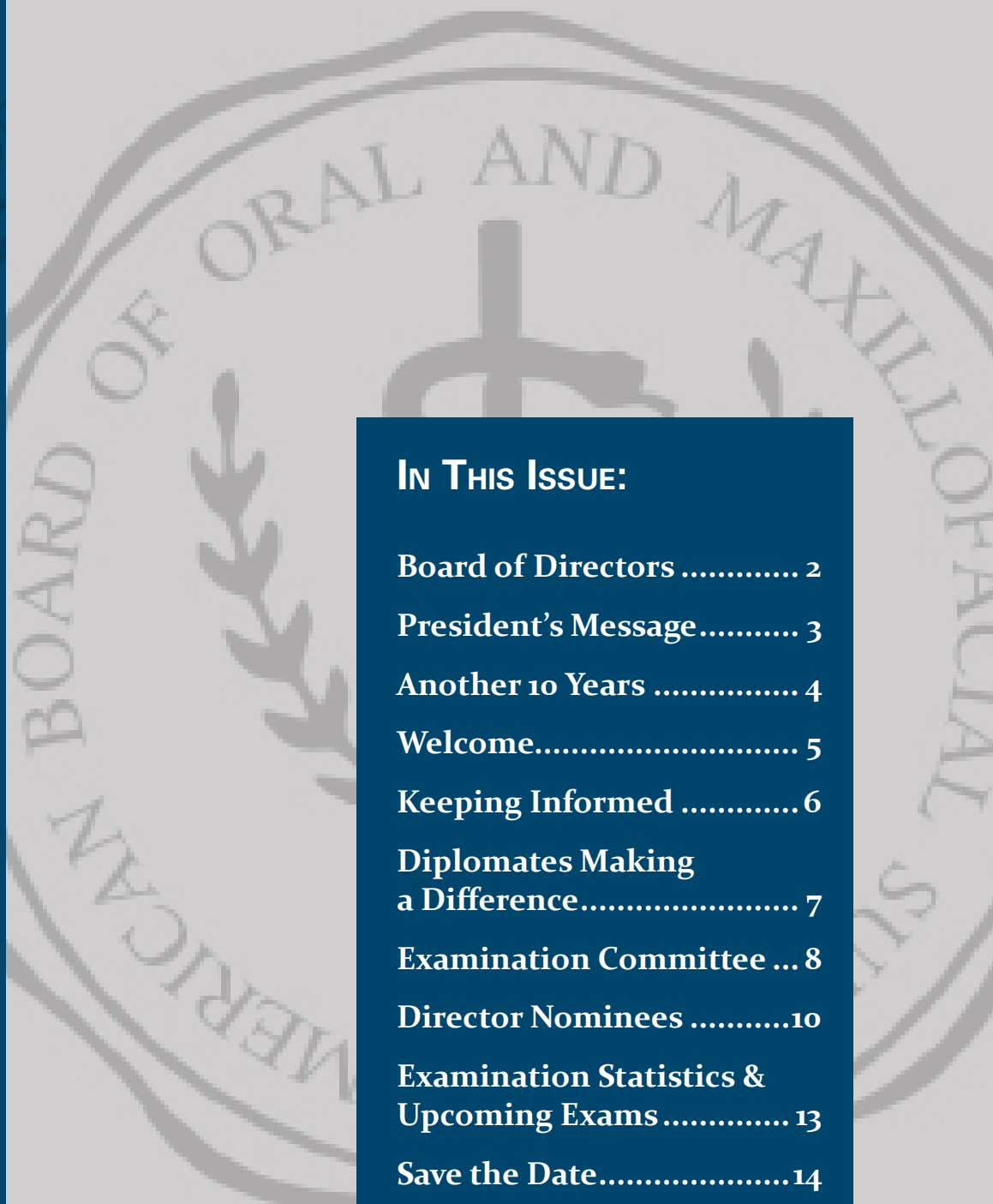


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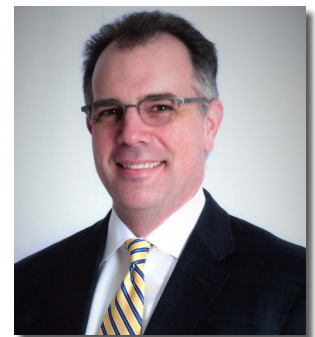
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A Message from your President



My first involvement with ABOMS was in 2004. I remember the thrill of being accepted as a Board examiner but could never have anticipated what my contributions, interactions and collaborations would be during what is now over a decade. Being a member of the Examination Committee and a Board member for almost 8 years, has been the pinnacle of my professional career. It has been an honor to be your President for the past year and I encourage all our current Diplomates to take advantage of the opportunity to become a part of the Board Examination Committee.

