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# A Message from Your President



## **Bernard J. Costello DMD, MD, FACS**

*Dear Colleagues,*

*I am honored to be serving as your president for this term and am grateful for the opportunity to serve. I look forward to moving our “best in practice” process to new levels of success with our superb staff, leadership group, examination committee, and all of you.*

*First, let me thank Dr. Vincent Perciaccante for his exceptional leadership this past year as he moves to immediate past president. We have had a remarkable amount of change, and his leadership has not just steadied us through these challenges, but also helped us be successful with key initiatives and implementations that have set the course for the future of the ABOMS.*

*I also wish to send congratulations to our brand-new director, Dr. Deepak Krishnan, who joins our leadership team with tremendous skills in several key areas that will allow us to grow in exciting ways. Dr. Krishnan will be working on further improving our certification maintenance process as well as all of our computer-based testing platforms.*

*Additionally, I want to thank Dr. Larry Cunningham for his many years of service on so many fronts. His contributions have been truly remarkable, including the initial process to begin our shift to certification maintenance as well as other transformations. We are most grateful for his eight years on the Board of Directors.*

*This past year we had the largest examination and examination committee in history. The process was better than ever and that was in large part due to our incredible staff working with our Executive Vice President, Erin Killeen. The staff at ABOMS is second to none, and our ability to succeed as a premiere certification board depends on these superior professionals. For example, amidst the largest exam in history and other pandemic challenges, we are now fully moved into the new space near Rosemont and are utilizing the benefits of this location with our co-chairs and volunteer leaders as they get ready for the second-largest exam in our history. The consistent and highly efficient staff continue to outperform peer organizations and help us serve the specialty with pride.*

*This year, we will continue to focus on how we may best serve our community of diplomates, the public, and our specialty—leaning on our values, mission, and vision to make us better each year. We are close to rolling out a new app that will allow easier certification maintenance process as well as connection with our diplomates and residents. We have also reached out to every program director nationally to engage more deliberately with our next generations of surgeons. Please reach out to us if you wish to have more information on how your academic program may engage with the ABOMS.*

*Lastly, I wish to encourage the best of the specialty to apply to be examiners to be part of our team. We fundamentally seek the very best minds in our specialty that also represent the rich diversity of our entire population of surgeons. If you, or your favorite colleague, would like to move the specialty forward with the ABOMS, please reach out to find out how you may apply. Encourage your most talented colleagues to apply, and perhaps you or they will be the leaders of this great organization someday. Come make a difference and make us better. We look forward to working with you.*

*Yours in service,*

*Bernard J. Costello DMD, MD, FACS*

# New Director's Message

## Deepak Krishnan, DDS, FACS

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others—MK Gandhi

There is a concept called the *"Karma Yoga"*. Karma yoga is the spiritual practice of "selfless action performed for the benefit of others". One who practices it, is a *Karma Yogi*. Most modern apothecaries, OMSs included, are Karma Yogis. We train and learn for an aera, and we conduct our craft of caregiving on those that seek it regardless of what it provides for us. Collectively, it is our deepest and most fundamental spiritual vocation, whether we realize it or not.

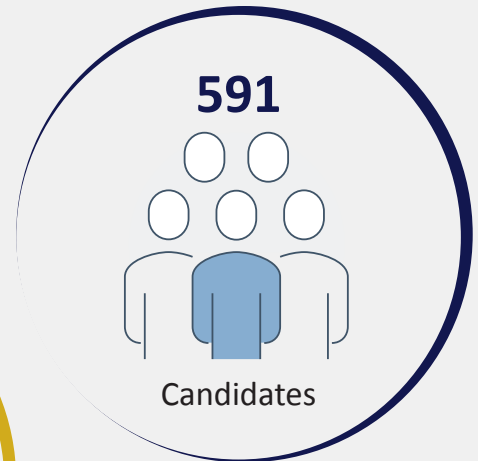
We, as OMSs, are a particularly fortunate group having mostly serendipitously fallen into the cradle of the contented reality of a fantastic specialty. Entities such as the ABOMS not only ensures the sustenance of our specialty but also serves as a periscope to its future.

To be approved by my peers and to be entrusted a position of leadership at the board is a responsibility I take very seriously. I appreciate the support and trust that you have placed in me to ensure and enhance the mission of ABOMS. As I get settled in my new role, I sense the uncomfortable burden of the responsibility I have taken on. Fortunately, I will be surrounded by immense talent and resources of the current board that will help me navigate through. Having served on the ABOMS examination committee for several years now, I have had the opportunity to realize the high caliber of the leadership and the staff of ABOMS firsthand.

When faced with the disquiet outside a comfort zone, I tend to turn to my deep sense of Karma Yoga—selfless actions on another's behalf—your behalf. And I will be guided by my North Star principle—leave every position better for those that come behind us.



