The American Board of Orthodontics

September 2016 Constituency Report

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:

The ABO experienced a very productive 2016 with many new and exciting changes to report.

- Clinical Exam Update:
  The ABO conducted Clinical Examinations in both February and September of 2015 as well as February 2016. A total of 298 examinees were certified or recertified at these exams. 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 27th-October 1st, 2016 in St. Louis MO. The next clinical exam will be given on February 19th-25th in St. Louis, MO.

  Additions to the exam include the following:
- Development of a Craniofacial Certification Examination beginning September 2016
- Final Digital Models accepted beginning September 2016
- Banking rules have been extended to apply to all orthodontic practitioners
- 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 April 12-15, 2016 at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers throughout the United States and Canada. In all, 383 of the examinations were complete, resulting in a 98 percent pass rate. The reliability of the examination was .88. The next Written Examination will be offered April 4-7, 2017. Eligible individuals may register for this exam beginning September 19, 2016.

### 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.

Edcators Symposium:
The ABO held the Charles Burstone – American Board of Orthodontics 2016 Educators Symposium “Clinical Challenges” on April 2, 2016, in St. Louis. Approximately 96 individuals attended the meeting including department chairs, program directors, faculty and ABO-appointed advocates. Topics discussed included results/feedback from the 2014 Educators Symposium, common reasons for incomplete cases, more output for educators on the Written Examination, growth/advocacy as it relates to certification renewal, craniofacial pathway, technology overview on stereolithic models and adding value to certification.

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 72 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 Annual Session.

WFO
The ABO promoted board certification while attending the 8th International Orthodontic Congress in London, organized by the British Orthodontic Society in association with the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO). The WFO and ABO hosted a special half-day symposium on orthodontic board certification. The well-received
meeting helps fulfill the ABO’s vision to be the global leader in orthodontic board certification.

- **ABO at 2016 AAO Annual Session**

  ▪ The ABO Directors for the 2016-2017 year are as follows:

  Dr. Steven Dugoni, President, representing the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists

  Dr. Chun-Hsi Chung, President-Elect, representing the Middle Atlantic Society of Orthodontists

  Dr. Larry Tadlock, Secretary-Treasurer, representing the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists

  Dr. Nicholas Barone, Director, 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. Eladio DeLeon, Past President, representing the Southern Association of Orthodontists

  The AAO House of Delegates confirmed Dr. Timothy Trulove as the ABO new director representing the Southern Association of Orthodontists.

- **The ABO presented the following recognition awards during the 2016**
Annual Session meeting:

- Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award: Dr. W. Eugene Roberts
- Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics: Dr. Phillip M. Campbell
- Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Stephen K. McCullough
- O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award: Dr. Steven D. Marshall

During the Orlando 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.

Workshops on both Cephalometrics and Written Exam Question Writing were held and well received.

For more information on the ABO, please attend the informational meeting at the GLAO/MASO meeting in Phoenix, AZ.

Respectfully submitted
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