So much has happened during my term as President and decisions have been made that will impact the coming years.

In late January and early February, we administered our 70th Oral Certifying Examination (OCE). This year, over 250 candidates took the examination and 179 have achieved the status of Diplomates. Congratulations to each of you!

It is truly incredible to think how much the examination has changed since 1947. It is the Board's priority to ensure our examinations are relevant and up-to-date. In 2014, the Board began evaluating the OCE. The goal of this evaluation was to maintain the examination's currency, validity and relevancy. With that said, the OCE will be modified starting with the 2019 examination. Our Vice-President, Mark Zajkowski, DDS, MD, FACS, writes more about this matter in the Keeping Informed section of this newsletter. It has always been the Board's intent to preserve the validity and relevancy of our examinations. The changes that will be made to the examination have been thoroughly analyzed by each of our Directors, evaluated in conjunction with psychometricians and discussed with experts in the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The Board is happy to answer any questions regarding the upcoming changes and will formally present this topic during our Open Forum in San Francisco. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Board is excited about the changes that lie ahead in our future, including the launch of our new website in early summer. The ABOMS Board of Directors and staff continuously look for ways to improve our interaction with our Diplomates and we hope you will find our new site helpful and useful in the process. We welcome any thoughts and ideas you have regarding these changes and improvements.

Sincerely,

Richard Burton, DDS, MS, FACS President



Congratulations on Another 10 Years!

Certification Maintenance (CM) is a comprehensive program instituted by ABOMS in 2005. In order to maintain certification, Diplomates who hold time-limited certificates are required to participate in this program. The Diplomate names listed below are individuals whose certificates expired on 12/31/2016 and successfully met all four components of the CM process: Professional Standing, Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment, Cognitive Expertise and Evaluation of Performance in Practice.

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Richard Tipery Akin	Thomas A. Collins	Stanley C. Jachimowicz	James D. Morrison	A. Todd Smith
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Alessandrini	Chad P. Collins	Jeffrey Donald Hopkins	David M. Nadler	Alireza Sodeifi
Maisa Osama Al-Sebaei	Timothy W. Conley	Gregory S. Jessen	Bryan R. Neuwirth	Sharad J. Sohoni
Othman Altuwairgi	Gary L. Crawford	Robert C. John	David L. Nock	Douglas L. Squire
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Cynthia A. Battel	Carl W. Eilers, Jr.	Moni Abraham Kuriakose	Alfred E. Pesto Jr.	Daniel M. Theberge
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Jeffrey H. Brooks	C. Paul George	Alberto J. Lugo-Cobian	Tanios M. Rubeiz	Water
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James M. Buchanan	Michael J. Gliddon	Mendel I. Markowitz	Torin W. Rutner	Edward James Vanisky
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A. Chmiel	William E. Hooe	Michael Miloro	Shahin Shahgoli	Ross N. Wlodawsky
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Ayman Chritah	David K. Hunter	Mitchell L. Collins	Alan G. Shelhamer	Edward Zebovitz
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Join Us in Welcoming

As every Diplomate knows, the ABOMS Certification program is a rigorous and thorough process. The names listed below successfully completed the Certification program at the beginning of this year. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our newest ABOMS Diplomates.

