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It is a great honor to have been nominated for the position of Director of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. My time on the Examination Committee has been the most rewarding experience of my career. During my ABOMS tenure, I have served in the roles of Examiner, Section Co-chair, and Regional Advisor. Year after year, I am awed by the intelligence, thoughtfulness, and skill of my fellow examiners.

At the University of Pennsylvania, I was the Residency Program Director for 14 years, and have served as predoctoral OMS course director for 23 years. These experiences have allowed me to mold residents into future OMS colleagues, pique dental student interest in OMS, and expose future dentists to our specialty's broad scope.

I have been fortunate to serve on national committees, including the Executive Committee of the Faculty Section, the Committee on Patient Safety, the Resident Surgical Log Task Force, the Committee on Education and Training, and the Commission for Dental Accreditation (CODA). On these committees, I have worked with AAOMS and ABOMS leadership and appreciate the nuances of the collaboration required between our specialty and other dental and medical organizations. These committee endeavors have resulted in the publication of the Benchmarks for Education and Training, the rollout of a new Resident Surgical Log, and the ongoing refinement of the OMS accreditation standards. In 2018, AAOMS honored me as "Committee-Person of the Year" for my contributions.

Serving as a Director is a great privilege. It carries the responsibilities of the ongoing stewardship of the specialty, the continuous improvement of the certification process, and the protection of public safety. If elected to the leadership, I will utilize the insight gleaned from my previous experiences to work with the current Directors to respond to future challenges and to uphold the integrity of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.