

ABO Report to GLAO May 2019 – Spring report

2019 Annual Session Update

At the 2019 AAO Annual Session held in Los Angeles, the ABO hosted an workshop and Open House/Info Sessions for attendees interested in learning more about the new 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.

Educators and advocates were invited to a separate ABO Workshop where additional details on the examination format, examiners and observers experiences during the new examination, “mock board” opportunities, scenario-based oral exam advocacy visits and test result distribution, were discussed.

All sessions were extremely well attended.

ABO officers

ABO Officers for the 2019-2020 year include:

President

Dr. Nicholas Barone, North Providence, RI.

President Elect

Dr. Valmy P. Kulbersh, Bloomfield Hills, Mi.

Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. David Sabott, Brighton, Co.

Immediate Past President

Dr. Larry Tadlock, Keller, TX.

On May 3rd, 2019, the AAO House of Delegates elected Dr. Stephen McCullough to serve as ABO director. Dr. McCullough is from Yukon, Oklahoma and represents the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists.

ABO announces 2020 Award recipients

The American Board of Orthodontics is pleased to announce the following 2020 ABO Award recipients, recognized for their extensive contributions to the specialty of orthodontics. Congratulations!

Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award

Dr. Rolf G. Behrents

Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence

Dr. Carla Evans

Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Perry Opin

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

Dr. John Kanyusik

ABO Examination Updates

Written Examination

The 2019 Written Examination was administered on April 10, 2019, to 422 examinees at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers throughout the United States and Canada. The reliability of the examination was 92% with a 96% pass rate. Please note that the next exam will be offered only **one day in April 2020**.

Clinical Examination

The American Board of Orthodontics certified or recertified 181 orthodontists during the February 2019 exam.

On February 18th, 2019, the ABO administered a one day Case-based clinical examination. The first Scenario-based Clinical Examination was successfully conducted from February 20th- 22nd, The passing rate for this exam was 68 percent. The next **Scenario-based Clinical Examination scheduled for November 19th – 22nd, is full.**

In 2020, the ABO will offer three examination dates as follows:

February 25th-28th

July 28th-21st

November 17th-20th

Please refer to the ABO website to learn more about the exam dates, procedures and resources.

Certification Renewal

Certification renewal is required every 10 years. It 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.**

There are two pathways to recertification:

1. Complete two online board cases and submit 4 CE credits from online AJODO articles OR
2. Submit one case treated by the examinee (see website for criteria) and 2 CE credits from online AJODO articles.

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

Congratulations to the newly 2018 GLAO ABO certified orthodontists

Tarek Elshebiny	Case Western Reserve
Jason M. Yang	Jacksonville
Andrew Christian Grillo	Indiana University
Carly Dool	University of British Columbia
Tasha Hall	Indiana University
Christopher Roberts	Eastman Dental Center
Edward Grubaugh (CR)	Ohio State University
Michael Frazier (CR)	University of Iowa
Clara Chow (CR)	University of Illinois-Chicago

CR= Certification Renewal

Please refer to the ABO website for continued update on ABO events

Respectfully submitted
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GLAO ABO director