# Keeping Informed



## Display your Board Certification!

Want patients to know you're Board Certified by ABOMS? Visit the online store in your Diplomate profile to order extra certificates (framed or unframed) and/or a Diplomate lapel pin.

You can also request customized press releases and patient brochures. Visit the "Resources" tab in your Diplomate profile for more information.

# 2023 Annual Registration and Certification Maintenance

2023 Annual Registration (AR) and Certification Maintenance (CM) will open on Diplomat profiles on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. AR remains open through March 31, 2023, and CM will remain open through the end of 2023.

## IMPORTANT!

You will not be able to pay 2023 Annual Registration if you have not yet completed your 2022 Certification Maintenance requirements, so please be sure to complete those by December 31, 2022, via your Diplomat profile.

## Qualifying Examination: Changes to the foreign trained application

ABOMS offers an alternative pathway for individuals seeking Board Certification but do not meet specific requirements on the Qualifying Examination (QE) first-time application. The Board regularly reviews its application processes, including alternative pathways. At a recent Board meeting, the ABOMS Board of Directors chose to reexamine the QE Alternative pathway, and new changes were adopted.

First-time applicants are individuals applying for their first ABOMS QE after graduating from an accredited OMS program. Surgeons who do not meet this requirement may consider applying for the examination using its alternative pathway.

The changes to the alternative pathway policy are found below:

- Alternative pathway applicants must provide proof of completing a minimum of 156 weeks of progressive training as a full-time resident in a single CODA-accredited US or Canadian oral and maxillofacial surgery program.
- A minimum of 52 weeks must be at the senior resident level. Rotations on anesthesia and medical services consistent with current CODA standards are required at the time of submitting the application.
- Lastly, fellowship training or concurrent time served as faculty cannot be counted towards fulfilling the minimum 156 weeks requirement. All alternative pathway applications are sent to the ABOMS Credentialing Committee to be reviewed for approval or denial.

All other application requirements and fees must be met by the applicant. Applications for the 2024 QE will open in June. Please reach out to the ABOMS administrative office if you have questions regarding the new requirements to the alternative pathway.

# Office Space

ABOMS has been taking advantage of the new headquarters office space for its recent November meetings. On November 5, we held our first-ever Certification Maintenance and Computer-Based Testing Section Editor/Co-Chair Meetings, and we held an OCE Co-Chair Meeting on November 12. Both meetings were full of new ideas for growth and improvement. And in the new world of virtual meetings, we all enjoyed the in-person aspect!



# Board to Release Mobile App in 2023

The Board will launch its mobile application in 2023! It is conveniently designed to give applicants, Candidates, and Diplomates the resources that ABOMS provides, right at their fingertips.

