The American Board of Orthodontics  
Constituency Report  
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ABO Mission:  
The mission of The American Board of Orthodontics is to elevate the quality of orthodontic care for the public by promoting excellence through certification, education and professional collaboration.

ABO Vision:  
The American Board of Orthodontics is the global leader in orthodontic board certification and sets the standards of care for excellence in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics.

ABO Yearly Update:

- **Clinical Exam Update:** The ABO conducted Clinical Examinations in February of 2017. A total of 139 examinees participated in the clinical exam and 97 were certified or recertified at this exam. 91% of the examinees were recent orthodontic graduates. A complete listing of newly certified or recertified orthodontists by constituency can be found on the ABO website. The next exam is scheduled for September 25-29, 2017 in St. Louis. Clinical Examination Dates for 2018, including registration information, are posted on the ABO website.

The ABO recently announced changes to the Certification Renewal requirements. Individuals may now select from two different options in order to complete the certification renewal examination. These options include 1) a Case Report Examination (CRE) for one case by mail along with 2 publications for continuing education credits from online AJODO exams OR 2) prepare treatment plans for two online Board Case Exams (BCE) plus 4 publications for continuing education credits from online AJODO exams. Complete information on Certification Renewal may be found on the ABO website.

New additions to the exam include the following:
- Development of a Craniofacial Certification Examination (September 2016)
- Final Digital Models accepted (September 2016)
- Banking rules have been extended to apply to all orthodontic practitioners.
- Candidates that got incomplete on the BCOE can now retake the exam without returning to the ABO center in Saint Louis
- The banking process can now be started with the presentation of 1 case.
- There are now two teams for each examinee during the Clinical Exam – one team to score the Board Case Oral Exam (BCOE) and the second team to score the examinee’s cases and Case Review Oral Exam (CROE)

Please visit www.AmericanBoardOrtho.com for additional details on the above items.

- **Written Examination Update** - The ABO Written Examination was administered on April 4-7, 2017 at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers throughout the United States and Canada. 391 candidates participated in this exam with a passing rate of 97%. The
reliability of the examination was 0.92%, which suggests that the examination distinguishes well among candidate abilities. The next Written Examination will be offered April 10-13, 2018. Registration for this exam is currently open.

- **Marketing Update:**
  - ABO consumer brochure is now offered in English and Spanish
  - Board certified orthodontists now have the option to download the consumer brochure and pyramid free of charge to print in-house
  - ABO Seal and logo available for download by individual orthodontists to accompany office logo on promotional materials
  - Certification Pyramid available in a higher resolution for enhanced printing
  - Board certified seal offered in a smaller size, suitable for use on business cards or email signature lines
  - Staff buttons with training tools for staff on “Why Board Certification Matters” available on-line
  - Professional videos created to include “Why Board Certification Matters” and “A Day in the Life” of the Clinical Exam and are located on the ABO’s website to link to board certified orthodontists’ website pages, as well as to add to continuous loop feeds in waiting rooms

- **Educators Symposium:** The ABO will be hosting the American Board of Orthodontics 2018 Educators Symposium on November 17-18, 2018, in St. Louis. Topics to be discussed will included results/feedback from the 2017 AAO members survey on the ABO examination structure.

- **The College -** The ABO and the College (CDABO) continue to work together to support orthodontic programs in their preparation for the clinical exam thru our advocacy program. To-date, all 74 orthodontic programs have at least one advocate assigned to their school. In addition, the College offers courses for examinees to prepare for the clinical exam during constituency meetings and at AAO Annual Session.

As a direct result from requests received from program residents, the ABO recently established the role of ABO Resident Representative. The identified resident will act as a liaison between their school residents and the ABO Advocate. We anticipate this new role will give the residents a louder voice by encouraging open communication dialogue and enhance the quality of the advocate and resident relationship.

- **GORP:** The ABO president Dr. Chun-Hsi Chung will attend the 2017 GORP meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Chung will give an update on ABO certification to the residents.

- **ABO at 2017 AAO Annual Session:**
  The ABO Directors for the 2017-2018 year are as follows:
  Dr. Chun-Hsi Chung, President, representing the Middle Atlantic Society of Orthodontists
  Dr. Larry Tadlock, President-Elect, representing the Southwestern Society of
Orthodontists
Dr. Nicholas Barone, Secretary-Treasurer, representing the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists
Dr. Valmy Kulbersh, Director, representing the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists
Dr. David Sabott, Director, representing the Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists
Dr. Patrick Foley, Director, representing the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists
Dr. Timothy Trulove, Director, representing the Southern Association of Orthodontists
Dr. Jae Park, Director, representing the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists
Dr. Steven Dugoni, Past President, representing the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists

The AAO House of Delegates confirmed Dr. Jae Park as the ABO new director representing the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists.

The ABO presented the following recognition awards during the 2017 AAO Annual Session:

- Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award: Dr. Sheldon Peck
- Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics: Dr. Andrew Haas
- Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Michael Riolo
- O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award: Dr. Deborah Priestap

The ABO is pleased to announce the following award recipients who will be recognized during the 2018 Annual Session meeting:

- Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award: Dr. Birte Melsen
- Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics: Dr. Jerryl English
- Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Peter Greco
- O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award: Dr. Richard Kulbersh

During the San Diego meeting, the ABO showcased several successful cases from the year’s Clinical Exam at the ABO Case Display Room. Directors and staff were available to answer questions on board certification. In addition, an informational ABO booth was located outside of the Exhibit Hall to display educational materials available to board certified orthodontists. An Advocacy workshop was held during the AAO Annual session and was very well received by all advocates, educators and residents in attendance. The meeting allowed an opportunity to provide a review of the Advocacy program and materials available. Questions from the Advocates were answered in a setting which demonstrated friendship and collaboration.

The ABO congratulates and welcome the ABO certified orthodontists from the GLAO who completed the clinical examination in February of 2017

- Dr. Maysaa Khoja, Toledo, OH
- Dr. David Mika, Fenton, MI
- Dr. Nozha Sawan, Sterling, VA
- Dr. Sarah Thompson, Washington Ct. House, OH
Respectfully submitted

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