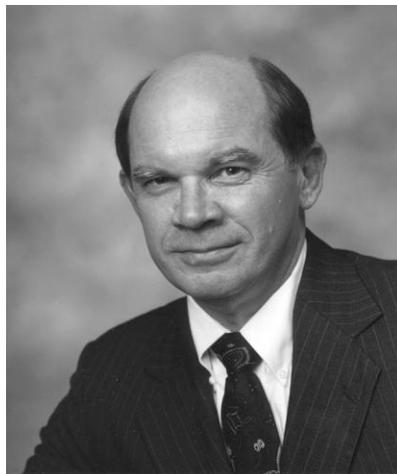




# NBPME Reports

## The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Newsletter



### **New Executive Director**

The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME) is pleased to announce that it has selected Phil Park of State College, PA to succeed Charles W. Gibley, Jr., PhD when he retires as Executive Director. The choice was announced by Stephen F. Stern, DPM, President of the Board, upon the conclusion of the Board meeting March 20, 2010.

The Chair of the Succession Committee, Mindy Benton DPM said the entire Board was pleased with the outstanding quality of the candidates for the position, which the Board has been working diligently to fill since Dr. Gibley announced his decision last fall. "We are fortunate to have a person with a broad background in business and professional licensing as well as a deep appreciation for the podiatric profession from working with the podiatric licensing examination dating back to 1985," said Dr. Benton.

Mr. Park expressed his genuine pleasure in having been selected and pledged to do his best to meet with all the stakeholders regarding NBPME programs early in his tenure. "I am honored to be following Dr. Gibley after his many decades of effort on behalf of the Board, the examination program, and the podiatric profession. I am anxious to get to know the many parties who utilize the services of the NBPME and contribute to the success of the NBPME examinations." Mr. Park will work alongside Dr. Gibley through September 1, at which point he will assume full responsibility for the role.

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Mr. Park obtained his bachelor and master degrees at Penn State and, except for his military service, has lived in State College since his college years. He was a captain in the U.S. Army, served in Japan and Viet Nam, and has spent 40 years working as a management consultant. During that time, he was director of a program to develop and administer the PMLexis examination (now known as NBPME Part 3) and its predecessor, which was used by Virginia and 18 other licensing jurisdictions. His public service includes membership on a variety of non-profit boards and 18 years as a governing council member in his local community. He currently serves as a member and was previously chair of the Mount Nittany Medical Center board of trustees, a 200 bed acute care facility.

Dr. Stephen Stern acknowledged the challenge the Board faces moving forward given the exceptional accomplishments of Dr. Charles Gibley during his many years of service to the Board. As Dr. Stern stated "It's an exciting time for the Board as it moves forward, in line with Vision 2015, to continue to upgrade its examinations including investigating the feasibility of developing a clinical skills examination. The Succession Committee under the direction of Dr. Benton has worked diligently and conducted a national search, and the Board feels confident that Phil Park is the right person to help spearhead these efforts."

**Welcome to New Board Members**

**Jonathan A. Haber, D.P.M.:** Jon received a B.A. in Psychology from Syracuse University and a D.P.M. from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine (NYCPM). His post doctoral medical training included a preceptorship and a two year surgical residency program. Among his professional appointments are Professor of Surgery at NYCPM, Credentials Committee and Oral Examiner, American Board of Podiatric Surgery, member of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (Chair and Vice-Chair), Section Chief and Residency Director of a Podiatric Medicine and Surgery thirty-six month program at St. Barnabas Medical Center. He practices in Caldwell, NJ. Jon holds a College Educator position on NBPME.

**Judith A. Beto, Ph.D.:** Judy received a B.A. in Foods and Nutrition from Dominican University, a Ph.D. in Measurement, Evaluation and Statistical Analysis from University of Chicago and a Master of Health Professions Education from the University of Illinois Medical Center. She also served as a dietetic intern at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Hines, IL.

Her professional endeavors include Professor, Nutrition Sciences, Dominican University and Director of the Didactic Program in Dietetics; Research Associate, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, Loyola University; Qualitative Research/New in Review Editor Journal of the American Dietetic Association.

Judy holds the Public member position on NBPME.

**Strategic Initiatives**

**Part III:** The Practice Analysis for the conversion of Part III from entry level to the completion of a one year residency program has been completed. A test development workshop this summer will review the item pool followed by an item writing workshop in the fall. Hopefully, we will offer the first new Part III Examination in 2011.

**Practice Analysis:** Our periodic Practice Analysis for the Parts I and II will begin this fall and be completed in 2011. These analyses survey the profession with regard to the content currently being

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tested. We use the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing, American Educational Research Association, American Psychological Association and National Council on Measurement in Education. Due to the 2006 Analysis the content outlines added Research, Pediatric Orthopedics, Pain Management and increased the items in the Surgery content outline.

**Clinical Skills Exam:** A Committee of NBPME is working together with the Clinical Skills Evaluation Collaboration (CSEC) (ECFMG/NBME) to further our mission of administering a clinical skills examination for podiatric medical students. We are currently reviewing a CSEC proposal as a major step in the process. We hope to have the CSEC meet with the entire National Board during our August meeting.

**NBPME Seeks Nominations**

The following position on the Boards will be open for election to a three year term at our Annual Meeting in August, 2010.

- Seeking a candidate with prior experience as a member of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.
- Seeking a candidate as a member of his or her state's professional licensing board within the five years prior to the initial term. This candidate shall represent a state that is not a member of the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards at the time of the election.

Interested individuals should forward a letter and curriculum vitae no later than June 1, 2010 to:

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or

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**Biometrics**

For a smooth and secure check-in process, NBPME now uses biometric-enabled check-in at all Prometric test centers. The test center administrator will validate a government-issued photo ID by using a special scanning device to compare the electronic information encoded on the ID to the information printed on the front of the card. Optical character recognition software quickly gathers information from the ID card or passport, captures an image of the ID, and extracts the picture. Next, a fingertip will be scanned, creating a secure record of the person holding the ID. Finally, the test center administrator captures a test-day photo image to document the event. If conflicting information is uncovered at any stage of the biometric-enabled check-in process, the test center administrator will file a report and notify Prometric.

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