



# NBPME Reports



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



(L-R) Dr. Kathleen Pyatak-Hugar, Dr. Mary Jones Johnson, Dr. Alyssa Stephenson

### 2017 Annual Board Meeting

NBPME held its elections at its annual board meeting on July 29, 2017. The 2017-18 officers were re-elected for a second one-year term. Dr. Johnson will serve as president, Dr. Pyatak-Hugar is vice-president, and Dr. Stephenson is secretary-treasurer.

In addition, the following members were elected to serve an additional three-year term.

Residency Director Member - Dr. Robert Eckles

Podiatric Physician Member - Dr. Roland Ramdass

All board member positions are selected because of their qualifying experiences in one of several categories specified in the NBPME Bylaws.

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## 2017 Annual Board Meeting (Continued)

The Board welcomed two new liaison members. Dr. Allan Boike, Dean at KSUSPM, represents the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine, and Dr. Leslie Campbell is serving as liaison with the board of APMA.

### NBPME Loses Valued Board Member



Dr. Kirk Contento

The NBPME is deeply saddened to learn of the recent death of our board member and friend, Dr. Kirk Contento of Illinois. Dr. Contento was elected to the NBPME Board of Directors in 2015 as a nominee by the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB). He was a member of our Bylaws and Governance Committee. Although only with the NBPME Board for a short time, Dr. Contento brought with him many years of professional leadership and experience gained through his responsibilities with the FPMB, serving as a board member from 2008-2016 and as its President from 2010-2011. His love of podiatry was fostered early on by both his podiatrist parents. His continued dedication to the profession and colleagues was evident through his decades of service beginning as a class president while a student at the Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine; his private practice that he assumed after the death of his father, his role with the OPEIU Guild 45, and his many committee, board of directors, and APMA delegate duties with the Illinois Podiatric Medical Association. Dr. Contento served as President of the IPMA from 2001-2002. Friends and colleagues will remember him for his authoritative presence, his kind heart, and his unflagging sense of duty to ethically promoting podiatric medicine wherever and whenever he was able.

### CSPE Examination

The 2017 session of the CSPE examination has been progressing very smoothly at the NBOME testing facility in Conshohocken, PA. Testing began in August and continues until late October, with an added session in November solely for ADA candidates. Scores will be processed and released in late January in coordination with the CRIP program. A makeup session for candidates

## **CSPE Examination (Continued)**

who fail their first attempt will be offered February 20 – 24, 2018. This session has extremely limited seating and is available only to repeat candidates.

During the July board meeting, a proposal by NBOME was accepted to design and implement a new test registration and scheduling system. The system will allow online application and scheduling and represents a significant improvement over the current process. Further, the system will offer the capability for deans at the schools to check the registration and scheduling status for their school's students. It will be available next spring for candidates for the 2018 session.

The NBPME board also discussed the possibility of offering the examination at the NBOME's Chicago facility in 2019 or later. However, because the total test only involves approximately 600 candidates each year, the entire session must be conducted at a single facility—and not split between Conshohocken and Chicago. Further, the cost to move the examination to Chicago, including equipping that facility for podiatry candidates, training an entirely new group of standardized patients in the unique characteristics of CSPE, IT upgrades and necessary pilot examinations, would mean a substantial price increase. A preliminary estimate was offered by NBOME that it would add 30% to the charges. The board determined that this expense was not warranted at this time and will continue to offer the test at the Pennsylvania location.

## **Continuing Education Status Renewed**

The Council on Podiatric Medical Education has notified NBPME that its application to continue to be recognized as a provider of continuing education has been approved for an additional five years. NBPME board president Dr. Johnson said the board welcomes this designation and was pleased with the action by CPME. The designation means that workshops related to the APMLE testing programs can be considered valid podiatric medical education and that panel members and podiatric faculty are eligible to be awarded contact hours for the time they participate. The NBPME considers this a very important aspect of its mission and works closely with Prometric test development staff and the staff at NBOME to ensure that every session is structured with professional development in mind.

## 2018 Exam Dates

	<b>Exam Date</b>	<b>Online Registration Available</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
Part I	July 2, 2018	May 1, 2018	June 25, 2018
	October 2, 2018	August 31, 2018	September 25, 2018
Part II	January 3, 2018	October 25, 2017	December 22, 2017
	February 14, 2018	January 26, 2018	February 9, 2018
	May 2, 2018	March 8, 2018	April 26, 2018
Part II CSPE	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
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**Part III	June 6, 2018	April 2, 2018	May 30, 2018
	December 5, 2018	October 1, 2018	November 28, 2018

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