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Dr. Valmy Pangrazio-Kulbersh Installed as President of The American Board of Orthodontics

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) installed **Valmy Pangrazio-Kulbersh, D.D.S., M.S.**, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., as president for the year beginning May 1, 2020. Dr. Kulbersh is the first woman to serve as ABO president.

The other 2020-2021 officers of the ABO are **David G. Sabott, D.D.S., M.S.**, of Erie, Colo., president-elect; **Patrick F. Foley, D.D.S., M.S.D.**, of Mundelein, Ill., secretary/treasurer; and **Nicholas D. Barone, D.D.S., M.S.**, of Lincoln, R.I., immediate past president.



The ABO is the only orthodontic specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association and in affiliation with the AAO. Board certification is a process by which an individual orthodontist is voluntarily examined by his/her peers regarding orthodontic knowledge and clinical skills. The successful completion of the ABO examination process is a demonstration to the dental profession and the general public of the orthodontist's pursuit of continued proficiency and excellence in orthodontics.

Each ABO director represents one of the eight constituent organizations of the AAO and serves an eight-year term, which culminates in the position of the president. The ABO directors are responsible for establishing policy with regard to the board certification of specialists in orthodontics. During her tenure as an ABO director, Dr. Kulbersh has represented the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists (GLAO). As ABO president, she also serves as chair of the ABO Finance Committee, and as the ABO liaison to numerous professional organizations, including the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO), the College of Diplomates of the ABO, the Graduate Orthodontic Resident Program (GORP), the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) and the Society of Educators (SOE).

Dr. Kulbersh is a professor and director of the Orthognathic Surgery and Early Treatment Clinics at the University of Detroit Mercy's Graduate Orthodontic Program. She was also affiliated with the Detroit Medical Center, where she was a member of the Craniofacial Anomaly and Cleft Lip and Palate Treatment Team.

A graduate of the University of Asuncion, Paraguay, she received her master's degree in orthodontics from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1977. She is a member of the American Dental Association, the

AAO and many other national and international dental organizations. She became certified by the ABO in 1988 and is a member of the College of Diplomates of the ABO. A fellow of the American College and International College of Dentists, she has published numerous scientific articles and lectured extensively to national and international audiences on orthodontic techniques and treatments. Dr. Kulbersh is a member of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists where she served as the first female president of the society.

About the ABO

The ABO is the global leader in orthodontic board certification and sets the standards of care for excellence in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. The ABO's mission is to elevate the quality of orthodontic care for the public by promoting excellence through certification, education and professional collaboration.

Founded in 1929, the ABO was the first specialty board in dentistry. It is the only orthodontic specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association and is affiliated with the American Association of Orthodontists.

The certificate issued by the ABO signifies a certification of attainment. It does not confer any legal qualification, privilege or license to practice orthodontics. It is not a professional or academic degree. In essence, board certification is a process by which an individual orthodontist is voluntarily examined by his/her peers as to orthodontic knowledge and clinical skills. The passage of the examination process is a demonstration to the dental profession and the general public of the orthodontist's pursuit of continued proficiency and excellence in orthodontics.

To learn more about the ABO, visit the website www.AmericanBoardOrtho.com. The ABO's office and exam center are located in St. Louis, Mo.

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