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Dr. Mary Jones Johnson, President of the National Board, presented a plaque recognizing the service of Dr. Jeffrey Page, who served as liaison to the NBPME from the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine at the March 2017 meeting of the Board.

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Dean Page Honored by NBPME

The board expressed its appreciation to Dr. Page on the occasion of his retirement as a dean. Dr. Page has served as liaison to the board representing the AACPM. The text of the resolution is below.

Whereas: Dr. Jeffrey Page has served as Liaison to the NBPME since March, 2011; and,

Whereas: During his tenure,

*His faithful and diligent reporting of feedback, issues, and concerns, and
His consistently clear, tactful, and constructive comments and suggestions
Contributed immeasurably to improved communications and enhanced understanding
between the NBPME and the podiatry schools;*

Now, Therefore, The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners expresses its profound gratitude to Dr. Page for his exemplary service to the board and to the profession.

Review Allowed for Part I and II Examinations

During the March 2017 meeting, the board unanimously approved that candidates may go back and review items during their Part I and II test sessions. This change will take effect with the July 2017 Part I exam. Review had previously not been allowed for test security reasons. However, now that the Part I and II examinations are administered in LOFT (linear-on-the-fly-test format), the restriction has been lifted. The board's testing contractor, Prometric, is using the time between approval and the July Part I examination to install the necessary changes for implementation.

Practice Analysis Study Completed

All APMLE examinations are demonstrably based on tasks and knowledges required for safe, effective practice. Every five years, the test specifications are reviewed to establish that the topics and weightings reflect current work by practicing podiatrists. The Part III examination was updated recently in a separate study. Beginning last fall, work was initiated to update the specifications for Parts I and II.

The first step in this process is to conduct a survey of practitioners to gather detailed information on what they do, how often each task is performed, and what knowledge is necessary to carry out the tasks. There were 349 completed responses to the extensive survey form that was widely publicized through NBPME, Prometric, APMA, FPMB and other channels. As an additional incentive, the NBPME offered five \$100 Amazon gift cards. The winners, selected in a random drawing were: Drs. Jennifer Decker, Jonathan Kang, Kyong Kim, Kinjal Patel, and Jackie Pyle.

After the survey results were tabulated, a panel of practicing podiatrists plus representatives of faculty from the schools met in a structured session to consider the findings and develop a revised set of test specifications. Although there was little change from the current test plan, some time will be required to develop and screen new test items before they will be used as scored questions. Therefore, candidates will see the tests that follow the revised specifications in 2018 for Part I and 2019 for Part II.

CSPE Examination Reviewed

The NBPME board heard a report from representatives of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) regarding the 2016-17 Clinical Skills Patient Encounter examination. Jeanne Sandella, DO, and Amy Lorion gave a presentation regarding the progress of the Part II CSPE exam. It included an update on the examination development from spring 2016, the 2016-17 testing cycle, the testing volumes, proposed testing dates for 2017-18 and items for consideration. They stated that, overall, the program was very successful. Vivian Rodes, DPM and chair of the board's CSPE committee expressed the satisfaction of the entire board with the progress and level of service provided to the candidates by NBOME.

New Liaisons to Board Named

The National Board welcomes two new representatives of their respective organizations as liaison delegates to the board. Dr. Allan Boike, Dean at KSCPM, will represent the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine. Dr. Leslie Campbell has been appointed to represent the American Podiatric Medical Association. Both will be seated at the annual meeting in July.

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.

Exam Fee Adjustment to Apply in 2017

The Board approved a change to the fee structure to take effect with the July 2017 Part I examination. Test fees for all written exams (not including Part II CSPE) will increase \$25. The board took this action as part of considering the annual budget in recognition of the substantial costs incurred by the CSPE initiative. Board members agreed that increasing written fees by a relatively small amount was preferable to attempting to cover costs by CSPE charges alone.

The 2017 Part II exam fees and the June 2017 Part III exam fee will remain at \$900. The Part II fee will increase \$25 beginning with the January 2018 exam. The Part III fee will increase \$25 beginning with the December 2017 exam.

2017 Exam Dates

	Exam Date	Online Registration Available	Registration Deadline
Part I	July 11, 2017	May 2, 2017	June 30, 2017
	October 4, 2017	August 8, 2017	September 22, 2017
Part II	January 4, 2017	November 1, 2016	December 22, 2016
	February 15, 2017	January 30, 2017	February 10, 2017
	May 3, 2017	March 7, 2017	April 21, 2017
Part II CSPE	August 1, 2017-October 26, 2017	April 3, 2017	July 11, 2017
Part II CSPE RETAKE	February 20-24, 2018	January 26, 2018, with score release	February 7, 2018
**Part III	June 7, 2017	April 18, 2017	May 30, 2017
	December 6, 2017	October 17, 2017	November 28, 2017

**State Board Deadlines Differ (Check with the State Board. A directory is listed in the Candidate Bulletin)