The Membership of the National Board of Medical Examiners held its 99th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on April 4-5, 2013. The meeting began with a plenary session on the morning of April 4 that included the roll call; welcome remarks by the Chair; ratification of appointments of representative members; approval of the 2012 Annual Meeting minutes; reports of the Chair, Treasurer, and President; and a featured topic on updates in trends in medical education across the continuum. In the afternoon, members of the NBME assembled in four small groups. During this first set of small group sessions, the NBME Membership discussed issues arising from reports on USMLE and the Clinical Skills Evaluation Collaboration (CSEC); International Programs; strategic planning for Medical Education Services; and issues arising from reports from the Chair, Audit Committee, and President, includ-

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The Data Commons, LLC, an information-sharing company, which will allow these organizations to make selected information from their individual databases available via a data hub. The new system will save significant time and expense for researchers, policy makers, analysts and others who seek data about the nation’s physicians – while

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Dr. Steven Haist was honored with the Miller Senior Leader and Mentor in General Internal Medicine Award granted by the Southern Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) at its annual meeting in New Orleans in February. This award is given to those who have contributed to the mission of SGIM and whose work is recognized as advancing academic general internal medicine.

Dr. Haist has served as Vice President of Test Development Services for the NBME since 2008.

At its 2013 commencement ceremony, Loma Linda University recognized NBME President Dr. Donald E. Melnick as University Alumnus of the Year. This honor is given to individuals whose exemplary service, contribution, and accomplishments reflect well on Loma Linda University. In bestowing this award, the university noted, “Dr. Melnick has long been a champion for excellence in medical education and patient care, and continues to pursue major initiatives at NBME.”

Dr. Melnick received his MD degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1975.

Congratulations to Drs. Haist and Melnick!

The six founding organizations include the American Board of Family Medicine, the American Board of Pediatrics, the Association of American Medical Colleges®, the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, the Federation of State Medical Boards and the NBME.

For more information, please visit www.MyDataCommons.org.

The core of the Data Commons is a data hub that allows multiple organizations to provide selected information about health professionals, consistent with their respective privacy policies, in a highly secure environment. Users of the system will retrieve information from the various organizational databases through the hub, using customized “apps” – the internet-based applications that have revolutionized the use of data in smart phones and other devices. Fees will vary according to the app used for access and to the service requested. Users will be able to gather information in one transaction that previously would have required multiple transactions and fees spread across multiple organizations.

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facilitating new ways of combining and analyzing data-sets.

THE NBME SALUTES…
In his Report of the Chair, Dr. Lewis First summarized proposed amendments to NBME Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, provided an overview of NBME activities and accomplishments since the last Annual Meeting, and acknowledged the invaluable contributions of NBME staff and volunteers. In his Report of the President, Dr. Donald Melnick discussed NBME Renewal, including NBME’s Identity Model, strategic principles, current and future strategic principle activity areas, and Renewal projects to date. In her Report of the Treasurer, Dr. Lynn Cleary outlined 2012 financial information and components of the 2013 budget as approved by the Executive Board.

Following opportunities for discussion, the NBME Membership approved technical amendments to NBME Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The amendments were recommended to ensure that the NBME complies with the new District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act of 2010, effective January 1, 2012.

The NBME Membership received reports on Audit Committee activities since the last Annual Meeting.

The featured topic for this Annual Meeting was Medical Education Services. The Membership participated in a plenary session during which NBME members with expertise in undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education conducted a panel discussion of trends in medical education. Executive Board member Dr. Paul Wallach moderated the discussion, along with NBME members Drs. Molly Cooke, Nancy Davis, Joseph Grande, and Heidi Hullinger. Using prepared remarks and audience questions submitted during this session, Dr. Wallach elicited panel member discussion of what’s changing across the continuum of medical education.

The NBME Membership approved or received reports containing Executive Board actions related to USMLE and CSEC; International Programs; approval of 2013 NBME institutional goals; approval of NBME centennial projects and budget; endorsement of concepts of a draft public engagement strategic plan and the subsequent final draft of the public engagement strategic plan; approval of a resolution creating the NBME Diversity Task Force; approval of collaboration principles among ABMS, FSMB, and NBME for Maintenance of Licensure; endorsement of a draft collaboration proposal with the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners; approval of organization of the Data Commons as a limited liability company in which NBME is a founding member; provision of conceptual support for exploration of collaboration with the American Board of Pediatrics for Assessment of Pediatric Residents; and endorsement of the business and investment plans for collaboration with the AAMC to develop the eFolio Connector known as Pivio.

During the April 4 Annual Meeting luncheon, the 2013 John P. Hubbard Award was conferred on Kevin W. Eva, PhD (see page 5).

Dr. First presented the Edith J. Levit Distinguished Service Award to four members concluding terms of service (see page 4).
Christopher C. Colenda, III, MD, MPH

Dr. Colenda served as an Executive Board member since 2009. He has served the NBME in multiple capacities, first representing the AAMC in the Membership prior to election to the Executive Board. His service includes terms on the Evaluation Subcommittee of the Executive Board, the Finance Committee, the Audit Committee, and the ECFMG-NBME Joint Creative Committee. He has served as Chair of the International Advisory Committee since 2009 and will continue in this role for at least another year.

Louis N. Pangaro, MD

Dr. Pangaro has served in the NBME Membership as an at-large member since 2005. He has served the NBME in multiple capacities. His service history includes CBX standard setting, USMLE item writer and Stemmler Fund reviewer in the 1990s. Among other activities, he has served on the NBME Nominating Committee, was a member of the Internal Review Panel for NBME Research Days, and served on the Electronic Health Records Task Force for the Center for Innovation.

