



Mack Smith, Chair
Professional Policy Report
San Diego, CA

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The Professional Policy Committee held meetings via conference call and accomplished the following:

- Reviewed exam administration reports, which included the National Board Exam pass rate, tracked the number of exams given, and other exam statistics.
- Reviewed and approved a complete list of exam policies and procedures for publication on The Conference website, providing candidates with an overview of expectations that are agreed to at time of application.
- Oversaw the update and publication of the new National Board Exam Candidate Handbook.
- Reviewed updates to the Exam Committee Criteria & Confidentiality Agreement, which is a non-disclosure agreement signed annually by all Exam Committee members.
- Reviewed Pearson VUE administrative updates, which included call center scheduling procedures and a contract extension with Pearson VUE.
- Continued to review candidate concerns submitted to The Conference, as well as the responses from staff to the candidates.
- Continued to monitor and investigate exam security concerns.

2018 National Board Exam Statistics

First Time Examinees	Number Taking Exam	Number Passing (%)	Number Failing (%)
Arts	1,305	1,003 (77%)	302 (23%)
Sciences	1,282	906 (71%)	376 (29%)

Retaking Exam	Number Taking Exam	Number Passing (%)	Number Failing (%)
Arts	389	190 (49%)	199 (51%)
Sciences	456	162 (36%)	294 (64%)