Benjamin Abt	Marc Dentico-Olin	Lydia Lam	Michael Rosenthal
Aaron Adamson	Christopher DeSesa	Matthew Largent	Austin Rubel
Al Haitham Al Shetawi	Arina Doroshenko	Nathan Latimer	Phil Ruckman
Peter Alfano	Jared Dye	Jordan Ledger	Bradly Russell
Ahmad Alshadwi	Svitozar Fokshey	Andre Ledoux	Salam Salman
Dina Amin	Brian Ford	Krista Lerner	James Schlesinger
Ida Anjomshoaa	Michael Foster	Timothy Leung	Adam Schuessler
Rachel Appelblatt	Ross Freeman	Rachel Levarek	Justin Seaman
Alireza Ashrafi	Patrick Friend	James Lewallen	Garett Seeba
Christopher Atkins	Natasha Furchtgott	Rathana Lim	Austin Seward
Justin Baker	James Gates	Jennifer Lombrano	William Sexton
Abhishake Banda	Jared Gelband	Patrick Lucaci	David Shall
Logan Banner	Batya Goldwaser	Adam Lytle	Ehsan Sharaf-Eldeen
Scott Barber	Tashorn Gomez	Rachel Madden	Erin Sheffield
Nicolas Bebeau	Jeremy Goodson	Philip Mann	Sufian Sheikh
Manik Bedi	William Goodwin	Michael Markiewicz	Bradley Shessel
Patrick Beetar	Andre Guerrero Fernandes	Stephen Martin	Justin Sikes
Brendan Bell	Marcello Guglielmi	David Martinez	Benjamin Simonton
Kimberly Bentjen	Ryan Hambleton	Jarom Maurer	Glendon Smalley
Brent Bethers	Margaret Hamilton	Michael McKinney	Daniel Smith
Darya Bikey	Michael Han	Nicholas Medel	Olga Smutko
Robert Block	Todd Hanna	Roman Meyliker	Brandon Stanley
Adam Blumer	Ibrahim Haron	James Patrick Murphy	Andrew Steinkeler
Sarah Bong-Thakur	Robbie Harris	James Anthony Murphy	Joshua Stone
Carolyn Brookes	Markus Hill	Cyndi Nguyen	Terry Su
David Bundy	Robert Hunsaker	Daniel Nielson	Srinivas Susarla
Aaron Campbell	John Hur	Andrew Olsen	Ryan Swigert
Christopher Chambers	Michael Isaac	Neeraj Panchal	Reda Taleb
Patrick Chan	Marcin Jarmoc	Matthew Paonessa	Brian Tallent
Heather Chance	Damian Jimenez	Derek Park	Clarence Tang
Heena Chandra	John Johnson	David Parker	Ryan Thomas
Srinivasa Chandra	LaErrol Johnson	Brian Paterson	Suzin Um
Louis Christesnen	Samantha Jones	Scott Peifer	Clay Van Leeuwen
Cody Christline	Jonathon Jundt	Jennifer Perkins Chen	Michael Walker
Brandon Clyburn	Calvin Jung	Daniel Perrington	Martin Walsh
Ryan Colletta	Nicholas Kain	Paul Peterson	Steven Wang
Edward Collins	RamKumar Katikaneni	Gregory Plona	Patrick Waters
Shane Connor	Douglas Kendrick	Sonny Porter	Jared Weiner
Peter Cudjoe	Khurram Khan	Kathlyn Powell	John Wessel
Jeffrey Culbreath	Faisal Khan	Reo Pugao	Joshua Wolf
Neal Curtis	Derek King	David Rasmussen	Mariusz Wrzosek
Logan Curtis	Robert Klein	Gwendolyn Reeve	Benjamin Yagoubian
Jason Dashow	Paul Kloostra	Kirsten Rittenbach	Frank Yeh
Christopher Dauterive	Thomas Kolodge	Samuel Robinson	Geoffrey Zinberg
Stephen Davis	Jeffrey Krutoy	Damion Rockwell	

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The New 2019 Oral Certifying Exam

Successful organizations share a common trait regardless of industry or era. Constant inward reflection and a willingness to change to meet the needs of stakeholders in an ever-changing environment are keys to maintaining relevancy and credibility. The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) constantly assesses all aspects of our certification programs, and adjusts them as necessary to meet our primary mission of assuring the public of safe and optimal care through the development and maintenance of certification standards. The recent review and restructuring of our recertification examination reflects this philosophy, and has resulted in an exam that focuses on critical mainstream aspects of our specialty while maintaining rigorous standards to reflect the full scope of practice.