## What can the mobile app do?

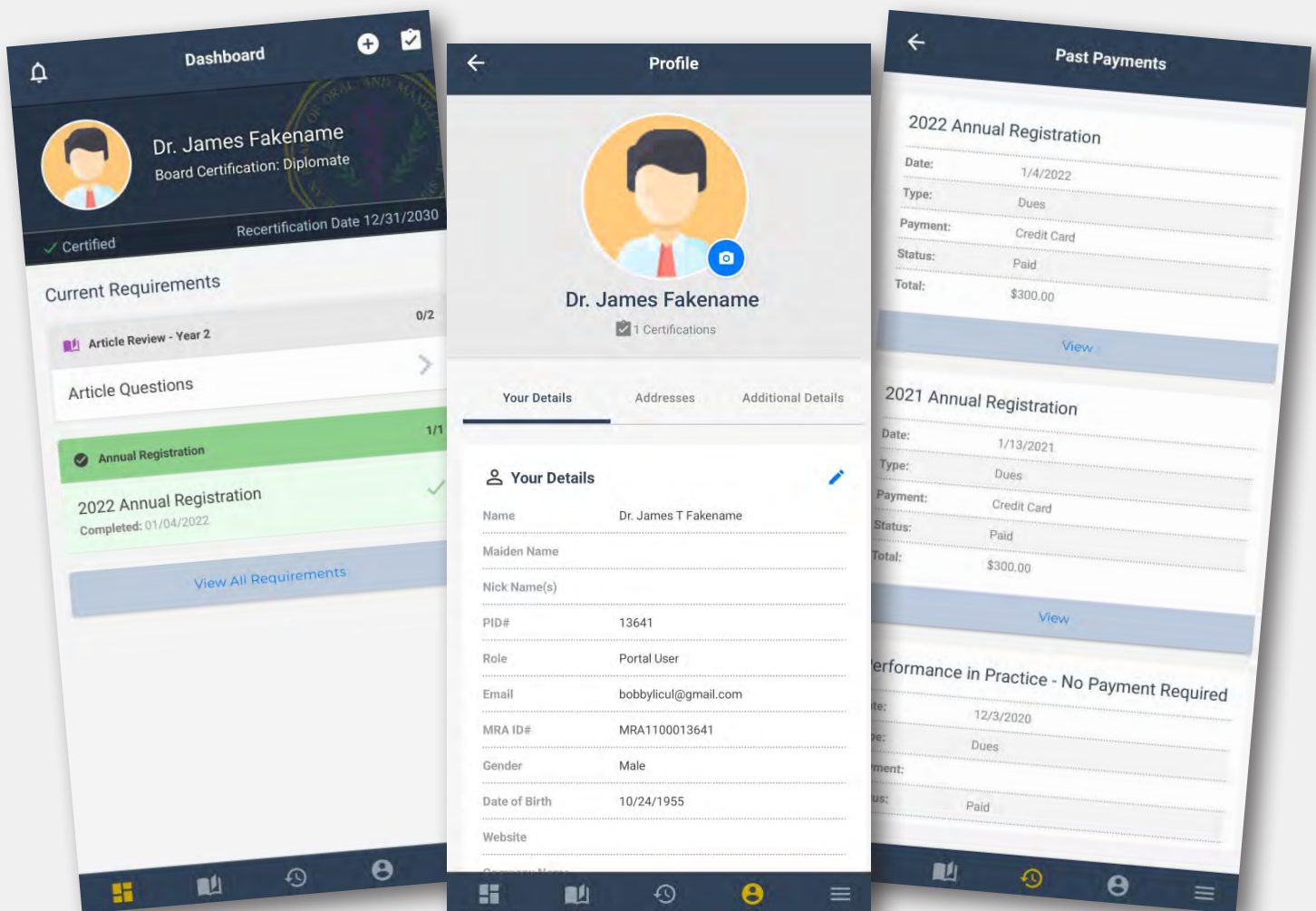
### Diplomates

Diplomates can complete their Certification Maintenance (CM) requirements. ABOMS designed a friendly interface for Diplomates to log in and answer their module questions. ABOMS also encourages Diplomates to turn on their push notifications, so you will never miss an Annual Registration (AR) payment!

### Candidates and Applicants

Candidates and applicants can apply for the Qualifying Examination or Oral Certifying Examination on the mobile app. The program allows users to upload their files directly from their device into their application.

ABOMS will send more information via email when the app has officially launched next year.





# 2022-2023 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.

Newly appointed Examiners, also known as Junior Examiners, serve as item writers for the ABOMS CBT examinations and Certification Maintenance processes. Individuals who serve in this role have the opportunity to be appointed as an Examiner to the OCE based on their performance as a Junior Examiner. A Diplomate must serve a minimum of two years as a Junior Examiner to be considered for a role as an OCE Examiner. Junior Examiners are marked with an asterisk on the Examination Committee listing below. Those in their first year as a Junior Examiner are marked with a double asterisk.

Tara Aghaloo*	Dean DeLuke*	Anku Johri**	Nima Massoomi*	Ramon Ruiz
Suganya Appugounder*	Valmont Desa	Robert Julian	Suzanne McCormick	Sara Runnels
Jon Bailey	Robert Diecidue	Vasiliki Karlis	Robert McNeill*	Michael Safian
Richard Berger	Donita Dyalram	Katherine Keeley	Daniel Meara**	Salam Salman
David Bitonti	Nathan Eberle*	Karen Keith	James Melville**	Randy Sanovich**
George Blakey	Jeffrey Elo	Brian Kelley*	Brian Murphy	Nathan Schroeder
Todd Brandt	Hany Emam*	Kevin Kempers	Gregory Ness	Joshua Segal
Tuan Bui	Michael English*	David Kim	Brandon Newell	Jonathan Shum*
Anthony Bunnell**	David Fallah	King Kim	Alexis Olsson	Constantine Simos
Richard Burton	Elie Ferneini	JD Kisella	Wayne Ozaki*	Jim Solomon
Kamal Busaidy	Luis Ferrer-Nuin	Alia Koch	Neeraj Panchal*	Roger Spampata
Curt Cain	Bud Fidler	Antonia Kolokythas	Chan Park	Randall Stastny
Ronald Caloss	Elda Fisher	Jack Krajekian*	Zachary Peacock**	Barry Steinberg
Lionel Candelaria	Steven Fletcher	Deepak Krishnan	Daniel Perez	Richard Szumita
Vincent Carrao	Pedro Franco	Benjamin Kur*	Leonel Perez	R. John Tannyhill
Angelle Casagrande	Earl Freymiller	Carl Labella	Rawle Philbert	Jayini Thakker*
Paul Casmedes	Joel Funari	Edward Lahey	Julia Plevnia	Tibebu Tsegga
Srinivasa Chandra*	Michael Gentile	Janice Lee	Lee Pollan	Ashok Veeranki
Radhika Chigurupati	Tamer Goksel	Jesse Lee	Jason Portnof	Peter Vellis**
Joli Chou*	Michael Han*	Susie Lin	Kathlyn Powell	Christopher Viozzi
Joseph Cillo	Earl Hasegawa	John Lupori*	Michael Ray	James Ward
Paul Ciuci	James Henderson	Killian MacCarthy	Gwendolyn Reeve*	Thomas Weil
David Cummings	Alan Herford	Ashley Manlove**	Shravan Renapurkar*	Dean Whitman
Thaer Daifallah**	David Hunter	Amir Marashi	Cory Resnick	Monty Wilson*
Jason Dashow**	Raza Hussain	Michael Markiewicz*	Tracey Rosenberg**	Melvyn Yeoh
	Douglas Johnson	Glenn Maron		

