



## **North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners Annual Report 2013-2014**

### **PURPOSE**

The Board of Podiatry Examiners for the State of North Carolina (NCBPE) was established by [North Carolina General Statute \(90-202.2 to 90-202.14\)](#) as North Carolina's licensing and registry board for the profession of podiatry. The NCBPE consists of four members, three North Carolina licensed podiatrists and one member from the community. All members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms.

The purpose of NCBPE is to serve the best interests of the public and medical profession by evaluating the initial and continuing qualifications of podiatrists in the state of North Carolina. All candidates are expected to have completed a baccalaureate degree. This is normally required for admission to colleges of podiatric medicine. All podiatrists licensed by the NCBPE have attained the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degree from an accredited college of podiatric medicine. All candidates are expected to have completed or be working towards completion of a postdoctoral residency program. The Board reviews the qualifications of candidates; conducts oral, practical and written examinations; and issues licenses. In addition to issuing licenses, the Board also on occasion suspends, revokes or cancels licenses of podiatrists in the state of North Carolina.

All podiatrists in the state are required to [renew their licenses](#) annually. NCBPE renewal of licensure indicates that the podiatrist has completed a process that requires participation in 25 hours of continuing education related to podiatry from an accredited provider/s.

### **GENERAL STATUTE REFERENCE**

[North Carolina General Statute \(90-202.2 to 90-202.14\)](#)

### **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT REFERENCE**

<http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp?folderName=\Title%2021%20-%20Occupational%20Licensing%20Boards%20and%20Commissions\Chapter%2052%20-%20Podiatry%20Examiners>

Title 21-Licensing Boards and Committees, Chapter 52-Podiatry Examiners

### **HISTORY; BOARD COMPOSITION; STAFFING; HEADQUARTERS**

Established February 1, 1976 by North Carolina General Assembly.

The NCBPE consists of four members, three North Carolina licensed podiatrists and one member from the community. All members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. Members and officers of the Board of Podiatry Examiners of the State of North Carolina are as follows:

Dr. David Kirlin, DPM (Term II ends 6/30/2016)  
**President**

NC Podiatric Physicians and Surgeons Group dba/Gaston Foot & Ankle Associates  
251 Wilmot Dr.  
Gastonia, NC 28054

Dr. Ronald A. Maskarinec, DPM (Term II ends 6/30/2015)

**Vice President**

Foothills Podiatry PA  
707 N Morgan St  
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Dr. William O'Neill, CPM (Term I ends 6/30/2017)

Secretary-Treasurer

NC Podiatric Physicians and Surgeons Group dba/ Carolina Foot Care Associates  
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Tanzy B. Wallace (Term I ends 6/30/2017)

**Public Member**

127 Brookhill Rd.  
Shelby, NC 28150

**Executive Secretary & Official Board Address:**

Penney De Pas, MA, CAE  
NC Board of Podiatry Examiners  
1500 Sunday Drive, Suite 102  
Raleigh, NC 27607

The North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners (NCBPE) contracts annually with a management firm, FirstPoint Management Resources, Inc., in Raleigh and, therefore, does not employ any staff members directly nor lease office space directly. The management firm's office is used as the NCBPE's headquarters and Executive Secretary's address: 1500 Sunday Drive, Suite 102, Raleigh, NC 27607.

**CURRENT STATISTICS**

As of December 31, 2013, there were 363 North Carolina licensed podiatrists. Three (3) of these were temporary licensees working on a military installation in the state. A total of 79 N.C. licensed podiatrists practiced outside the state and 290 in the state. There were 131 Professional Corporations and PLLCs registered with the Board for 2014. Of the 131 corporations, 33 have multiple offices, for a total of 175 podiatry offices in NC. This represents 175 offices total, 119 corporations of which 33 have multiple practice locations and 86 single practices. We have noticed a trend of podiatry offices either joining medical practices or other podiatry practices to offer more locations but fewer corporations.

**2013-2014 RENEWALS**

348 licenses were renewed for the 2013-2014 renewal period.

12 persons were granted new licenses.

3 persons were granted temporary restricted licenses.

0 person applied for license by reciprocity or comity

0 persons were granted license by reciprocity or comity

12 licenses were retired or surrendered voluntarily

2 licenses were revoked due to non-payment of renewal fees

0 licenses were terminated due to death.

0 license is pending suspension/revocation

0 licenses were terminated for any other reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee.

**2014 NEW LICENSEES**

On July 12, 2014, 12 podiatrists who passed the 2014 exam were granted licenses to practice podiatry in North Carolina following a practice- and ethics-training and exam held in Raleigh, NC, on July 12, 2014.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

The Board received 3 formal complaints about licensees between June 1, 2013, and May 31, 2014. All were found to have no probable cause. There were no disciplinary actions issued to podiatrists.

**2014 LICENSURE EXAM**

The 2014 medical exam took place May 2-3, 2014, at the Sheraton in Greensboro. A total of 18 candidates applied for the exam and 16 examinees sat for the two-day oral, written and practical examination. Thirteen of the 16 candidates who took the first part of the exam passed, of which twelve returned to the Board's headquarters in Raleigh on July 12, 2014, for a practice-and-ethics exam which all passed. Twelve initial licenses were issued. No one was refused for examination if all their application materials were received in a timely manner.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

25 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit hours are required for license renewal. The Board of Podiatry Examiners issued an amendment to its Administrative Rule, 21 NCAC 52.0208, effective June 1, 2013.

**RENEWAL**

Renewal fees are \$200.00 annually. The fee for new licensee certificates is \$100.00. Currently, late fees are \$25.00 per month beginning July 1 of the renewal year. Late fees were assessed to all incomplete applications, except those given waiver by the Board.

**PROPOSED STATUTORY AMENDMENTS**

No statutory amendments are proposed at this time.

**PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AMENDMENTS**

The Board underwent Periodic Review of its existing Administrative Rules HB74. The Board's Rules have been submitted to the APO.

In addition, the Board:

- Successfully amended 21 NCAC 52.0211 MILITARY LICENSE

The Board has submitted for Permanent Rule adoption of 21 NCAC 52.0213 TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR CLINICAL RESIDENCY/FELLOWSHIP to allow for podiatrists participating in civilian clinical residencies or fellowships in North Carolina to be granted temporary licenses and amendment of Rule 21 NCAC 52.0611 FORMS AND APPLICATIONS to add the "CME Submission Form" as one of the Board's forms.

In the coming year, the Board will be considering proposing the following changes to its Administrative Rules:

- Amend 21 NCAC 52.0613 Fees to add a \$10 fee for being on the public meetings mailing list and increase the exam fee to \$100.
- Create a Rule for re-entry to podiatry practice after a podiatrist has missed the annual renewal.

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