



# NBPME Reports

## The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Newsletter

### Welcome

At the 2009 Mid-Winter Meeting, March 21<sup>st</sup>, NBPME greeted three new liaison representatives to the Board:

American Podiatric Medical Association – Dr. Frank Spinosa  
 Council of Deans – Dr. Robert Yoho  
 American Podiatric Medical Students' Association – Ted Butterfield.

We look forward to their contributions to Board discussions.

### NBPME Seeks Nominations

The following positions on the Board will be open for election to a three-year term at our Annual Meeting in August, 2009:

- College Educator
- Public Member.

Nominations for the College Educator position may be sent from the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine and from each of the individual colleges of podiatric medicine. The individual nominated must be currently an educator at one of the colleges of podiatric medicine.

Interested individuals should forward a letter and curriculum vitae no later than June 15, 2009 to:

[nbpmeofc@aol.com](mailto:nbpmeofc@aol.com)

or

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**Debt of Gratitude**

Our test development (TD) activities are the critical elements in the administration and scoring of our three examinations. These TD activities are staffed by volunteers who denote considerable time and effort in test construction and review. We recognize these efforts by publishing their names.

David Agoada, D.P.M.	Michele Martin, D.P.M.
Adina Anderson, D.P.M.	Marina Maulucci, D.P.M.
Curtis Arnold, D.P.M.	Vesta McDowell, D.P.M.
Nicole Bauerly, D.P.M.	Mark Miller, D.P.M.
Denise Beach Davis, D.P.M.	Ron Miller, D.P.M.
Carmen Beverly, D.P.M.	Roya Mirmiran, D.P.M.
Laurel Bondi, D.P.M.	Erin Nelson, D.P.M.
Robert Bondi, D.P.M.	Glenn Nelson, D.P.M.
Greg Borowski, D.P.M.	Crystal Owens Mack, D.P.M.
Steward Brim, D.P.M.	Darci Park, D.P.M.
Darricka Carter-Hardy, D.P.M.	Devang Patel, D.P.M.
Thelma Chen Cleland, Ph.D.	Thomas Pazdernik, Ph.D.
Brent Clark, D.P.M.	Tammy Peyton, D.P.M.
John Clements, D.P.M.	Kent Picklesimer, D.P.M.
Maureen Connelly, D.P.M.	Roland Ramdass, D.P.M.
Ryan Cornia, D.P.M.	Allen Rawitch, Ph.D.
Richard Cutler, D.P.M.	Tracey Reed, D.P.M.
Ira Deming, D.P.M.	Richard Rest, Ph.D.
Mike Dujela, D.P.M.	Kathy Riffe (Phatum), D.P.M.
Steve Goldman, D.P.M.	Mike Saradayrian, D.P.M.
Ronald Gordon, Ph.D.	Anthony Sarage, D.P.M.
Ira Gottlieb, D.P.M.	Sam Schustek , D.P.M.
Greg Graglia, D.P.M.	Bruce Scudday, D.P.M.
Scott Gravier, D.P.M.	Naohiro Shibuya, D.P.M.
Jason Gray, D.P.M.	Janet Simon, D.P.M.
Jennifer Hada, D.P.M.	Robert Smith, D.P.M.
S. Harmon Ringgold, D.P.M.	Alyssa Stephenson, D.P.M.
Pedram Hendizadeh, D.P.M.	Jennifer Suess , D.P.M.
Heather Hento, D.P.M.	Gina Teresi, D.P.M.
Teresa Hilliard, D.P.M.	Ana Urukalo, D.P.M.
Barbara Hirsch, D.P.M.	Matt Werd, D.P.M.
Crystal Holmes, D.P.M.	Barry White, D.P.M.
Kirk Holston, D.P.M.	Matt Wilber, D.P.M.
Scott Jason, D.P.M.	Jared Wilkinson, D.P.M.
Marla Jassen, D.P.M.	Jason Wilks, D.P.M.
Ron Kane, D.P.M.	Joan Williams, D.P.M.
Ray Kim, D.P.M.	Kristina Williams, D.P.M.
They-Tran Lam, D.P.M.	Marla Wilson, D.P.M.
Tameka Lee Sanders, D.P.M.	Thad Wilson, Ph.D.
Michael Lemm, D.P.M.	Jason Wisniewski, D.P.M.
Phil Lewis, D.P.M.	Brent Wood, D.P.M.
David Long, D.P.M.	David Yeager, D.P.M.
Shane Manning, D.P.M.	

**New Test Sequence Policy**

The NBPME will, beginning on January 1, 2010, NOT allow any podiatric medical student or candidate to take Part II unless he or she has taken and successfully completed (with a passing score) Part I. Likewise, we will NOT allow any candidate to take Part III unless he/she has successfully completed and passed Part I and II. We will mandate that the tests be taken sequentially and passed before the candidate continues on to the next part. The goal of this new policy is to require students to demonstrate mastery of basic knowledge before advancing into clinical knowledge and skills assessment, since each test part assumes that prior knowledge has been achieved.

The NBPME's new test sequence policy shall not apply to or affect candidates who have taken any NBPME exam (whether Part I, Part II or Part III) prior to January 1, 2010.

**NBPME's Website**

NBPME maintains an informational website that provides answers to your frequently asked questions. Candidate bulletins, exam registration forms, practice tests, score transfer forms and a tutorial are all of some of the items available at the site. Please visit the site at [www.nbpme.com](http://www.nbpme.com).

**Prometric**

NBPME operations were transitioned to Prometric's call center in St. Paul, Minnesota in July, 2008. With 20 trained operators available to assist candidates during normal business hours, the wait time and unanswered calls have significantly decreased from prior years. Candidates may call toll free (877-302-8952) from 7am – 6pm (Central) with their questions and inquiries. If a candidate calls after hours, they will be instructed to call back during normal business hours and will be unable to leave a message.

**Strategic Initiatives****Clinical Skills Examination**

During NBPME's Mid-Winter meeting, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Drs. Thomas Rebbecchi and Allyson Lehrman from the National Board of Medical Examiners presented a summary of the elements of their clinical skills examination. Members from our Board and a member from AACPM will visit NBME to further consider a clinical skills examination for Podiatric Medicine.

**Part III Transition**

The Board approved the recently completed practice analysis for Part III. The content to be tested will change from entry level to the completion of one-year of residency training. An implementation date has not been established. That process will be developed with State Boards, our testing contractor (Prometric) and NBPME.

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