



ABDPH NEWS

Message from our President

Your 2016-2017 Board

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Upcoming

Re-registration starts October.
DO NOT WAIT until 2017

Due date for submitting applications for written-only examination: December 1, 2016

Winter ABDPH Retreat. January 20-21, 2017

ABDPH Examination, April 20-22, 2017

NOHC, April 24-26, 2017

Good Problems

A colleague of mine often talks about good problems that occur, for example when you get a grant and need more space, or have to move to accommodate new staff. The Board is experiencing some good problems this season that I will share with you.



The first of these is the continued growth in the number of candidates applying to the Board. This October we had sixteen applications for 12 slots. Ultimately, we expect thirteen candidates to challenge the Board in April. But we are getting to the point where we need to plan for a greater number of candidates taking the Board. Given our relatively small numbers 158 active Diplomates, this is a good problem. A related “good problem” to have is the growth in the number of candidates taking the written exam and thus in the pipeline to take the Board.

Second, the Governance Task Force is meeting in Chicago November 10th. This group, comprised of half AAPHD and Half ABDPH representatives, has begun to readdress the difficult issue of how to restructure the Sponsoring Organization of the Board. The AAPHD representatives include Julie Frantsve Hawley, Diane Brunson, Mary Altenburg, and Drs. Frances Kim, David Capelli, and Jeff Chaffin; the Board will be represented by Drs. Ana Karina Mascarenhas, Vinodh Bhoopathi, John Warren, Eugenio Beltrán and me. Please contact these individuals to make sure your concerns are voiced in the process.

Finally, the ADA and CDEL are collaborating on a Specialty Recognition Summit on February 27-28, 2017 at ADA Headquarters in Chicago. This Summit will address the issue of newer Specialty Recognition agencies, e.g., the America Board of



The XD Corner

Welcome Diplomates to a new and fresh version of the Newsletter. We will testing some new formats. Please send your comments and suggestions.

We are in the process of updating the content of our website. Please be patient for upcoming updates in the next two months.

We are 146 strong and we are welcoming 12 new Diplomates who successfully passed the examination in April. In 2017 we are breaking a new record of applicants. They are from different countries and ethnic and cultural backgrounds but all having the goal of improving the oral health of their communities. We are going GLOBAL.

Finally, as you may know, I assumed the role of Executive Director last April. The transition has not been easy and I keep learning on how to serve better our specialty. Please, do not hesitate to send short articles or announcements you would like to share with our fellow Diplomates.

As always.

Dental Specialties. Our representatives will include The President and Executive Director. Please stay tuned regarding this important process.

Finally, I hope to see you all at the Board Symposium on Wednesday April 26, 2017 in Albuquerque. The Symposium is entitled "Dental Public Health Competencies for the 21st Century". A review of the process of developing the new competencies for the specialty, and how residency programs may integrate these competencies, will be presented. I look forward to seeing you there.

With Best regards,

Judy Jones

Educational Competencies in Dental Public Health

The ABDPH, the AAPHD and their partners have completed the Competency Project. New dental public health competencies had been finalized and approved by ABDPH and AAPHD Executive Committees and CODA. The new competencies are ready for use in dental public health residency programs but the ABDPH will not apply the new competencies into the design of specialty examination until 2018. The new competencies will be published in a special issue of the Journal of Public Health Dentistry. The entire process will be presented at the ADEA Conference in 2017 and the ABDPH Board Symposium on Wednesday April 26, 2017, during the NOHC. Please, plan to attend (Contributed by Don Altman)

Alternative Pathway for Certification

A task force led by Dr. Christopher Okunseri submitted its report to the board for consideration and approval. The full set of requirements will be published on the ABDPH website after review. Please encourage people who may become qualified through this pathway to take advantage of the opportunity to enable them to become Diplomates of the American Board of Dental Public Health. Please contact the Executive Director ABDPH, for further information.

Director Elect

The ABDPH needs your participation in keeping a representative

and efficient Board. In 2016, we started a new process to select the Director Elect. If you want your name to be considered, please mark the appropriate box during the re-registration process and send your CV to the XD. The ABPHD will submit a cadre of Diplomates to the selecting committee representing the ABDPH and AAPHD in January 2017.

Honorary Diplomate

The ABDPH is taking nominations for Honorary Diplomate Status. The Board may grant honorary certification to individuals who do not possess all of the educational and practice limiting requirements to be eligible for specialty examination, but who have demonstrated unusual capability in related areas of endeavor and have made outstanding contributions to dental public health.

Nominations should include:

- * A letter of nomination from an active diplomate of the ABDPH indicating how the individual meets the award criteria and why the nominee will most likely never meet board specialty eligibility criteria, and
- * A current curriculum vitae of the nominee.

All nominations will be reviewed by the ABDPH Nominating Committee.

Nominations due to the Dr. Eugenio Beltran, Executive Director (theabdph@icloud.com) no later than February 1, 2017.

Voluntary recertification is easy and free!

For Diplomates certified in 2000 and later, recertification every ten years is required. For Diplomates certified before 2000, the voluntary process for recertification is analogous to recredentialing at a hospital or relicensure in many states. Benefits of recertification are demonstration to yourself, your peers, and your employer of currency in the practice of Dental Public Health. Currently, the requirement requires 100 hours of Dental Public Health CE over a ten year period; the number of hours will increase in 2017 to 150 hours over ten years. There is no fee for voluntary recertification.

An updated application and record keeping form will be at the ABDPH website: <http://www.aaphd.org/home> by November 15 or contact the Executive Director (TheABDPH@icloud.com). The reporting period is from January to December.

Welcome new Diplomates

The following colleagues completed their examinations and are current Diplomates of the ABDPH. They will receive the pins that identify them as members of our great family at the meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Ahluwalia, Kavita
Akinkugbe, Adero
Al Amer, Nora
Baskaradoss, Jagan
Greenblatt, Ariel
Matsuo, Go

Irwin, Scott
Jolaoso, Ismail
Valencia, Alejandra
Junger, Michele
Kim, Esther
Weatherspoon, Darien

Photographic Gallery

Celebrating Joe's third retirement



2016 ABDPH Symposium - Oral Health in Accountable Care Organizations

(from left to right)

Jeff Chaffin, Gretchen Hageman, Julie Bluhm, John Snyder

Five 2015-2016 Diplomates received their pins at the Gala Dinner.

