

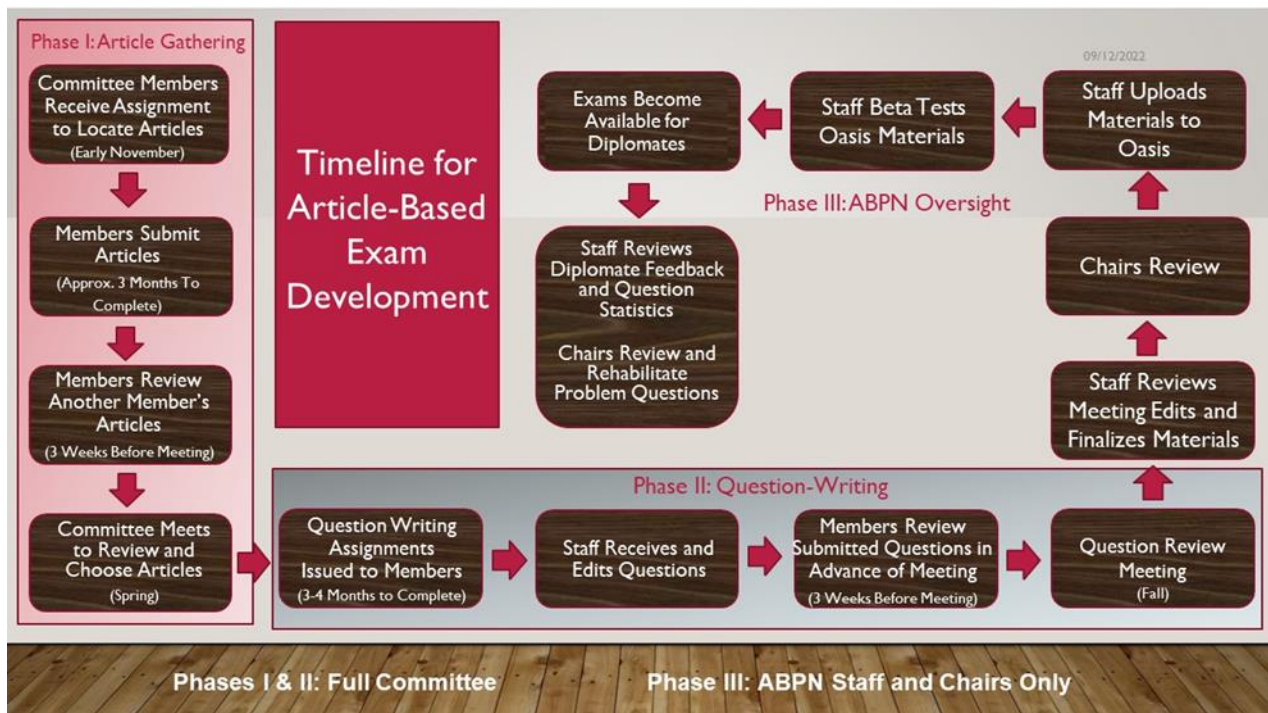


## American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

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# Responsibilities for Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Committee Members

The ABPN ABCC program development is also a yearlong process. The first half of the year focuses on selecting journal articles that are used as the basis for examinations. The second half is devoted to writing and reviewing questions for the selected articles. The flow chart below illustrates this development cycle:



The ABCC committee members function at various stages throughout this process. Their responsibilities are based on the needs of the process. Here is a brief scope of a committee member's work.

- The formal appointment of a committee membership begins January 1.
- New committee members must attend an Item Writing Workshop and/or an orientation at the beginning of their membership.
- Committee members are required to attend a virtual article review meeting in the first half of the year and a face-to-face item review meeting in the second half of the year held at ABPN headquarters in Deerfield, Illinois. ABPN covers the cost of transportation and room and board for the meetings.
- Before the article review meeting, committee members are assigned to submit 6-8 articles gathered from recent literature and review 6-8 articles submitted by other members.

- Before the item review meeting, members are required to construct 16 questions related to the finalized articles (4 questions per article). Members are required to submit the new items on a timely basis. They are also assigned to pre-review items written by other members and present opinions on those items at the committee meetings.
- At the end of a year, committee chairs conduct reviews of committee members' performance from the perspectives of article review and item writing performance (proficiency and timeliness), meeting attendance, preparation, and participation. Committee members are expected to review chairs' feedback and seek opportunities to improve their performance.