

ABO RULES OF OPERATION - ABO DIRECTOR SELECTION PROCESS

A Summary of the ABO Selection Process

The process of determining a Director for The American Board of Orthodontics may be divided into three stages. The First Stage involves selection of a list of nominees from the constituent organization for presentation to the ABO Directors. During the Second Stage, the ABO Directors consider the list of nominees and select one nominee from the constituent list. Stage Three provides an opportunity for the American Association of Orthodontists' Board of Trustees and House of Delegates to oversee the entire selection process. The final vote by the AAO House of Delegates gives national support to the new constituent ABO Director.

Considerations and Qualities of an ABO Director

CLINICAL INVOLVEMENT: Since the ABO administers an examination in a clinical discipline, it is appropriate that Directors should be engaged in the full or part-time practice of orthodontics or hold appointment as full or part time clinical faculty members in an accredited orthodontic program.

EXPERIENCE: There may be a multitude of experiences that would be beneficial to that Director's ability to contribute to the Board. They may include but are not limited to involvement in orthodontic and dental organizations, orthodontic education, licensing boards, expert lecturing, scientific research or hold board membership in organizations outside of dentistry. The nominee must have been recertified by the February clinical exam of the year in which a nominee is selected.

Time Considerations

As a Director of the ABO, a significant time commitment is necessary, and the Director must be willing and able to devote time as necessary to accomplish Board responsibilities. Most Directors would agree that one spends significant time each week addressing Board matters. Time requirements vary in accordance with project and committee assignments.

The specific meetings that Directors are expected to attend are the following:

- Five to eight days each February, June and November for the Clinical Examination
- Ten days involving the AAO annual meeting in April/May each year
- Four days for the CDABO meeting in July
- Two to three days for the ABO fall retreat
- Three to four days at the Director's fall constituent organization meeting
- Two to three days each June for Committee meetings
- Liaison group assignments such as the CDA, COE and Executive Committee attendance at various councils and committees

LONGEVITY COMMITMENT AND NEEDS: A Director's term is eight (8) years plus one additional year as Past-President. Past ABO Directors are invited to return to serve as experienced examiners for the Clinical Examination. The past Directors are a valuable asset to the ABO. Therefore, ABO Directors may be involved for many years after their initial service as a Director.

Qualities of a Director

A person of the highest level of integrity, ethics and fairness as opined by the individual's peers and colleagues who know the person well. An orthodontist who has demonstrated excellent clinical skills and acumen is desirable. An individual with knowledge of current orthodontic concepts, the ability to think innovatively and who is open to new ideas may be an excellent candidate. An individual with intelligence, common sense, communicative skills and the willingness to subjugate their own personal agenda for the common good of the organization are the attributes that will best contribute to the Board's mission.

NOTE: No business or commercial involvement with orthodontic equipment, suppliers or management firms will be acceptable activity for a Director of the ABO.