

The American Board of Orthodontics 2019 Interim Constituency Report December 2019

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:

- **Clinical Exam Update:** The ABO conducted Clinical Examinations in February, June and November of 2019. A total of 247 examinees were certified or recertified during the February and June 2019 examinations. During the November 19th – 22nd, 2019 Clinical exam, a total of 232 orthodontists were certified or recertified. The passing rate was 84%. The ABO currently represents 46 percent of AAO membership. A complete listing of newly certified or recertified orthodontists by constituency is located on the [ABO website](#).
Due to anticipated demand, a third examination has been added in 2020 to include February, July and November. Dates for 2021 examinations will be posted on the ABO website in May 2020.
- **Written Examination Update** - The ABO Written Examination was administered April 10, 2019, at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers throughout the United States and Canada to 422 examinees. The reliability of the examination was 90%, with a 96% pass rate. The next Written Examination will be offered April 7, 2020. As a reminder, once the Written Examination is successfully completed, it never expires.
- **The College:** The ABO and the College (CDABO) continue to work together to support orthodontic programs in their preparation for the ABO Clinical Examination through the advocacy program. To date, all 73 orthodontic programs have at least one advocate assigned to their school. The College offers examination preparatory courses for examinees to help prepare for the Clinical Examination. These courses were offered during the 2019 AAO Annual Session, at select constituency meetings, and the CDABO Summer Meeting. CDABO also hosted the College of Diplomates Luncheon during Annual Session where 2019 ABO award recipients were recognized.
- **GORP:** The ABO attended the 2019 GORP meeting held in St. Louis, MO. Dr. Nicholas Barone, ABO president, gave a presentation to the residents and answered questions on board certification.

Educational Update:

The ABO will again offer an Educators Symposium in April 2020. Department Chairs, Program Directors and/or Faculty of accredited orthodontic programs in the United States and Canada have been invited to attend, along with ABO-appointed Advocates, ABO Emeriti, AAO Trustees and CDABO Councilors.

An Educator/Advocate Workshop along with an ABO Open House/Info Session will be held during the 2020 AAO Annual Session meeting in Atlanta. Both sessions provide opportunities for different audiences to obtain updates and information on board certification requirements.

The ABO continues to review and improve materials offered on the ABO website to assist in preparing for the Scenario-based Clinical Examination, including a [Study Guide](#) with sample cases.

Certification Renewal is an important part of the board certification process and requires ongoing proficiency in orthodontics and a commitment to life-long learning. This examination may be taken 2 years prior to your certification expiration date. Examination criteria is available on the [ABO website](#).

- **ABO Directors 2019-2020:**

The ABO Directors for the 2019-2020 year are as follows:

Dr. Nicholas Barone, President, representing the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists

Dr. Valmy Kulbersh, President-Elect, representing the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists

Dr. David Sabott, Secretary/Treasurer, 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. Roberto Hernandez-Orsini, representing the Middle Atlantic Society of Orthodontists

Dr. Stephen McCullough, Director, representing the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists

Dr. Larry Tadlock, Immediate Past President, representing the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists

ABO Award Recognition

The ABO presented the following recognition awards during the 2019 Annual Session meeting:

- Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award: Dr. Michael Riolo
- Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics: Dr. Eustaquio Araujo
- Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Barry Briss
- O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award: Dr. Garland Hershey

The ABO is pleased to announce the following award recipients who will be recognized during the 2020 Annual Session meeting:

- Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award: Dr. Rolf Behrents
- Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics: Dr. Carla Evans
- Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Perry Opin
- O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award: Dr. John Kanyusik

**The Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists
congratulates all certified/recertified GLAO
Orthodontists**

Newly certified

Dr. Fatima Ahmed
Dr. Ilana M. Ickow
Dr. Brad R. Johnson
Dr. Aliaksandr Kurshuk
Dr. Alex T. Mellion
Dr. Zachary J. Mellion
Dr. Stuart J. Ryan
Dr. Charles A. Sadler Jr.
Dr. Gerald W. Wesley

Dr. Sherwin Habibi

Recertified

Dr. Michael K. Agenter
Dr. Susan S. Guest
Dr. Kresimir P. Lackovic
Dr. Elizabeth A. Meade
Dr. O. H. Rigsbee III
Dr. Mindy J. Streem
Dr. James C. Trouten