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**JOSEPH P. GRANDE, MD, PHD  
ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE  
NATIONAL BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

Philadelphia, PA – The National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) is pleased to announce that Joseph P. Grande was elected to a two-year term as an at-large member of the National Board of Medical Examiners Board of Directors (“NBME Executive Board”). The election occurred at the Annual Meeting of the NBME Membership on April 5, 2013 in Philadelphia.

Dr. Grande is Professor of Pathology at Mayo Medical School, College of Medicine. Dr. Grande received both his bachelors and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago. He completed his medical training at the Mayo Clinic and was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Michigan. His area of expertise is renal pathology, and his publications include articles on basic mechanisms of renal fibrosis, diabetic renal disease, and renovascular hypertension, among others. Dr. Grande served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Mayo medical School for 7 years, and is the recipient of numerous awards for outstanding teaching, such as Teacher of the Year and the Distinguished Educator Award from Mayo Medical School.

Dr. Grande has been involved in test development and other activities related to the NBME since 1995. He has served on numerous committees, including the Step 1 Committee, item writing committees, and the USMLE Composite Committee.

The NBME is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides high-quality assessments for the health professions. Protection of the health of the public through state of the art assessment is the mission of the NBME, along with a major commitment to research and development in evaluation and measurement. The NBME develops the three-step United States Medical Licensing Examination<sup>®</sup> (USMLE<sup>®</sup>), which provides a common evaluation system and established minimum standards for all doctors of medicine seeking an initial license to practice medicine in the United



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States. USMLE is a joint program of the NBME and the Federation of State Medical Boards. Results of USMLE are reported to all licensing authorities in the United States and its territories for use in granting the initial license to practice medicine. The NBME's examinations and services are also widely used by the medical education system both in the United States and around the world. The Membership of the NBME advises its Executive Board on establishing policy for the NBME and elects the members of the Executive Board.

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