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ABO Report to GLAO Fall 2018

2018 Annual Session Update

The 2018 AAO Annual Session was held in Washington, D.C. In lieu of the traditional Case Display Room at the Convention Center, the ABO hosted Open House/Info Sessions for all Annual Session meeting attendees interested in learning more about the ABO Scenario-based Oral Clinical Examination. ABO directors introduced the exam thru interactive stations that allowed attendees to review the process of change and the new examination format. Information on how to prepare for the examination, including an exam preparation study guide and sample scenario cases, were available for review. Educators and advocates were invited to a separate ABO Workshop where additional details on the examination format were discussed, including “mock board” opportunities, scenario-based oral exam advocacy visits and test result distribution.

All sessions were extremely well attended.

ABO announces 2019 Award recipients

The American Board of Orthodontics is pleased to announce the following 2019 ABO award recipients recognized for their extensive contributions to the specialty of orthodontics. Congratulations!

Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award

Dr. Michael Riolo

Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence

Dr. Eustaquio Araujo

Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Barry Briss

O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award of the American Board of Orthodontics

Dr. Garland Hershey

ABO Examination Updates

Written Examination

The 2018 Written Examination was administered April 10-13, 2018, to 414 examinees at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers throughout the United States and Canada. The reliability of the examination was 92% with a 96% pass rate. The next Written Examination will be offered on April 10th, 2019 at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers throughout the United States and Canada. Please note that this exam will be offered only one day in April.

Clinical Examination

The American Board of Orthodontics certified or recertified 116 examinees who participated in the February 2018 Clinical Examination, in St. Louis, Missouri. Please refer to the ABO website for the complete list of names. The next Clinical Examination is scheduled for September 25-28, 2018.

Anyone with a graduation date prior to February 28, 2019 that is interested in taking the **ABO traditional Case-based Clinical Examination** must submit a petition to Michelle@AmericanBoardOrtho.com no later than **July 1, 2018**. This will allow the ABO to determine the demand so that we can make accommodations for additional examination spots if necessary.

Please note that the February 2019 Scenario-based Clinical Examination is full and the November 2019 examination is filling quickly. The wait list for the February Scenario-based Examination is long and we do not anticipate many of these spots to become available. Therefore, we strongly recommend anyone interested in taking the **Scenario-based Clinical Examination in 2019** to **register soon** for the remaining spots currently available for November 2019.

Congratulations to the new GLAO Board Certified Orthodontists

OSU	GLAO	Robin	S.	Baker
INDU	GLAO	Vidya		Bettagere
TU	GLAO	Lynn	D.	Bode
UMICH	GLAO	Xi		Chen
WVU	GLAO	Doyoung		Choi
UIOWA	GLAO	Sheila	M.	Daniels
UMICH	GLAO	Edwin	K.	Kwon
INDU	GLAO	Hsin-Yin		Yeh
UDET	GLAO	John	A.	Yurkovich
UBC	GLAO	Jason	N.	Zimmerman

Certification Renewal

Once you achieve board certification, certification renewal is required every 10 years to remain active and may be taken no earlier than two years prior to the expiration dated on your certificate. **Travel to St. Louis is NOT required for certification renewal.**

You have two options to recertify:

1. Complete two online board cases and submit CE credits from online AJODO exams; OR
2. Submit one case treated by the examinee (see website for criteria) and submit CE credits from online AJODO exams.

Complete details regarding all of the above can be found on the ABO website.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michelle Valenti, ABO Clinical Examination Coordinator, at Michelle@AmericanBoardOrtho.com or call the ABO Administrative Office at 314-432-6130

Enhanced ABO Software functionality Implemented

The ABO is excited to announce that new software functionality is now implemented on the ABO website.

Enhancements to the website include: enhanced orthodontist locator, ability to add a professional head-shot to your profile, ability to edit/add personal and practice information with unlimited offices, increased security, user specific dashboard notifications, payment history, upload/track CE credits, print complimentary verification letters.

If you have not done so already, please take a moment to log-in and review/update your information related to your user profile. Due to the increased security measures, during your initial log-in you will be required to reset your password. Please enter your ABO ID number and click on the "Forgot your password" link. A temporary password will then be emailed to the email address you have on file with the ABO. New ABO passwords must meet the following requirements:

- Minimum of 6 characters
- At least one lowercase letter
- At least one capital letter

- At least one number
- At least one special character

Please let us know if you need assistance at any time.

ABO installs new officers

ABO Officers for the 2018-2019 year include: Dr. Larry Tadlock of Keller, TX, president, Dr. Nicholas Barone, North Providence, RI, president-elect and Dr. Valmy Kulbersh, Bloomfield Hills, MI, secretary-treasurer. Dr. Chun-Hsi Chung will now serve as the immediate past-president.

On May 4th, the AAO House of delegates elected Dr. Roberto Hernandez-Orsini from Puerto Rico, to serve as an ABO director. Dr. Hernandez represents the Middle Atlantic Society of Orthodontists.