President’s Address

James W. Stavosky, DPM

Dear ABPM Members:

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for electing me President of the American Board of Podiatric Medicine for 2012-2013. Technically, I am the first President to lead our organization under its new name. Prior to my presidency I served the Board as its Oral Exam Chairman, then as a member of the Board of Directors, and as its overall Exam Chairman as well.

I believe our Board’s future is bright. The name change to the American Board of Podiatric Medicine as requested and approved by the Diplomates fits well with the APMA’s vision 2015. The ABPM Board of Directors believes that emphasizing Podiatric Medicine in the organization’s name highlights our professional degree. The Directors also feel the name accurately describes what the organization certifies through its examination process and what constitutes eighty percent of the practice of podiatric physicians. Moreover, the name change will minimize confusion over what this Board means to our profession, especially for students, residents and young practitioners.

The Board of Directors will be working with the organization’s public relations firm to further educate the public, podiatric medical students, podiatric residents, young practitioners and the healthcare industry on the uniqueness and value of certification by the ABPM. This campaign will be underway before year’s end. We will “brand” the ABPM within our profession and to the public, so that both have a better understanding of the desirability of ABPM certification.

The Board of Directors agreed that the name change will improve identity recognition and also pave the way for areas of sub-specialty training recognized by the Board.

In allopathic medicine, areas of sub-specialization within the domain of a single specialty board are recognized through the issuance of CAQs or “certificates of added qualification.”

The Board of Directors has formed a committee to identify such sub-specialty areas within the scope of the ABPM. One of the areas already identified as a sub-specialty for which a CAQ could be appropriate is wound care.

Due diligence in this regard, especially with respect to JCRSB regulations is in preliminary stages now but as this effort progresses we will continue to consider other potential areas of sub-specialty recognition.

Along with the name change, the Board of Directors has dramatically improved the method of administering our qualification and certification examinations. Examination administration is now fully test-center-based, (continued on page 2)
resulting in easier and more cost-effective access for our examination candidates. The Examination Committee, under the direction of overall Chair, Dr. Michael DellaCorte, and sub-section Chairs, Dr. Steven Goldman and Dr. Edwin Wolf, has been extremely productive.

Another significant development, for residents with 36 months or more of eligible training, is the Board’s decision to eliminate the requirement for case submissions as a precursor to access the Board’s certification examination. This change is effective with the 2013 examination. Further information is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

Last, but not least, the Board is proud of revamping its re-certification process through the establishment of its Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Though this topic has been discussed in prior newsletters, I would like to remind all Diplomates that those who previously were required to re-certify on a pass-fail basis are no longer subject to “failing” in their re-credentialing effort and losing their certification.

The new method substitutes a requirement for more frequent and verified reporting of their professional activity to the Board, but also allows more latitude in the method by which one’s board certified status is maintained. Details are available on the ABPM website.

Fraternally,

James W. Stavosky, DPM
President

Current ABPM Board of Directors

Drs. Marc Benard, Samuel Spadone, Steven Goldman, David George, Lester Jones, Michael DellaCorte, Gina Painter, Mitchell Shikoff and James Stavosky

Fall 2012
ABPM Waives Case Submission Pre-Requisite for Certification Examination for Candidates with 36 Months of Residency Training, Effective in 2013.

Marc A. Benard, DPM
Executive Director

With the advent of the current residency model, the profession advanced in both consistency and extent of post-graduate education. The training afforded today’s pediatric residents mirrors that enjoyed by allopathic residents with respect to specialty training in preparation for board certification. The ABPM reviewed the certification criteria of several certifying boards affiliated with the American Board of Medical specialties (ABMS) including some specialties which, like podiatric medicine, are regional in nature. None of the American Boards of Otolaryngology, Ophthalmology, Dermatology, Internal Medicine, or Family Practice requires case submissions as a prerequisite for certification.

