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## Reflections from a New Lifetime Board Member



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As my term for serving on the ABNM came to an end in February, I reflected on what I had accomplished while serving on the board and whether it was really worth all my time and effort. I was very excited when I received the call to tell me that I had been voted onto the board and then was told I had to take the Maintenance of Certification examination which I did and must admit, was concerned about my score. With that successfully done, I then became an active, rather vocal board member.

I do believe that the board contributes significantly towards enhancing the quality of nuclear medicine and takes appropriate measures to ensure high standards of training, certification and competence of all its diplomates. Although board meeting agendas are very long and consist of many routine matters, issues of concern are often discussed in depth and may result in follow up conference calls allowing important actions to be taken. ABMS (American Board of Medical Specialties) or ACGME affect board operation and decisions and often make ABNM relook at issues and change course.

The board does evaluate itself, its staff members, operation and costs and continually strives to improve. The board does listen to the diplomates and hears your concerns and desires and tries to take appropriate actions.

I put in tireless hours doing board work but believe I reaped many benefits including improved question writing skills, understanding statistics better and generally acknowledging how taxing it is to serve on a professional board. However, I do miss the camaraderie and wise counsel that develops amongst all board members, I hope I gave back to my profession in a meaningful way and know ABNM will continue to be strong even without me!