fee is higher than the other parts of the APMLE series, it is comparable to the fee for the allopathic examination, and does not cover the entire actual cost.

Dr. Charles Lombardi, chair of the board's CSPE committee, said he was pleased with the progress on this initiative and that he believed it was a major step for the profession.

More complete details on all aspects of the CSPE can be found on the APMLE web site www.apmle.org.

Expert Panel Members Sought

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. 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.

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