In the Fall of 2014, the Board began review of the current oral certifying exam (OCE) for content and its role in assessing critical thinking as the final step in granting diplomate status. This included discussion of whether an oral exam was needed at all. Information was gathered from a multitude of sources to create as ideal an exam as possible, taking into account the significance of potential changes on all affected parties. Resources utilized for the OCE project include (but were not limited to):

- The ABOMS strategic plan
- CODA standards for residency training
- Candidate and examiner comments from the past several years
- Review of current facilities for delivery of the OCE (and future availability)
- Director review of current OCE content and individual weighting of what each considered an “ideal exam” as recommended by psychometric experts
- Professional psychometrician input on content, delivery, scoring and psychometric evaluation
- Direct observation of other specialty board oral exams and exam processes

Key themes emerged upon review of the resources for assessment. First, the OCE provides an unparalleled window to assess the critical thought process of the candidate, allowing the ABOMS to meet its mission through the certification process. This means the content and structure of an oral exam such as ours focuses on exactly that, leaving fact-based questions for delivery on the computer based exams such as the QE and RE, which by design are meant to assess knowledge base, as much as possible. In other words, the OCE is indeed a critical step in the certification process, and remains a valid tool for candidate assessment that gathers information where computer based tests simply cannot.

Next, gains in efficiency of the testing process can be realized compared to the current format. The ABOMS currently delivers a relatively long exam compared to specialties of similar or larger scope that spend far less time to assess candidates. Part of this is due to the current structure of evaluating the same three data points (data gathering/diagnosis, management, and treatment variations/complications) in all cases. While some cases may work well with these three data points, others may not, leading the candidate to erroneously feel that certain data points

are “glossed over”, rushed or skipped. This also leads to unnecessarily lengthening the case to fit these points, when the critical aspect of the case that allows candidates to display their thought process should be at the forefront.

The current examination time of 200 minutes can be significantly reduced but still probe the full scope of the specialty by updating the structure and delivery of the material, to as little as perhaps 120 minutes. By tailoring each case to key concepts and allowing customization of data points (for candidate assessment by examiners) for each case, rather than the standard three used for all cases now used, more pertinent material can be delivered in a more efficient time frame, ultimately allowing a more focused and pertinent exam. With the streamlined cases will come a focus on mainstream disease entities to more accurately reflect practice. With the focus on critical thinking and redesigned cases to “get right to the point”, a restructure of the exam day creates a unique opportunity. The OCE will now be given in three sections, consisting of 4 cases each. While the exact content matter for each section has yet to be finalized, the Board is confident that this new format will allow optimal candidate assessment in the most efficient and fair manner possible.

Finally, content balance was due for updating. While no specific subject areas will be eliminated from the OCE, certain topics will no longer be delivered as stand-alone cases. These subjects may appear as considerations within other cases, such as orthognathic surgery, reconstruction, or medical assessment. The new balance of content was determined by the Board of Directors with assistance from psychometric professionals and will better reflect the balance of our entire specialty. Any subject matter that receives less emphasis on the OCE will be shifted to another forum, such as the qualifying examination. This adjustment in content in no way reflects political issues within the specialty or medical community, as the ABOMS is an independent organization that focuses on certification, not membership.

The Board of Directors is confident the new OCE will serve its intended purpose as described above. We expect that while there will be angst and worry that naturally comes with change, the new format will allow the ABOMS to maintain relevancy and credibility in a rapidly changing healthcare environment. We look forward to finalizing and delivering the exam in 2019, and wish our candidates the best of luck in achieving Diplomate status.

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Diplomates Making a Difference

Featuring Khaled Abughazaleh, BDS, DMD

Dr. Khaled Abughazaleh BDS, DMD, is an OMFS in private practice in Chicago.

Dr. Abughazaleh works with the Palestine Children's Relief Fund www.pcrf.net, which is an American registered 501 (C) 3 not for profit established in 1992. PCRF is the largest provider of free specialized surgical care to children in Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq this care is provided to any Middle Eastern child in need regardless of race religion or ethnic background, as PCRF is a non-political and non-religious NGO. This care is provided by flying teams of volunteer doctors to the Middle East on surgical missions and by flying children that cannot be treated locally to the United States and other countries for surgical care. Last year over 2000 children were provided surgical care. PCRF's humanitarian work has been endorsed by many prominent figures including past president Jimmy Carter, in addition to many American Senators, Congressmen, Governors and American politicians in addition to other international prominent figures such as Desmond Tutu. PCRF is also endorsed by the American College of Surgeons and is a Smile Train Partner to name only a few organizations that work closely with PCRF.