The ABPM performed a retrospective analysis of the relationship between success on the case review process, certification examination scores, pass rates among first-time candidates and duration of residency training. Thus study included all first-time examinees attempting the certifying examination between 2004 and 2011, inclusive, and revealed the following (note- a passing score requires 6 out of 8 clinical scenarios successfully answered to achieve certification):

Among candidates with less than 36 months of residency training 81.8% passed case submission on the first attempt. The subsequent mean score among these candidates was 6.43 out of 8 questions with an average pass rate of 80.8%.

The duration of residency training correlated significantly with both the pass rates and average scores on the certifying examination found in each group. Among those with 36 or more months of residency training, the case review process was determined to contribute very little independent information to the certification evaluation.

In light of these findings, the Board is eliminating the requirement for case submissions for candidates having completed 36 or more months of approved residency training. Candidates with less than 36 months of residency training will still be required to submit cases and pass the review process before attempting the certification examination. Both groups still must pass the board qualification examination before attempting the certification examination.

A significant impact of this policy change is that residents completing training of 36 or more months will be able to sit for the qualification examination in June and, if successful, to be able to sit for the certification examination in October of the same year, possibly becoming certified the year they finish their training, as is typical in many allopathic specialties. Current ABPM board-qualified members who meet the 36-month criteria will be able to sit for their certification examination as soon as 2013 without first submitting cases for review.
Evolution of the American Board of Podiatric Medicine

Our Board celebrated its twentieth year of service to the profession and its members in 2012. It has been an honor and privilege for me to be part of it since the beginning. The seminal events in our evolution are outlined below.

On August 17, 2012 the ABPOPPM Board of Directors officially rolled out our new name, the American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM), at the Annual Meeting of Members, held in conjunction with APMA National meeting in Washington, DC. Happy 20th birthday ABPM!!!

David H. George, DPM
Secretary

- In 1975 the ABPO (American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics) was incorporated.
- In 1983 the ABPM (American Board of Podiatric Medicine) was incorporated. The American Podiatric Medical Association did not, however, immediately recognize a need for a board of “podiatric medicine” as it was believed that the profession already had the necessary certifying boards in the ABPO (American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics), ABPS (American Board of Podiatric Surgery) and ABPH (American Board of Podiatric Public Health).
- During the 1990’s “Primary Care Provider”, “Primary Medicine” and Primary Care Provider” became recognized terms in the health care community. Federal funding for residency programs in primary medicine became available, creating an opportunity that our profession could not pass up.
- As a result, in 1990 the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) and its Specialty Boards committee conducted a two-year process of reviewing petitions from five different organizations seeking recognition as the entity to certify in Primary Podiatric Medicine.
- In 1992 CPME Chairman William Todd announced to the APMA House of Delegates, “… that the Council approved the following recommendations of the Council’s Specialty Boards Committee: that the American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine be recognized as the board to certify Podiatrists in Primary Podiatric Medicine” [Zych, D, 1992. APMA News, Oct:6].
- The new board, the APBOPPM, was the result of the ABPO and ABPM coming together behind one petition. Those behind this effort included many past APMA Presidents: Doctors Theodore Clarke, Arthur Helfand, Simon Lane and Donald Skwor, as well as Podiatric college deans, professors, clinicians, and private practitioners.
- In 2010, as part of the Board’s continuing effort to meet the needs of our membership, an ad hoc committee was formed to investigate member preferences for a name change. After many long discussions informed by feedback from our diplomats, the possibility of a name change was put forth to the members and was supported by a large majority in a Diplomate survey and subsequent vote.
- On May 7, 2012, the Joint Committee on the Recognition of Specialty Boards elected to approve the proposed name change and allow the corporation to conduct business as the American Board of Podiatric Medicine. This name change was accomplished through a DBA (doing business as) mechanism that spared the Board the cost and complexity of reincorporation and drafting new corporate documents.
ABPM Past Presidents

Past Presidents Drs. Gerard Saponara, Steven Kravitz, Lester Jones, David George, Michael Robinson, Joseph Hogan, Marc Feder and Paul Shoenfeld attended the ABPM reception on August 17, 2012

ABPM Advertising Guidelines and Logo Downloads

The ABPM has recently updated the Advertising Guidelines to allow Active Diplomates to use the ABPM logo in their professional advertising.

