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I'm truly thankful to be considered once again for the Board of Directors of ABOMS. The opportunity to serve within the board remains the most fulfilling endeavor of my professional life. The world is changing faster than ever these days and leading certifying boards will need to evolve to meet these challenges. I have seen firsthand the innovative adaptations our board and other surgical boards have implemented by taking an active role in providing educational support for residents beyond just assessment. The ABOMS leadership builds bridges with leading national organizations in both surgery and dentistry to keep our specialty at the forefront. I would strive to uphold and further the objectives of ABOMS, namely to elevate the

standards of oral and maxillofacial surgery through a certification and maintenance of certification process that fosters excellence and encourages learning, thus promoting the delivery of superior surgical care.

Within the ABOMS Examination Committee, I have experienced a number of leadership roles from content expert, horizontal rotator, Section Co-Chair, to senior mentor for new board examiners. As a surgeon educator, I prepare residents for the real world challenges the board exam replicates. To see them successfully complete the certification process offers persistent assurance that we are introducing another generation of safe, well-trained, and thoughtful surgeons into clinical practice.

My view of our specialty's scope has developed through involvement across its spectrum nationally. I have served the specialty on AAOMS committees focused on education and training (CET), the committee on dental accreditation (CODA) as review committee member, as well as leadership roles within the IADR/AADR, AACMFS, ADEA, OMSNIC, and state level society leadership in both Georgia and South Carolina. This has provided me with insight into the challenges and opportunities facing surgeons and surgical residents today. It has emphasized to me what a vital role the ABOMS plays in maintaining the highest patient care standards through improving the knowledge and skills of our diplomates. I sincerely thank my colleagues for the chance to contribute.