# 2022-2023 Examination Committee Leadership

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.

## Co-Chairs

### Surgery Section I

Paul Ciuci  
Ramon Ruiz

### Surgery Section II

Nathan Schroeder  
Todd Brandt

### Surgery Section III

Joseph Cillo  
Steve Fletcher

## Section Editors

### Surgery Section I

Robert Julian

### Surgery Section II

Vincent Carrao

### Surgery Section III

Radhika Chigurupati

## Content Experts

Todd Brandt  
Kamal Busaidy  
Curt Cain  
Donita Dyalram

Luis Ferrer-Nuin  
Tamer Goksel  
Antonia Kolokythas  
Janice Lee

King Kim  
Daniel Perez

## CM Co-Chairs/Section Editors

Curt Cain

Janice Lee

Glenn Maron

# CAQ Committee

The following Diplomates are members of the ABOMS Certificates of Added Qualifications (CAQ) Examination Committees. We thank them for their work in building our exams in preparation for the next administration in 2024.

## CAQ in Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery

Kevin Arce  
Allen Cheng  
Daniel Hammer

Arshad Kaleem  
Roderick Kim  
Hisham Marwan

Ashish Patel  
Brian Schmidt

## CAQ in Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery (Cleft and Craniofacial)

Kyunghoon Chung  
Michael Gentile  
Carlo Guevara

Caitlin Magraw  
Mark Miller  
Bonnie Padwa

Ramon Ruiz  
David Wilson

## CAQ Item Editors

Brian Schmidt—Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery  
Ramon Ruiz—Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery (Cleft and Craniofacial)

# Upcoming Examinations

## 2023 Qualifying Examination (QE)

January 7-14, 2023, Prometric Testing Centers

## 2023 Oral Certifying Examination (OCE)

January 30-February 3, 2023, Raleigh, NC

## 2023 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery In-service Training Examination (OMSITE)

February 4 – 18, 2023, Prometric Testing Centers

*Important Dates:* Exam scheduling closes December 23, 2022



# Past Presidents' Brunch and the Annual Gala

Each year, we look forward to our annual brunch, honoring our past presidents and ABOMS Directors. We love the tradition of catching up and hearing what everyone has been up to over the past year.

We ended the week with our beautiful annual gala, honoring outgoing President, Dr. Vincent Perciaccante, and the Examination Committee. With stilt walkers and a brass band leading the way, the party's energetic vibe was the perfect wrap-up to our week. Thank you, everyone, for a great meeting in New Orleans!



Past Presidents, Directors, and guests enjoy hearing Dr. Mark Wong recount stories from his past year



New ABOMS President, Dr. Bernard J. Costello, shares his update with the group and looks forward to his year of presidency



Dr. Larry Cunningham playfully welcomes Dr. Vincent Perciaccante to the team of past presidents



Dr. John Kent reminisces and catches everyone up on his past year



Drs. Pete Larsen and Mark Zajkowski stopped to pose for the camera with their spouses, Patty Larsen (left) and Michelle Zajkowski



Drs. Deepak Kademani, Marty Steed, Pushkar Mehra, and Paul Tiwana share a laugh on their way into the ballroom



Members of the True Blue Brass Band get the party started with a festive march into the ballroom



Paul Ciuci, Gary Bouloux, Eugene D'Amico, Suzanne McCormick, and Thomas MacKenzie receive their awards from BJ Costello and Vincent Perciaccante for having served six years on the Examination Committee



Guillermo Chacon and Earl Hasegawa receive their awards for having served nine years on the Examination Committee



Surrounded by family (and cake!), Dr. Perciaccante not only celebrated his year of presidency that evening— it also just so happened to be his birthday!



Mark Egbert and Brett Ferguson pose with one of the evening’s talented stilt walkers



Thank you, Dr. Perciaccante, for a great year of presidency! (Pictured here with his wife Amy and followed by the rest of the Board and staff as they kicked off the party)