Dr. Abughazaleh has been organizing and leading teams of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons to Palestine (West Bank, Gaza Strip), Lebanon and Jordan since 2005, to provide OMFS services ranging from cleft lip and palate, orthognathic, reconstruction, TMJ and implant surgery, he is also the Smile Train coordinator for PCRF, and currently heads PCRF's medical advisory board for all specialties and was recently elected as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Abughazaleh has lead over 35 missions (2-3 missions per year) and with his team have become the sole providers of advanced OMFS to the populations of Gaza and the West Bank and have performed surgery on well over 1200 patients in addition to providing consultations to thousands of others. In the last few years with the ongoing crisis in Syria, Dr. Abughazaleh and his team have also started doing regular missions to Jordan and Lebanon to serve the Syrian refugee population. These missions are ongoing to all the locations involved, so patients are provided with follow up care. The teams includes other ABOMS Diplomates such as Dr. Imad Tamimi, Dr. Amro Shihabi, Dr. Salam Salman. It also includes prominent international surgeons such as Dr. Rafael Ruiz Rodriguez, Dr. Juan Lopez Noriega of Mexico whom Dr. Abughazaleh also occasionally joins in Mexico on missions, and Dr. Fernando Sandoval of Ecuador. PCRF's surgical team also occasionally includes residents in training. PCRF also provides hands on training and lectures to local OMFS surgeons, and has arranged for local surgeons to complete residency training in Mexico.



2017-2018

Examination Committee

Each spring the Board of Directors selects a group of Examiners to serve on its current year's Examination Committee. This group of exceptional individuals aid in the development of the ABOMS Computer Based Testing (CBT) examinations and Oral Certifying Examination (OCE). Committee members are responsible for submitting questions and cases for specific examinations and, at times, assigned to leadership positions within the committee. The Board recognizes the time and commitment spent as an ABOMS Examiner and thanks our dedicated members in advancing the specialty.

The 2017-2018 Examination Committee members are:

John Alonge	Jasjit Dillon	JD Kisella	Paul Schwartz
Jonathan Bailey	Jeffrey Elo	Antonia Kolokythas	Nathan Shroeder
Michael Beckley	Brian Farrell	Deepak Krishnan	Paul Smith
Richard Berger	Pedro Franco	Edward Lahey	Julie Smith
Gary Bouloux	Daniel Gesek	Stephen MacLeod	Roger Spampata
Sidney Bourgeois	Tamer Goksel	Thomas MacKenzie	Martin Steed
Kamal Busaidy	Earl Hasegawa	Amir Marashi	Larry Stigall
John Caccamese	Robert Hinkle	Suzanne McCormick	Richard Szumita
Ronald Caloss	David Hunter	Pushkar Mehra	Daniel Taub
Paul Casmedes	Matt Jacks	Edward Miller	Thomas Teenier
Guillermo Chacon	Douglas Johnson	Robert Nustad	Jayson Terres
Joseph Cillo	Gary Jones	Alexis Olsson	Paul Tiwana
Paul Ciuci	Deepak Kademani	Milan Pastuovic	Christopher Viozzi
Robert Clark	Karen Keith	Rawle Philbert	Brent Ward
David Cummings	Kevin Kempers	Julia Plevnia	Michael Zak
Eugene D'Amico	Kelly Kennedy	Lee Pollan	Monte Zysset
David Datillo	Greg Kewitt	David Powers	
Valmont Desa	David Kim	Christopher Saal	

ABOMS Welcomes our New Examiners:

John Allen	William Cain	Jesse Lee	Ramon Ruiz
Edmond Bedrossian	King Kim	Killian MacCarthy	
Matthew Brandt	Janice Lee	Glenn Maron	

Examination Committee members are selected by the Board to serve in leadership roles through the development and administration for both our CBT examinations and OCE. The individuals listed exude the highest level of professionalism and exceptional knowledge in the specialty. The Board of Directors graciously thanks each of these individuals for their time and commitment to the specialty.

