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A Message from your President

David A. Bitonti, DMD

Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve you as the President of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) for the 2019-2020 term. I look forward to and am very excited about the opportunities we have before us as ABOMS grows, advances, and matures to better serve our Diplomates, Candidates, the public, and our specialty.

As I begin my term, I’d like to begin by recognizing and thanking our Immediate Past President, Dr. Alan Herford. His wisdom, commitment, dedication, and significant contributions to ABOMS are profound. Dr. Herford was the motivation for important ABOMS changes. Under his leadership, the 2019 Oral Certifying Examination (OCE) has undergone a significant transformation to a 3-section examination, focused on critical thinking, while encompassing the full scope of the practice of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Dr. Herford led the modernization of the ABOMS Certification Maintenance (CM) process. January of 2020 will signal the CM process transformation to the new format. His legacy and vision will benefit the Board, ABOMS, our Diplomates, Candidates, and our specialty, and well positions us for years to come.

Additionally, on behalf of the Board and ABOMS, I’d like to thank our outgoing Immediate Past President, Dr. Mark Zajkowski, for his leadership and many contributions. Mark was the catalyst for many of the initiatives and advances we have made. His wisdom, guidance, and vision will be missed on the Board.

I am proud to welcome our newest Director, Dr. Deepak Kademani. Dr. Kademani is a well-respected surgeon and leader in our specialty, and ABOMS is fortunate to have him join the leadership team. We know that his contributions to ABOMS will be lasting and significant. Welcome aboard, Deepak!

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn’t recognize and thank our amazing ABOMS staff, led by our Executive Vice President, Erin Killeen. There is no better administrative staff support team than Erin, Adrianna Lagunas, Courtney Walsh, Katie Moore, Raquel Kalfus, Edith Addo, and Linh Vo. They work extremely hard, every day, to support you and the needs of ABOMS. Our success and effectiveness are due, in no small part, to their efforts and dedication.

We begin 2020 with one of the most significant changes in ABOMS history, modernization of our CM process. Our new process is more interactive and engaging for you, our Diplomates, and better serves you by providing necessary tools for lifelong learning, regular and continued Diplomate engagement, flexibility, ease of use, and pertinence. The new CM process partners with our Diplomates in their professional development and serves as an example of a well-formulated CM process.

I want to thank our Diplomates for your continued dedication to our specialty. We, as a Board, recognize the effort and resources you put forth into becoming Board Certified and maintaining your certification. Our constant goal is to remain contemporary and relevant to you and the specialty.

Thank you for this wonderful and amazing opportunity. I look forward to building upon the positive advancements that have improved the process of ABOMS Board Certification and Certification Maintenance. I am humbled to serve you, our Diplomates, the public, and our specialty, in my role as your ABOMS President. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out and contact me.
I am honored and humbled to have been elected by the ABOMS Examination Committee and the AAOMS House of Delegates in Boston as the newest Director for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS). This is the highest professional honor and one I will always cherish. I am grateful to all those who have supported me and in particular those who have unselfishly invested in my education and career.

As we look to the future, healthcare and our specialty will face a number of unique challenges. I know the exceptional and talented staff at ABOMS will work tirelessly together to ensure that our specialty is protected and promoted at all times. As ABOMS embarks upon several new initiatives in the coming years, the ABOMS Directors will work to ensure the highest standards are maintained and provide a steady hand of leadership on behalf of the specialty.

I look forward to my tenure as a Director of ABOMS and working with the staff, Examination Committee and other Directors. I hope to play a small part of shaping ABOMS and our specialty for the next generation of surgeons.
Introducing the New CAQ—Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery

ABOMS is now offering a second Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ)! In addition to the Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery (H&N), the Board will also be administering a CAQ in Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery.

Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery (Cleft and Craniofacial Surgery) represents a clinical area within the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery that focuses on the diagnosis, surgical repair, and adjunctive treatment of congenital, developmental, and acquired deformities involving the craniomaxillofacial structures.

The purpose of this CAQ is to inform the public and professional colleagues that a qualified oral and maxillofacial surgeon who holds this certificate of added qualification has completed additional specialty education and an examination process and is qualified to practice within this focused specialty area.

The possession of this CAQ does not imply exclusion of other practitioners. This CAQ certification process will contribute to high standards of training and education as well as complete and ethical information for the public regarding surgeons who conduct a practice with an emphasis, and commitment to, this focused area of the specialty.

The CAQ in Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery will be a written examination covering broad but comprehensive topics related to the diagnosis, surgical and medical treatment, and management of complications of conditions treated commonly within the scope of Cleft and Craniofacial Surgery. The first administration will be at the 2020 Annual Meeting in San Antonio alongside the H&N CAQ. Applications for this examination open on our website beginning April 1, 2020, and will close on June 1, 2020. More information can be found at www.aboms.org/diplomates/caq.

2020 Annual Registration

2020 Annual Registration opened on October 15, 2019.

To submit your Annual Registration, please visit www.aboms.org and log in to your Diplomate profile. The deadline for Annual Registration is December 31, 2019. Late fees will apply beginning January 1, 2020.
Each spring the Board of Directors selects a group of Examiners to serve on its current year’s Examination Committee. These exceptional individuals play a vital role in the development of the ABOMS computer-based testing (CBT) examinations, Certification Maintenance (CM), and Oral Certifying Examination (OCE).

