



NBME 2021 DIRECTORY

COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES



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ABOUT NBME® COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES

We are both grateful and proud to list the names of the medical educators, academic researchers, health care leaders and other professionals who served as committee or task force members in 2021. These individuals' diverse backgrounds and experiences, which are fortified by continuous learning and professional development, support true, collaborative relationships with NBME. In doing so, NBME can create and deliver high-quality, reliable assessments that measure medical students' and health care providers' clinical readiness and aptitude in any area.

In 2021, 53% of NBME committee and task force members were women.¹ Minority racial/ethnic groups comprised at least 45% of members. Fifty percent of members held a medical degree; 29% held both a medical degree and an additional advanced degree; nearly 8% held a PhD alone; and 12% of these members held other degrees from various disciplines. Geographically,

- nearly 27% of committee members were from the Southern United States;
- nearly 21% were from the Central United States;
- 30% were from the Northeast; and
- 16% were from the West Coast.

Additionally, 6% of committee members came from outside the United States; 5% of committee members reported to be either current or former members of state licensing boards.

Altogether, more than 228 individuals from more than 117 organizations served on an NBME committee.

¹A total of 181 NBME committee and task force members selected either male or female on our survey; 96 members reported to be female.



NBME® DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE

With a sharpened focus on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), NBME values DEI as foundational and enduring to our strategy and vision. We continue to focus on ensuring that our DEI work is impactful and ingrained in everything we do, including with our staff, culture, products and services, the Philadelphia community and the broader medical education landscape. Our commitment manifests in our hiring and staff development, recruitment for committees, grants programs, design and review of our assessments, and involvement in our local and national communities. In summer 2021, NBME pledged to listen and continue to learn more from those affected by racism, bigotry, violence, and social and gender inequalities. Read NBME's statements in support of these communities:

- <https://www.nbme.org/news/nbme-statement-against-racism>
- <https://www.nbme.org/news/nbmes-stance-against-violence-towards-asian-american-pacific-islander-communities>

GOVERNANCE & OVERSIGHT

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With input from a wide array of stakeholders, the NBME Governance Review Task Force is in the process of reviewing the current responsibilities, composition and purpose of the NBME membership, with a goal of creating more meaningful, ongoing engagement between NBME and our members. The task force will put forth to the Executive Board and the full membership recommendations for improvements to revitalize the role members play in informing and supporting the work of NBME.

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The NBME Public Stakeholders Committee provides a forum for NBME's effective engagement with health care consumers and advocates. Aligning with NBME's mission of "protecting the health of the public," the committee develops recommendations for the Executive Board to ensure the incorporation of the voice of the public in NBME's work.

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NBME established the [SEEF](#) to support the medical education community by providing personal development opportunities for faculty who are new to assessment. In addition to helping educators gain a better understanding of assessment principles, the SEEF promotes assessment-focused research to drive future innovations in the field. Members of the Oversight Committee are charged to oversee and monitor the fund, to plan activities consistent with its purpose and to oversee the execution of these activities. Since its inception, the committee has created a multi-year plan designed to fulfill the fund's purpose, and this has included the annual [NBME Invitational Conference for Educators \(NICE\)](#), the [research fellowship](#) and volunteer appreciation activities.

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[Hubbard Award](#) Committee members have the responsibility of identifying an individual who has 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 health care. They meet twice a year to consider individuals identified through a global nomination process.

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