

THE DIPLOMATE

AMERICAN BOARD OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

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A Message from your President



As I begin my term as your President for 2017-18, I'd like to thank our Immediate Past President, Richard Burton, for his leadership during the past year. Richard oversaw many important changes, clearing the way for our continued progress on many fronts. His wisdom and vision allowed the board to serve its mission better than ever before, ensuring that your certification remains contemporary, relevant, and the gold standard for our specialty.

We begin the year during an era of unprecedented change. First, the retirement of Mr. Lance Hoxie in September and the subsequent selection of Ms. Erin Killeen as our new Executive Vice-President ushers in a new era of leadership at our home office in Chicago. As our staff continues to evolve in new roles under Ms. Killeen, our Board of Directors is busy with the continued evolution of our certification and recertification processes.

As referenced by Dr. Burton previously in this newsletter, our new IT infrastructure has opened new possibilities for ABOMS to interact with our stakeholders. The first tangible fruit of this rebuild resulted in our new website, now with increased functionality for Diplomates to update their profiles and professional photos, seamlessly manage annual renewals and payments, and more. I strongly encourage everyone to add their professional photo, update your contact information, and peruse the site. As the site evolves, we envision our website as a tool for online applications, robust public searches, certification maintenance for our Diplomates, and more.

February 2018 will bring our last Oral Certifying Examination (OCE) as we know it. The 2019 exam will bring less overall examination time for candidates, consolidation of subject matter into three sections, and a continued focus on critical thought processes. While this undoubtedly will create some stress among our candidates, the Board is confident the exam will continue to offer a fair yet challenging assessment for certification.

Finally, our Board is actively working to revamp our current Certification Maintenance (CM) process. While details will soon be released, I am confident this will be viewed as a major improvement for our Diplomates in terms of flexibility, pertinence, and ease of use. ABOMS aims to be a partner in the professional development of our Diplomates, not an administrative obstacle as viewed in other fields.

I remain humbled to serve you, our Diplomates in my role as your President for the upcoming year. Please feel free to reach out to me should you have questions, concerns, or ideas that I can address or present to the Board.



A Message from your Director

Pushkar Mehra, DMD

I am humbled to be elected as an ABOMS director and want to take this opportunity to thank the AAOMS House of Delegates and ABOMS Board for giving me the opportunity to serve in this position. Being elected in San Francisco was an honor and the highlight of my professional career.

While the specialty of OMS faces unprecedented challenges in today's healthcare environment, what is really heartening to note is that, in ABOMS, we have always had, and continue to have, a strong organization with a history of exceptional leadership. Over the last 5+ years, as an examiner, I have seen the entire board, its staff, and Examination Committee interact seamlessly with each other and constructively work together to solve varying issues with patience, poise, and sophistication. There is a unique positive flavor in the day to day to the functioning of this highly efficient organization whereby each individual persons expertise, experience and willingness to progress and contribute is highly regarded. In the last few months of working with this amazing group of people, I have learned that they are indeed a selfless group of individuals who are singularly focused on securing a better future of our current and future Diplomats.

The strength of our specialty is reflected in the high quality and the diverse nature of the surgical training we receive as residents and fellows, and the clinical care we provide as surgeons. Today, a board-certified OMS enjoys an enviable international reputation for excellence! The journey to this pinnacle has been long and arduous, and many individuals have put in tireless efforts in helping us ascend to the top tier. I look forward to being a small part of the workforce which will help preserve this legacy, and ensure that the certification and re-certification processes remain fair, current, and valid for the foreseeable future.



A Message from the Executive Vice President



I'd like to start by thanking the Board of Directors for giving me this opportunity to be the ABOMS Executive Vice President. Quickly after I joined the Board, in 2005, I realized I was given an opportunity to work with incredible individuals who do remarkable work. Since then, I continue to meet and build relationships with professionals who further impress me by their dedication to the specialty, many of which have turned into friendships. It is an honor to call this my career.

I've had the chance to work alongside mentors who guided me to get to this position, including my predecessors, Cheryl Mounts and Lance Hoxie. I am taking the helm during this exciting time to work for an outstanding organization and I look forward to the ongoing success.

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2018 Annual Registration

The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery opened the 2018 Annual Registration on Diplomate profiles on October 17, 2017.

To submit your Annual Registration, please visit www.aboms.org and login to your Diplomate profile. The deadline for Annual Registration is December 31, 2017. Late fees will apply beginning January 1, 2018.

Changes to the Oral Certifying Examination

The ABOMS announced a new, comprehensive Oral Certifying Examination (OCE) to be administered beginning February 2019. The new format will have a modified structure and delivery of material focusing on streamlined cases that accurately reflect practice and critical thinking of the candidate.

The examination will consist of three sections rather than the four that currently exists. Each of the sections will have 4 cases each. Information will not be eliminated but, instead, certain topics will no longer be delivered as a stand-alone case. These changes will result in a reduced examination time emphasizing on pertinent information.

2017-2018

Examination Committee

Every spring the Board elects new members to join our Examination Committee. This year, these individuals completed our committee team. Each member plays a vital role in all 4 of the ABOMS examination processes, including 3 Computer Based Testing (CBT) examinations and one Oral Certifying Examination (OCE). The Board appreciates the time and commitment our committee members dedicate to the Board and the specialty. Thank you for your contributions!

The 2017-2018 Examination Committee members are:

John Allen
John Alonge
Jonathan Bailey
Michael Beckley
Edmond Bedrossian
Richard Berger
Gary Bouloux
Sidney Bourgeois
Matthew Brandt
Kamal Busaidy
John Caccamese
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Thomas Teenier
Jayson Terres
Paul Tiwana
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Brent Ward
Michael Zak
Monte Zysset





Left to right: Immediate Past President, Richard Burton, DDS, MS, & Past President, Colin Bell, DDS, MSD



Left to right: Past President, Leon Davis DDS, and spouse Janelle with Jean Harvey and Past President, John Kelly DMD



Left to right: Examiner, Tom Teenier, DDS, MD & Immediate Past President, Richard Burton, DDS, MS



Left to right: Past President, Mark Wong, DDS, Mary Allaire-Schnitzer, AAOMS Associate Executive Director, & Brett Ferguson, DDS



Left to right: Stephanie Drew, DMD, Brenda Tiner, Suzanne McCormick, DDS, MS, Julie Ann Smith, DDS, MD, Julia Plevnia, DDS, Jasit Dillon, DDS, Janice Lee, DDS, MD & Kelly Kennedy, DDS, MS



Left to right: Richard Burton, DDS, MS with Examiners, Greg Ness, DDS & Richard Berger, DDS

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

2017 Recertification Examination

Time Taken	Total Taking Examination	Total Passing Examination	Pass Rate
First Time Candidates	262	257	98%
Repeat Candidates	5	5	100%
Total/Overall	270	262	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

2018 Qualifying Examination
January 6-13, 2018

2018 Oral Certifying Examination
January 29-February 2, 2018

2018 Recertification Examination
September 22-29, 2018

Important Dates: Registration Opens March 2018