

The American Board of Orthodontics

2017 Interim Constituency Report (Rev. 1.18)

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.

The ABO Announces a Change to the Board Certification Process

- **New Scenario-Based Oral Clinical Examination to Better Test for Clinical Proficiency and Critical Thinking:** The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) announced a change to the Clinical Examination design beginning in February 2019. The new design will be a scenario-based oral examination format, no longer requiring orthodontists to submit patient cases. The tools previously created by the ABO to assess case outcomes will continue to be thoroughly tested within the scenario-based examination process.

The decision to change the examination format was a result of extensive research and collaboration with leaders in the industry, reviews of other specialty board examinations, and input from educators. This process identified the need to improve the testing methodology to assess clinical proficiency and critical thinking skills to ensure each orthodontist has developed exceptional expertise and is capable of providing the highest level of patient care. The new examination offers an improved testing method that compliments what residents are learning in their programs.

There is a one-year transition period before the new examination is implemented. The traditional patient case submission examination format is offered by petition only for September 2018 and February 2019.

The ABO stands confident in the rationale behind this change and believes creating an improved examination that is more fair, valid and reliable is in the best interest for the future of our specialty.

For more information, you can visit www.AmericanBoardOrtho.com or reach the ABO at info@AmericanBoardOrtho.com.

ABO Yearly Update

- **Clinical Exam Update:** The ABO conducted Clinical Examinations in February and September of 2017. A total of 222 examinees were certified or recertified during these examinations. A complete listing of newly certified or recertified orthodontists by constituency can be found on the [ABO website](#). The next Clinical Examination is

scheduled for February 2018 in St. Louis. Registration information for the examination is posted on the [ABO website](#).

- **ABO Clinical Examination Examiners:** The ABO is interested in adding new examiners to our pool of potential Clinical Examination examiners. To be considered, the following requirements are necessary:
 - Board certified orthodontist in good standing with the ABO.
 - At least five years since your ABO Initial Certification.
 - Involved in direct patient care and/or serve as clinical faculty in an accredited orthodontic program at least one day per week.
 - Demonstrate contemporary knowledge of orthodontics.
 - Comfortable with the utilization of technology.
 - Familiar with the Clinical Examination criteria.
 - Not have any conflicts of interest or self-promoting motives.
 - Able to respect and maintain confidentiality.
 - Commit to the following:
 - Participation as Examiner for Clinical Examinations
 - Examination preparation projects assigned as needed.
 - Demonstrate excellent interpersonal skills, professionalism, and flexible approach.
 - Able to be impartial, objective and consistent in approach.
 - Able to work as part of a team.
 - Experience with tutoring or examining preferred.
 - Submission of three references, along with current CV.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact your [ABO constituency's director](#). Thank you!

- **Written Examination Update** - The ABO Written Examination was administered April 4-7, 2017, at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers throughout the United States and Canada to 391 examinees. The reliability of the examination was .92, with a 97 percent pass rate. The next Written Examination will be offered April 10-13, 2018. Registration for this exam is currently open.
- **Educational Update:**
 - The ABO Brand Standards Guide has been updated for offices with multi-orthodontist practices. If all doctors in the office are not board certified, the ABO seal and logo may not be placed on the home page, but should be placed on sub-pages that directly pertain to the specific board certified orthodontist.
 - The ABO has included a link to the [AAO Clinical Practice Guidelines](#) on the ABO website for reference.
- **Educators Symposium:** The ABO welcomed orthodontic department chairs, program directors, faculty and ABO-appointed advocates at the 2017 ABO Educators Symposium, "Intelligently Adapting to Change" honoring Dr. Thomas Cangialosi. Approximately 100 individuals attended the meeting. Dr. Richard Diemer, Educational Consultant, was honored at a welcome reception for his 30+ years of service to the ABO, and as co-recipient for the 2018 Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. AAO

CODA Review Committee representatives were in attendance and provided a progress update. Additional agenda topics included actions taken from the 2016 symposium, ABO future challenges, and dental specialties outreach/observations. Dr. Jim Henderson of Castle Worldwide, discussed the ABO practice analysis and validation survey. Discussion centering on scenario-based testing followed by an interactive workshop also occurred.

- **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 73 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.

As a direct result from requests received from program residents, the ABO 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.

- **Chinese Orthodontic Society:** The ABO was honored to accept the Chinese Orthodontic Society's invitation to participate as program speakers during their September 2017 meeting in Shanghai, China. Drs. Chun-Hsi Chung, ABO President, Dr. Nicholas Barone, ABO Secretary/Treasurer and Dr. Steven Dugoni, ABO Immediate Past President, attended the meeting.
- **GORP:** The ABO attended the 2017 GORP meeting in Cleveland, OH. Dr. Chun-Hsi Chung gave a presentation to the residents on board certification and answered questions.
- **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 H. Park, Director, representing the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists
Dr. Steven Dugoni, Immediate Past President, representing the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists

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

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

- Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award: Dr. Sheldon Peck
- Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics: Dr. Andrew J. Haas
- Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Michael L. Riolo
- O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award: Dr. Deborah E. 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. Jeryl D. English
- Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Peter Greco and Dr. Richard Diemer
- 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 and well attended.