Our Junior Examiners are marked with an asterisk below, and we thank them for their work they’ve already put in this year. We would also like to congratulate the individuals marked in bold text below, indicating they have been on the Committee for at least 6 years. Thank you to all of our Examiners for all of their hard work and dedication to the specialty!

2019-2020 Examination Committee Members

Edward Adlesic
John Allen
John Alonge
Michael Beckley
Gary Bouloux
Sidney Bourgeois
Tuan Bui*
Todd Brandt
Curt Cain
Ronald Caloss
Lionel Candelaria
Vincent Carrao
Angelle Casagrande*
Paul Casmedes
Guillermo Chacon
Radhika Chigurupati
Nam Cho*
Joseph Cillo
Paul Ciuci
Eugene D’Amico
David Dattilo

Valmont Desa
Robert Diecicue
Jasjit Dillon
Donita Dyalram*
Jeffrey Elo
Elie Ferneini*
Luis Ferrer-Nuín*
Steve Fletcher
Pedro Franco
Michael Gentile
Tamer Goksel
Christopher Haggerty
Jon Holmes
David Hunter
Raza Hussain*
Matt Jacks
Mark Johnson
Robert Julian
Kevin Kempters Kelly
Kennedy

King Kim
David Kirkpatrick*
JD Kisella
Alia Koch*
Antonia Kolokythas
Deepak Krishnan
Carl Labella*
Edward Lahey
Janice Lee
Jesse Lee
Susie Lin*
Killian MacCarthy
Stephen MacLeod
Amir Marashi
Glenn Maron
Suzanne McCormick
Edward Miller
Brian Murphy*
Robert Nustad
Alexis Olsson
Chan Park*

Daniel Perez*
Julia Plevnia
Jason Portnof*
Cory Resnick*
Ramon Ruiz
Sara Runnels*
Thomas Schlieve*
Nathan Schroeder
Paul Smith
Roger Spampata
David Stanton
Randall Stasny
Marty Steed
Larry Stigall
Richard Szumita
Daniel Taub
Thomas Teenier
Jayson Terres
Paul Tiwana
James Ward*
Melvyn Yeoh*

Important deadline approaching!

Applications for the 2020-2021 Examination Committee will close on December 1st. You must be Board Certified for a minimum of 3 years and submit an evaluation form from 2 current or previous Examiners as references (no current ABOMS Directors). The application, including evaluation form, can be submitted using your Diplomate profile online.
Leadership Positions

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.

2019–2020 Co-Chairs

**Surgery Section I**
- Matt Jacks
- Kelly Kennedy

**Surgery Section II**
- Jayson Terres
- Paul Tiwana

**Surgery Section III**
- Jeffrey Elo
- Tamer Goksel

2019–2020 Section Editors

**Surgery Section I**
- Killian MacCarthy

**Surgery Section II**
- Kevin Kempers

**Surgery Section III**
- Deepak Krishnan

2019–2020 Content Experts

- Gary Bouloux
- Todd Brandt
- Curt Cain
- Jasjit Dillon
- Pedro Franco
- Tamer Goksel
- Antonia Kolokythas
- Robert Nustad
- Alexis Olsson
- Paul Tiwana

Certification Maintenance

**CM Co-Chairs**
- Ronald Caloss
- Sydney Bourgeois

**CM Section Editor**
- Suzanne McCormick
Each year, we look forward to our annual brunch, honoring our past presidents and their spouses, as well as ABOMS Directors. We love the tradition of catching up and hearing what everyone has been up to over the past year. And what better way to end our week than with the annual gala, honoring our outgoing president, Dr. Alan Herford, and the Examination Committee. Thank you, everyone, for a great week in Boston!
Guests mingle at the Boston Harbor Hotel during cocktail hour before the gala reception begins.

New Examiners, Dr. Raza Hussain and Dr. Thomas Schlieve, stop to say hello before sitting down to dinner.

Dr. Herford catches up with other guests before officially handing over his presidential medallion.

Dr. Rawle Philbert accepts his award from Dr. Herford for having had 6 years of service on the Examination Committee. He was one of 10 Diplomates to receive this award this year. Congratulations!
Dr. Lee Pollan poses with Dr. Herford with his award for having 9 years of service on the Examination Committee. There was a total of 5 recipients for the award this year. Congratulations!

The girls from the Boston Academy of Irish Dance are all smiles before taking the stage.

After receiving his official presidential medallion, our new ABOMS President, Dr. David Bitonti, stops for a photograph with his wife, Lisa.

Dancers from the Boston Academy of Irish Dance impress and entertain our gala guests.
Data from each of our examinations is collected and listed on the ABOMS website. Below are the statistics from our latest examinations.

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### 2019 Qualifying Examination

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2020 Qualifying Examination
January 4–11, 2020

2020 Oral Certifying Examination
February 3–7, 2020
Raleigh, NC

2020 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
In-service Training Examination
March 16–30, 2020

2020 Certification Maintenance
(required for all active Diplomates)
Once open, log in to your Diplomate profile to view your requirements
Opens January 6, 2020 and closes December 31, 2020