Leadership Roles

2017-2018 OCE Co-Chairs

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Kamal Busaidy



Pushkar Mehra, DMD



I am both honored and humbled to report to the HOD as a nominee for the position of Director of ABOMS. As a Professor and Chair of one of the largest OMS departments in the country with robust clinical and research divisions, two tertiary care hospitals and level-I trauma centers, and a dental school, I am responsible for running the operations of a diverse organization. My practice

encompasses the full-scope of OMS and I have strong academic inclinations, which are reflected by my multiple contributions to the literature including three textbooks in OMS. I have served in varying capacities on AAOMS, ADA and CODA committees, regional- and local-level task forces, and numerous medical center initiatives. Currently, I am an AAOMS delegate from Massachusetts serving a 3rd continuous term, and also the Vice-President of the Massachusetts Society of OMS.

There is no question that our members face unprecedented challenges today. The era of healthcare reform and changing models for reimbursement threaten the ideals we hold dear: “our commitment to deliver optimal patient care and our goal to improve the health of everyone suffering from diseases of the oral and maxillofacial region”. I remain engaged, up-to-date, and interested in ABOMS and AAOMS affairs and their impact on practicing clinicians. I firmly believe that ABOMS can help guide the future agenda of our specialty by advancing its mission as the “gatekeeper” for the quality of the care we provide.

My prior appointments at ABOMS as an Examiner, Section-Editor, and Co-Chair have given me the experience that a Director requires to be successful. I vow to continually modernize the examination and keep the recertification processes valid and current. Serving on the Board of Directors is a unique opportunity to give back to our specialty and ABOMS. I hope to have your support in San Francisco!



David Powers, DMD, MD



I am humbled, and honored, to have once again been nominated by my peers for consideration as an ABOMS Director. I am deeply appreciative of the confidence in my abilities expressed by the members of the Examination Committee, and congratulate my co-nominees, Drs. Faisal Quereshey and Pushkar Mehra.

My involvement in our specialty includes a 21-year military career in the United States Air Force, a period of time in private practice as a trauma specialist, and my ultimate return to full-time academic medicine in my current position at Duke University Medical Center. I have held a variety of leadership positions within OMFS: Program Director of the Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center residency-training program, Commander of the Air Force Center for Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills, co-located within the educational platforms of the R Adams Cowley Shock

Trauma Center and Johns Hopkins Hospital, and my recent appointment to the North Carolina Committee on Trauma. My exposure to the three aspects of our specialty (military/government, private practice and academic medicine) uniquely affords me the opportunity to understand, and advocate, for all components of the ABOMS constituency.

My Examination Committee tenure has included testing in both Sections I and II, and service as Section I Co-Chair and Trauma Content Expert. These experiences reinforced my belief that board certification should be considered the pinnacle of our specialty, but the process should be impartial, comprehensive and professional. Much like our specialty, the upcoming changes to the certification examination will prove to be fluid. If chosen to be your representative on ABOMS, I will be a strong voice for protecting our current scope of practice, and provide guidance for the creation of not only the certifying examination, but verifying the re-certification process reflects the modern practice of maxillofacial surgery, including your current scope of practice.



Faisal Quereshy, DDS, MD



The American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial surgery is the highest level of achievement and recognition for our specialty. Over the past 18 years, I have tried to provide my residents with the best education possible. As I wish them well on their graduation day, I remind them of their obligation to uphold the quality of their training by seeking board

certification: indeed such a standard is our anchor. To receive the nomination for the second time humbles me with the opportunity to be able to represent our Board again. This is not only a time for me to contribute, but also to gain from the various cross- sections of the Board.

