



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.

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."

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