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## Chair's Message



**Eric M. Rohren, M.D., Ph.D.**  
*Chairman, ABNM*

The ABNM recently convened for the 2014 Winter Meeting, the 90th meeting of the Board since its incorporation in 1971. There were several leadership transitions at this meeting, including the welcoming of Dr. Janis O'Malley as the new Chair as I transition to the role of Past-Chair. Dr. Louise Thompson now serves in the role of Vice-Chair, while Dr. Munir Ghesani takes on the role of Secretary Treasurer.

The Board is also transitioning its executive leadership, with Dr. Henry Royal turning over the role of Executive Director to Dr. George Segall. Dr. Royal will continue to serve in an advisory role for the coming 6 months, and Dr. Tony Parker will remain as Associate Executive Director. At the meeting, Dr. Segall outlined some of his vision for the Board in the coming years, and we are all very excited to welcome him to this new role.

This was a year of transition for Board members, as well. In addition to the transition of Dr. Segall, we bade a fond farewell to Drs. Leonie Gordon, David Mankoff, and Lalitha Ramanna. Their hard work and dedication during their tenure on the board is tremendously appreciated. After careful review of a slate of outstanding candidates, four new Directors were elected to the Board to replace the outgoing members:



**Joanna R. Fair, M.D., Ph.D.**



**Erin E. Grady, M.D.**



**Heather A. Jacene, M.D.**



**Daniel A. Pryma, M.D.**

Dr. Joanna Fair from the University of New Mexico Cancer Center, Dr. Erin Grady from the Christiana Care Health System, Dr. Heather Jacene from the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center, and Dr. Dan Pryma from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Each of the new Directors brings with them a wealth of experience and a great degree of enthusiasm.

The Board is acutely aware of the challenges facing our diplomates out in practice, particularly the new and upcoming graduates of ABNM training programs. The Board continues to explore ways to collaborate and partner with other ABMS member boards to find efficiencies and synergies, and to avoid duplication of efforts. One avenue of exploration is with the American Board of Radiology to identify areas of overlap and alignment in our operational and strategic initiatives, so that the two boards can align on issues pertaining to MOC and beyond.

The new website went live in late March and we will continue to develop and make changes to the website which will allow us to improve our service to diplomates. An updated portal is needed, with access to MOC information, updates on board activities, and important links to resources around the web. It is critical that we provide value and service to our diplomates in the face of shifting landscapes in the realm of MOC and MOL.

It has truly been a privilege to serve as the Chair of ABNM for this past year. We are making progress on many of our projects, including the long-awaited updates to the website, in order to make abnm.org the go-to source for education credits and MOC tracking for our diplomates. There are many discussions ahead of us as the healthcare system undergoes substantial administrative and organization changes, but we look forward to working with our fellow ABMS Boards to navigate the waters ahead.