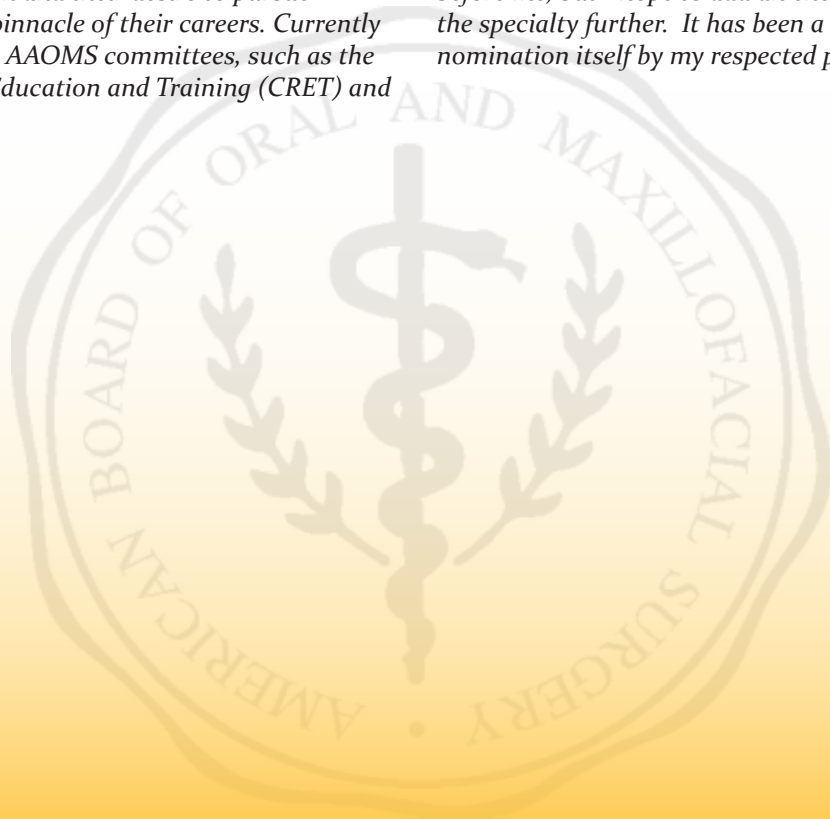
During the last 7 years as an ABOMS examiner I have had an holistic understanding of the methods used to assess competency for our specialty. I was fortunate to be directly involved in all facets of the board examination process, initially as Section II Editor for the Computer Based Testing (test item writing), “horizontal” examiner in all sections, and finally co-Chair of Section II for two years.

For the past 17 years, I have maintained a Full Time faculty academic position, as Residency director at the Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH), as well as having a traditional part time community-based OMS practice. I am fully aware of the challenges that contemporary OMS must face in their education and their desire to pursue board certification as the pinnacle of their careers. Currently serving on the many of the AAOMS committees, such as the Committee on Residency Education and Training (CRET) and

AAOMS Faculty section, chair of the CIG for Facial Cosmetic Surgery, and on the Editorial board of the JOMS, I am fully aware of responsibilities and challenges that come with such leadership obligations. Being present and active in the AAOMS House of Delegates, for the past 6years, I have seen the passion of our specialty transcend through the leadership, and feel that my contribution as an ABOMS Director would be consistent with our core organizational values. Finally as I am completing my term as President of our local Cleveland Dental society, has allowed me to interface with our dental colleagues in resolving issues for our entire profession.

The ABOMS will continue to represent the OMS at the ultimate level that is the benchmark for individual achievement, but not just as an examination, but in collaboration with other entities focused on ensuring patient safety and surgical competency. With the increasing numbers OMSs with advanced surgical training, ABOMS has initiated Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Head & Neck Oncological Surgery; with my fellowship training background and past leadership position with other boards, it is my desire to continue this momentum with the expansion of other CAQ’s commensurate with the AAOMS / CODA approved specialty fellowships, with the inclusion of other surgical specialty groups to offer a legitimate certification status currently unavailable to them.

If given the chance to represent our specialty as a Director of the ABOMS, I will not only continue the legacy of those before me, but I hope to add an energy that will strengthen the specialty further. It has been a wonderful 7 years and the nomination itself by my respected peers leaves me humbled.



Data from each of our examinations is collected and listed on the ABOMS website.
Below are the statistics from our latest examinations.

2016 Recertification Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	245	239	98%
Repeat Candidates	6	5	83%
Total/Overall	251	244	97%

2017 Qualifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	264	227	85%
Repeat Candidates	41	8	19%
Total/Overall	305	235	77%

2017 Oral Certifying Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	201	152	76%
Repeat Candidates	56	27	48%
Total/Overall	257	179	70%

Upcoming
Examinations

2017 Recertification Examination

September 23-30, 2017

Important Dates: Scheduling begins July 31, 2017

2018 Qualifying Examination

January 6-13, 2018

Important Dates: Applications open June 13, 2017

2017 Oral Certifying Examination

January 29-February 2, 2018

Important Dates: Applications open June 13, 2017

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