The logo is available on our website www.ABPMed.org under the members only section. You will need to have your member ID or personal password in order to access this page. If you do not have this information, please contact board headquarters.

The current advertising policy is listed below:

Advertising Board Certification
A Diplomate of the ABPM must adhere to the following guidelines:
Only the following statements are acceptable for this purpose:

1. Diplomate, American Board of Podiatric Medicine
2. Board Certified, American Board of Podiatric Medicine
3. Certified American Board of Podiatric Medicine

The organization’s initials (ABPM) may be substituted for the full name. Advertising board qualified status is prohibited.

Use of ABPM Logo
Diplomates wishing to utilize the ABPM logo in advertising their status with the board may do so without restriction so long as the advertising is otherwise consistent with Board policy and the APMA code of ethics. Interested Diplomates may obtain a Board approved image of the logo from the “Members Only” section of the Board’s Web site (this Web page). Only unmodified images of the exact form of the logo obtained from the website may be used in this connection.
2013 ABPM Board of Directors Election Process

By Lester J. Jones, DPM
Immediate Past President

During the August 2012 meeting of the ABPM the Directors approved the use of electronic balloting for future member elections of Directors to the BOD. We will be using Intelliscan, Inc. for this purpose. This will streamline the process significantly, making voting easier for the Diplomates, and maintaining accuracy of results.

The service will allow the membership to review candidates’ statements, view their photographs, and then cast their vote on-line. Candidate statements and biographical information will still be received by hard copy to the Diplomates from Board Headquarters in advance of the election process; however the election itself will be carried out electronically. Voter information will be encrypted to protect personal information and the vote itself. The ABPM election site will include a login screen where the member will be asked to enter their identification number and ballot control number.

The voter review page will display the selections the member has made. Members will be able to change their selections as many times as desired, until selecting the ‘submit’ button. Once their ballot is submitted, each member will be sent an e-mail thanking them for voting and providing a link to the ABPM website. This will serve as verification that the vote has been accepted and tallied. Once a vote has been submitted, the system will not allow another ballot from the same member. This process will provide an online ballot administration service that is accurate, secure, and cost effective.
Examination Committee is Soliciting Additional Item Writers

Michael DellaCorte, DPM
Examination Committee Chair

Edwin Wolf, DPM
Examination Committee sub-Chair

The Examination Committee is soliciting ABPM board certified members who possess significant item writing expertise for participation on the Examination Committee. Board Qualified members are not eligible for this activity. Interested parties must meet the requirements below and respond with a recent CV to ABPM Headquarters. The deadline on CV submission is January 15, 2013. Submission of CV should be directed to Sandy@ABPMed.org.

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS:
Item writers should be experienced clinicians with specific expertise in an area of biomechanics, orthopedic principles, podiatric medicine, surgical principles or wound care. Academic appointments and previous training will be evaluated and will weigh heavily in the selection process.

As an item writer you will be asked to write 50-100 new questions annually. The actual item writing occurs away from the formal meetings also required (usually two, but possibly three per cycle). Written items are then sent to the committee sub-Chair by a predefined date. The ability to meet timelines is ESSENTIAL to the process.

Each question should be clinically oriented and should not be pure recall or relate to an obscure fact. Each question should contain clinical information essential to the test taker’s ability to make the most appropriate choice from among the possible answers listed. Questions in which the test taker can make the right choice regardless of the information contained in the clinical scenario presented are not acceptable. In addition, each question should contain a relevant radiograph, clinical photograph, or other necessary visual material to allow for a clinically relevant examination and to enhance the process.

