



**Marty Rieken, Chair**  
**Professional Policy Report**  
*February 27, 2024*

**Committee Members:**

Marty Rieken, District 6  
Lacyn Barton, District 2  
Charles Perine, District 3  
Jennifer Kandt, Past President

The Professional Policy Committee met via Zoom.

- Reviewed examination reports which included exam administration reports, exam pass rates, and other exam statistics.
- Reviewed services contract with Pearson VUE.
- Oversaw the 2023 Item Writing Workshop.
- Reviewed member board request to validate the NBE for continued recognition.
- Oversaw expanding LRR exam program which included exam maintenance and updates for member boards, new exam inquires, and the launch of the Oregon LRR Exam.
- Reviewed the textbook survey conducted by Conference staff with all except four schools participating.
- Oversaw the launch of the digital formats of the NBE Arts and NBE Sciences study guides.
- Oversaw the launch of the Candidate Portal system and school exam voucher system. Candidates are now able to create a user account to access exam history data, apply for exams, and request the release of their results. The voucher system allows schools to submit payment for candidates while still enabling candidates to utilize the Candidate Portal.
- Continued to oversee all comments and concerns submitted to The Conference by exam candidates, as well as the responses given by Conference staff.
- Monitored the overall security of the exam program, including data forensic collusion and web monitoring reports provided by Pearson VUE.

**2023 National Board Exam Statistics**

First Time Examinees	Total Testing	Pass
Arts	1741	1359 (78%)
Sciences	1688	1161 (69%)