



NBPME Reports

The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Newsletter

APMSA Representative

At its mid-winter meeting on March 24, 2007 the Board welcomed Zachary Ritter as the new student representative. Zach is a third year student at the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. He has already distinguished himself as a “voice” of the students at the March and August Board Meetings. APMSA is well represented.

Elections

At the annual meeting of NBPME on August 18th the following members were elected:

Officers

President - Jeffrey S. Gerland, D.P.M.
 Vice President - Stephen F. Stern, D.P.M.
 Treasurer - Mindy Benton, D.P.M.

Board Members

Council Experience - Stephen F. Stern, D.P.M.
 FPMB Member - Michael J. Hriljac, D.P.M., J.D.
 Specialty Board Member - Mindy Benton, D.P.M.
 State Board Member - Jeffrey S. Gerland, D.P.M.

President Gerland is a graduate of Villanova University and of Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine (formerly Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine). He entered private practice after serving a two year residency. Dr. Gerland is board certified in Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine. He served as an oral examiner for the board certification process from 1996 until 2002. He has been active with the American Diabetes Association, serving as a member of their board of directors for the Pennsylvania Affiliate and also as Vice- Chairman for the Main Line, Chester and Delaware County Chapters. In 1996, then Governor Ridge nominated Dr. Gerland to the Pennsylvania State Board of Podiatry. When his first term expired, the Pennsylvania State Senate reappointed him in 2000. At that time he was elected Chairman of the state licensing board, and continued in this capacity until the end of his second term (March 2005).

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Dr. Stern received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the City College of New York and his D.P.M. Degree from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. He completed a residency program at Civic Hospital in Detroit, Michigan and he is a Diplomate of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. Dr. Stern was a member of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education for ten years and served as its Vice-Chairman for two years before becoming Chairman in 1993-1994. He recently completed his term as Chairman of the Council of Teaching Hospitals.

Mindy Benton received her Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Degree, summa cum laude, from the Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine. Dr. Benton completed an internship and surgical residency at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery (ABPS) and a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. Dr. Benton serves on the Cognitive Exam Committee for ABPS. She is the Director of Podiatric Medical Education at the Hennepin County Medical Center podiatric residency program.

Board Membership

The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME) is a nonprofit corporation established in Missouri in 1956. Its bylaws provide for a governing board of twelve members. Of these, two members represent the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards, three are state board members, one is a college educator, one member is a psychometrician, another is a public member, and the four remaining members have experience as a CPME member, a residency director, a specialty board (ABPS) and one is a podiatric physician.

Wayne R. Axman, D.P.M. (Astoria, New York) – State Board
Mindy Benton, D.P.M. (Minnetonka, Minnesota) – Specialty Board
Kenneth E. Burke, Ph.D. (Birmingham, Alabama) – Public Member
Robert A. Christman, D.P.M., M.Ed. (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) – College Educator
Roy B. Corbin, D.P.M. (Bangor, Maine) – State Board
Jeffrey S. Gerland, D.P.M. (Narberth, Pennsylvania) – State Board
Michael J. Hriljac, D.P.M., J.D. (Darien, Illinois) – Federation
Thomas B. Leecost, M.D., D.P.M. (Richmond, Virginia) – Federation
Charles M. Lombardi, D.P.M. (Bayside, New York) – Residency Director
Zachary T. Ritter, APMSA Liaison (Philadelphia, PA) – APMSA Liaison
Barbara A. Showers, Ph.D. (Madison, Wisconsin) – Psychometrician
Stephen F. Stern, D.P.M. (Vienna, Virginia) – Council Experience
Russell S. Sticha, D.P.M. (Alexandria, Minnesota) – Podiatric Physician
Charles W. Gibley, Jr., Ph.D. (Malvern, PA) – Executive Director

Registration for Parts I and II

The registration deadlines are being strictly enforced. Completed forms postmarked after the deadline will not guarantee a testing center within a 50-mile radius of one of the colleges of podiatric medicine. Candidates may have to travel a considerable distance to a center. Furthermore, it is possible that a late registration might prevent a candidate from taking the examination until the next administration.

Comments/Complaints

Candidates with complaints or comments about test center facilities and/or supervision, examination content, or any other matter related to the testing program should complete the comment

Comments/Complaints (continued)

form at the test center or write to Prometric within one (1) week of the test date at the address below:

NBPMEInquiry@Prometric.com.

All correspondence must include the candidate's name and address. If the questions or comments concern a test already taken, the correspondence should include the name of the test, the date of the test, and the location of the test center; inclusion of the candidate's Social Security number is optional. Prometric will consider each complaint and respond to it as necessary within a reasonable length of time. Inquiries about scores or about eligibility and procedures for reexamination may also be directed to the address above.

Policy Change

Beginning with the July, 2007 Part I examination candidates will be unable to go back and review their questions. **Each question is presented only once.** Once you move from one question to the next, you will not be able to return to a previous question. It is to your advantage to answer each question before you move to the next question since your score will be based on the number of questions you answer correctly. There will be no review at the completion of the exam.

**Summary of Test Development Activities/Development & Administration
August 2006 – August 2007****Overview**

The past year focused on the transition of Part I and Part II to computer-based testing. With this transition complete as of July 11, 2007, all NBPME examination Parts are now delivered on computer. As of July 11, 2007 1,209 candidates have tested in 2007 on computer at Prometric testing centers. This includes at least one administration for each Part. In addition, 504 candidates sat for Part 1 on July 11 exceeding 2006 by 8%. Candidates sat for the Part 1 in 42 different Prometric testing centers.

NBPME Test Development Meeting Schedule

Part I: FY 2007 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007)

March 2-4, 2007 Item Review Meeting

Part II: FY 2007 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007)

August 12-13, 2006	Item Review Meeting
October 28-29, 2006	Exam Review Meeting for March 2007 exam
March 12, 2007	PIA Review of March 2007 exam
March 16-17, 2007	Cut Score Study
May 7, 2007	PIA review of May 2007 exam

Summary of Test Development Activities/Development & Administration (continued)**Part III: FY 2007 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007)**

September 15-17, 2006	Item Writing Workshop
September 28, 2006	Online Review of December 2006 exams
December 9, 2006	Test Review Meeting for June 2007 exams
December 11, 2006	PIA Review of December 2006 exams
April 20-22, 2007	Item Review Meeting
April 9, 2007	Online Review of June 2007 exams
June 9, 2007	Test Review Meeting for December 2007 exams
June 11, 2007	PIA Review of June 2007 exams

Cut-Score Meetings

March 2007 and May 2007 Part II Examinations	March 2007
July 2007 and October 2007 Part I Examinations	July 2007

Test Administrations

The following are the examination statistics for the period August 2006 to August 2007.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Total # Tested</u>	<u>Total # Centers</u>
July 12, 2006 (Part I)	464	8
October 11, 2006 (Part I)	175	8
December 6, 2006 (Part III)	178	96
March 7, 2007 (Part II)	388	41
May 2, 2007 (Part II)	128	18
June 6, 2007 (Part III)	189	101
July 11, 2007(Part I)	504	41

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