



NCME is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Richard Patz as Executive Director of the organization, effective January 1, 2023. NCME's Board of Directors created the executive director role to strengthen and grow our membership, improve execution of our strategic initiatives, and improve our organizational effectiveness.

Rich is well known and respected by NCME's members. He is a past president of NCME and the founding chair of the Bradley A. Hanson Award Committee. He has served in numerous technical and leadership roles in the testing industry, including as chief measurement officer at ACT and as vice president of research at CTB/McGraw-Hill Education. He is currently a distinguished research advisor in the Berkeley Evaluation and Assessment Research Center at the University of California.

"The hard work of many individuals went into this effort," said Derek Briggs, chair of the executive director search committee and Past President of NCME. "Past presidents Ye Tong and Steve Sireci got this rolling a few years ago and provided helpful guidance throughout the process." He added, "Rich is a well-known and respected member of the NCME community. I'd like to thank Rich for his willingness to serve in this role, and I look forward to collaborating with him in the months ahead."

Vice President Michael Walker said, "It will be great having Rich in the new Executive Director role as I plan for the year ahead," adding "I believe that we can be more effective and more impactful, and that our Board can be more strategically focused, with Rich taking on these essential responsibilities."

"NCME has been my professional home throughout my career," said Patz. "I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the organization and its members as Executive Director." He added, "I look forward to working closely with the board of directors, the committee members and chairs, and our management company, to make this new approach a success."

A former high school teacher, Patz lives with his family in Santa Cruz County, California.