Susan R. Johnson, MD, MS

Dr. Johnson’s service to the NBME goes back 20 years to the early 1990s, when she served on a Step 2 item review committee. Since then, she has served on numerous committees and task forces. Highlights include Executive Board service for 10 years as an at-large member, Treasurer, and, most recently, Vice Chair; service as Chair of the Step 2 Obstetrics & Gynecology Test Material Development Committee; Chair of the Post-Licensure Assessment System Governing Committee; Chair of the Executive Board Evaluation and Compensation Subcommittees; and member of many, many other groups. A sampling includes the Executive Board Planning Committee, Hubbard Award Committee, Nominating Committee, ECFMG-NBME Joint Creative Committee, and the CRU Design Task Force.

Susan M. Spaulding

Ms. Spaulding has served as an Executive Board member since 2009. She has served the NBME in multiple capacities, first representing the public as an at-large member prior to election to the Executive Board. Her service includes terms on the Evaluation Subcommittee of the Executive Board, a centennial planning working group, and the Hubbard Award Committee. She has served as Chair of the Public Stakeholders Committee since 2009 and as a member of the Post-Licensure Assessment System Governing Committee since 2007.

The NBME heartily thanks these volunteers for all of their important contributions to the work of the NBME. We look forward to continuing to work with them all in other capacities.
Kevin W. Eva, PhD Receives the 2013 John P. Hubbard Award

Kevin Wayne Eva, PhD was selected as the recipient of the 2013 John P. Hubbard Award. The award is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the pursuit of excellence in the field of evaluation in medicine. John J. Norcini, PhD, Chair of the 2013 Hubbard Award Committee, announced Dr. Eva’s selection at the Annual Meeting of the NBME Membership on April 4, 2013.

In presenting the award, Dr. Norcini stated: “In recognition of his remarkable leadership in assessment innovation and scholarship, I am pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2013 Hubbard Award is Kevin Eva. Dr. Eva’s contributions to evaluation in medicine include his experimental research in assessment, particularly related to the multiple mini interview; studies involving objective structured clinical examinations, in-training evaluation reports and direct observation; theoretical work related to self-assessment and decision-making; dissemination and adoption of his work; mentorship of students and colleagues; and leadership and improvement of the journal Medical Education. He is the recipient of significant national and international awards from organizations such as the Medical Council of Canada, Canadian Association for Medical Education, and Asia-Pacific Medical Education Conference. Today we are delighted to add the Hubbard Award to these honors.”

Dr. Eva is Professor and Director of Education Research and Scholarship in the Department of Medicine at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC; Founding Co-director, Maastricht-Canadian Master’s in Health Professional Education Program; Senior Scientist at the Centre for Health Education Scholarship, University of British Columbia; and Editor-in-Chief, Medical Education.

The NBME established the Hubbard Award in 1983 in special tribute to the late John P. Hubbard, MD. Honoring Dr. Hubbard as a principal, guiding force of the NBME, this award acknowledges his creative and inspired leadership of the organization during his 25-year tenure as its chief executive. Dr. Eva deservedly joins the ranks of the distinguished individuals whom the NBME has honored over the years with this prestigious award. His selection as the recipient followed a call for nominations published widely in the spring of 2012. The 2013 Hubbard Award Committee, chaired by John J. Norcini, PhD, included as members Freda M. Bush, MD, Susan R. Johnson, MD, MS, Kenneth M. Ludmerer, MD, MA, Mark R. Raymond, PhD, and Patricia N. Whitley-Williams, MD.
Senior Staff Members to Retire

Three senior members of our staff leadership have announced their plans to retire this summer.

**Dr. Ann C. Jobe** will retire after 7+ years as Executive Director of CSEC. Prior to joining staff in this role, Ann served as a volunteer on NBME and USMLE committees.

**Dr. Peter V. Scoles** will retire from NBME after 15+ years of service (although he will serve as a consultant to NBME programs). Peter has been a staff member since 1998. For over 10 years, Peter served as Senior Vice President for Assessment Programs and is currently Executive Director, International Program Development. Prior to joining staff, Peter served as a volunteer on several NBME/USMLE committees.

Peter will join the faculty at Jefferson Medical College, his alma mater, to assist in curriculum design and development, and will resume his position on the consulting staff at the Philadelphia Shriner’s Hospital for Children.

**John Wosnitzer**, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will retire after 39 years of service. John joined the NBME staff on April 15, 1974. John has served as Controller, Director of Finance, Chief Financial Officer, and Senior Vice President for Operations.

The NBME won’t have to say good-bye to John immediately; after his retirement, John will continue in a part-time role providing financial guidance and mentoring for NBME Renewal projects.

Best wishes to Ann, Peter and John.
The NBME invites nominations for the 2014 John P. Hubbard Award. This award recognizes individuals who have made a significant and sustained contribution to the assessment of professional competency and educational program development at any level along the continuum of medical education and delivery of healthcare.

It is expected that the successful candidate will have demonstrated outstanding achievement in one or more of the following areas:

- A substantial record of fostering the development of evaluation methods and/or measurement techniques; or
- Personal contributions to basic or applied research in the creation or improvement of assessment methodology; or
- Accomplishment in improving the quality of evaluation at an organizational level; or
- Contributions through the education or mentoring of students, colleagues, fellows, or graduate students, to further progress in evaluation.

Please visit www.nbme.org for more information on the Hubbard Award. The deadline for submissions is September 12, 2013.