FURTHER REQUIREMENTS:
After review of your curriculum vitae, the selection committee will request five sample items to be submitted for evaluation of style and level of expertise. Selections will be made by February 15, 2013. If selected, you will be asked to join us for further item writing training and to assist in the development of current material.

TIME COMMITMENT:
In addition to the time required to generate questions away from the formal Examination Committee meetings, as a committee member you will be required to attend two (or more) committee meetings per year. Meetings are generally scheduled in the fall and in the winter, and are held in locations conducive to comfortable work environments, as well as providing the ability to enjoy some personal time. Coach air travel and required lodging expenses are paid for by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine and a per diem is issued for travel and/or work days.
ABPM 2012 –2013 Committee Roster

Biomechanical Eval Forms
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David George, DPM (NJ)
Lester Jones, DPM (CA)
Mitchell Shikoff, DPM (PA)

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Gina Painter, DPM (MT)

Bylaws
Samuel Spadone, DPM (PA) – Chair
Gilbert Hice, DPM (OR)
Gina Painter, DPM (MT)

Case Review Certification Sub-Committee
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CAQ
Gina Painter, DPM (MT) – Chair
Mitchell Shikoff, DPM (PA)
Timothy Ford, DPM (KY)

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Gina Painter, DPM (MT)

Examination Committee
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Marc Benard, DPM (CA)

Liaison Representatives to Other Organizations
American Podiatric Medical Association – James Stavosky, DPM; David George, DPM; Lester Jones, DPM
American Podiatric Medical Association Vision 2015 Stakeholders – Lester Jones, DPM
American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics and Medicine – David George, DPM
American Association for Women Podiatrists (AAWP) – Gina Painter, DPM
Council of Teaching Hospitals – Steven Goldman, DPM
Collaborative Residency Evaluator Committee (CREC) – Gregg Young, DPM; William Chagaress, DPM; Marc Benard, DPM
Joint Committee on the Recognition of Specialty Boards – Michael Robinson, DPM
Residency Review Committee – Elliot Michael, DPM; Stephen Geller, DPM
Committee on Balance – James Stavosky, DPM; Marc Benard, DPM
ABPM Maintains an Ongoing Presence at Conferences

The ABPM will be attending some of the major podiatric conferences in 2013. Please be sure to visit our booth and/or stop by our reception if you will be at any of these events.

New York State Podiatric Medical Association Clinical Conference
Marriott Marquis, New York
Thursday, January 24, 2013 through Sunday, January 27, 2013
Booth 403

Midwest Podiatry Conference
Hyatt Regency, Chicago
Thursday, April 18, 2013 through Sunday, April 21, 2013
Booth TBA and Reception Friday, April 19, 2013

Western Foot and Ankle Conference
Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim
Thursday, June 20, 2013 through Saturday, June 22, 2013
Booth TBA and Reception Friday, June 21, 2013

American Podiatric Medical Association Annual Scientific Meeting
The Venetian/The Palazzo Congress Center and Sand Expo Las Vegas
Monday, July 22, 2013 through Wednesday, July 24, 2013
Booth TBA and Reception Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Receptions will be held at the Midwest, Western, and APMA meetings (hosted bar, and hors d'oeuvres served).

We look forward to seeing you at the New York Podiatric Clinical Conference & Exhibition, Midwest Podiatry Conference, Western Podiatry Congress or APMA Annual Scientific Meeting. Please drop by our booth.

In addition to the ABPM Membership and Resident Newsletters and the ABPM website, you can get updates on Board activities by contacting us via e-mail: admin@ABPMed.org

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Board-of-Podiatric-Medicine/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/ABPMTweet

The Board of Directors is also accessible, and can be contacted through their ABPMed.org e-mail addresses.
ABPM ON THE GO...

ABPM reception at the Western Foot & Ankle Conference in Anaheim, CA
ABPM reception at the APMA National in Washington, DC
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You may also update your information on the ABPmed.org website.