



Edward Muhleisen, Chair  
**Professional Policy Report**  
*Hilton Head, SC*

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The Professional Policy Committee met via conference call in 2016 and 2017 and the following items were addressed.

- Reviewed and updated Conference committee travel guidelines, Exam Committee agreements, and the NBE comment review process.
- Oversaw several examination updates, such as accepting formal college transcripts as a means of NBE eligibility and recommending that official certified NBE scores be released for licensing purposes only.
- Reviewed feedback on the NBE scholarship process and recommended updating the award distribution timeline to twice per year, allowing selected candidates to benefit from the award regardless of their graduation date.
- Reviewed the examination reports from Pearson VUE, as well as the monthly NBE pass rate.
- Continued to monitor and investigate exam security concerns and processes.
- Continued to review candidate comments and concerns submitted to Conference staff.
- Oversaw the soft launch of electronic scores to member boards. Committee will continue to oversee the full implementation of electronic scores transfers, which will be completed in 2017.
- Reviewed the 2016 Item Writing Workshop progress and summary.
- Reviewed the 2017 Job Task Analysis vendor proposals.

### **2016 National Board Exam Statistics**

First Time Examinees	Number Taking Exam	Number Passing (%)	Number Failing (%)	Absent
Arts	1336	991 (74%)	345 (26%)	16
Sciences	1336	1024 (77%)	312 (23%)	14

Retaking Exam	Number Taking Exam	Number Passing (%)	Number Failing (%)	Absent
Arts	443	183 (41%)	260 (59%)	16
Sciences	398	122 (31%)	276 (69%)	14