



NBME Plans Its Centennial

On May 5, 2015, the National Board of Medical Examiners will complete 100 years of service to the public and the health professions. The NBME will celebrate its centennial year beginning with the 100th Annual Meeting of the NBME Membership on April 3-4, 2014, at the Willard Hotel in Washington, DC, the site of the May 5, 1915 Meeting of Organization of the NBME. The centennial will conclude with the May 4-5, 2015 Annual Meeting and invitational conference, NBME's 100th birthday party, in Philadelphia. The 2014 meeting will honor the NBME's history, while the 2015 meeting will look toward the future. The 2015 invitational conference will focus on NBME's future by featuring presentations of the finalists selected from the NBME Centennial Innovation Competition. The competition and a call for submissions will be announced this summer and fall in a special edition of the *NBME Examiner* and on the NBME website.

For further information on NBME's centennial plans, please check our website (www.nbme.org).

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In between the 2014 and 2015 annual meetings, smaller centennial events are planned, piggybacking onto meetings of key stakeholders and collaborators among other meetings directed at additional audiences. The NBME is also developing a web-based tutorial system for designing, developing, administering, scoring, and setting standards for assessment in the health professions. We plan to make this resource available to health profession educators as an expanded, next-generation version of the widely used NBME guide to item writing, *Constructing Written Test Questions for the Basic and Clinical Sciences*. The philanthropy aspect of our centennial will focus on providing NBME assessment assistance to an underserved international community through a web-based compendium of educational resources. There will be a professionally developed centennial video telling the story of the NBME in an informative, educational, yet entertaining way. In 2014, the NBME will launch a new website devoted to its history and centennial celebration. Other plans include a centennial journal series and special events for staff.