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Dear Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists members,

I wish to express my sincere gratitude and praise to all of you for your dedication to your patients and colleagues during the past year and a half. Although the coronavirus pandemic has been challenging to our organization, it has prompted the NBE to adapt and by doing so, maintain its international leadership in physician testing for special competency in echocardiography. For example, remote proctoring, also known as testing from home, is being examined as a practical means for examinees to take NBE board examinations. Innovative ideas are characteristic of members of the Board of Directors of the NBE.

The NBE Board is always seeking to improve by adding resourceful members to the Board. An innovative and diverse board is our continuing goal, as it has served the NBE well. Although special competency in echocardiography is characteristic of members of the NBE Board, our members bring diverse complementary backgrounds and skills that I believe explains the effectiveness of the NBE Board of Directors. The NBE board promotes diversity and has partnered with similarly thinking echocardiography organizations, such as the SCA and the American Society of Echocardiography.

By design, the NBE regularly adds new members to the board as terms expire to bring new ideas and perspectives to the Board. If you have a strong interest in being considered to become a member of the NBE Board of Directors, I encourage you to formally apply.

The suggested competencies for new board members are:

1. Diplomate or Testamur of NBE (ASC, PTE, or CCE),
2. Minimum of five (5) years’ experience as staff/faculty in Cardiology, Cardiac Anesthesiology, or Critical Care Medicine,
3. Experience/expertise in one or more of the following areas: Information Technology, Testing (Psychometrics and Remote Testing), Artificial Intelligence, and Simulation,
4. Letter of support from an NBE Diplomate (required).

Complete the online submission form at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NBEBoardInterest and applications will be vetted by the NBE Nominating Committee. The Executive committee (EC) consisting of Chris Troianos, MD (President Elect), John Allyn, MD (Immediate Past President) and Roberto Lang, MD (Treasurer) have played a guiding and instrumental role in the governance of the NBE. This EC and the NBE Board members would enthusiastically consider you for a position on the board and answer any questions regarding the role.

My best regards,

Marcus F. Stoddard, MD
President, National Board of Echocardiography