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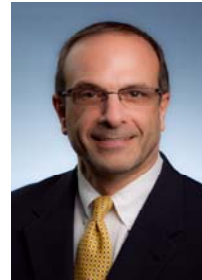
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ABDPH President's Message



President

Don Altman, DDS, MPH, MBA, MA, DHSc

Hope this finds you all well and enjoying your summer!

The Board met this past April at the National Oral Health Conference (NOHC), where we conducted business meetings and administered the ABDPH specialty examination. This issue of the Newsletter provides information on these issues.

Christopher Okunseri, BDS, MSc, MLS, DDPHRCSE, FFDRCSI was selected as the 2015-2016 Director-elect. Dr. Okunseri is Professor, Clinical Services at Marquette University School of Dentistry and began his director-elect duties in April at the NOHC in Kansas City, MO. Dr. Okunseri recently completed a three-year appointment as treasurer of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry.

The annual Diplomates' dinner was held at the NOHC and those in attendance celebrated the 65th anniversary of the specialty. Reg Louie, Linda Niessen, Caswell Evans reflected on the history of the specialty and our collective accomplishments. Fifteen of the Board's past presidents were in attendance. There were 8 new Diplomates inducted into the specialty.

This year the Board of Directors examined 10 applicants for the full examination; 27 candidates took the written only. This was a record number of candidates taking the written only and we look forward to those individuals challenging the rest of the examination in the years to come. Of the 10 full examination candidates, all but 1 had completed the written examination in a previous year. This year, the Board will conduct the full-examination for up to 12 candidates. The application deadline for the full examination is September 1, 2015

The Board continues to partner with AAPHD and others community of interests to review our 15-year-old dental public health competencies. A survey was sent to all Diplomates asking for their thoughts about the current competencies as well as of any new competencies that the specialty should consider. (Continued Page 2.)

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The Steering Committee will meet later this month to begin the evaluation of the survey results and develop materials to be sent out to all communities of interest for further review/comments.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 66th Diplomates' dinner next year at the NOHC – April 18, 2016 in Cincinnati, OH!



ABDPH Executive Director Search

As many of you are aware, Joe Alderman is retiring after the April 2016 meeting. The goal is to have the new Executive Director in place by January 1, 2016 to provide a full four-month turnover of responsibilities.

The Board will provide an annual honorarium to the Executive Director the amount of \$20,000 annually and will reimburse all reasonable business expenses incurred for Board business. For anyone interested in the position, please forward a current curriculum vitae and a brief letter of interest to the ABDPH Immediate Past President at the email below. Any questions should also be directed to the email below.

Jeffrey Chaffin – Immediate Past President, ABDPH at chaffin7@gmail.com

Call for Nominations for Honorary Membership

The American Board of Dental Public Health's (ABDPH) may grant honorary certification to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to dental public health and have demonstrated unusual capability in related areas of endeavor but who do not possess all of the educational and practice limiting requirements to be eligible for specialty examination. The awarding of Honorary Diplomate status is considered a significant recognition of an individual's contributions to the field of dental public health.

Please forward your letter of nomination indicating how the individual meets the award criteria as well as the nominee's current curriculum vitae to the Immediate Past-President, ABDPH: Jeffrey Chaffin at jchaffin7@gmail.com The deadline for all submissions is January 15, 2016.

ABDPH Written Examination Topic Areas

The Board welcomes Diplomates' suggestions of question topics for the American Board of Dental Public Health written examination. Please email your suggestions to Sharon Gordon at gordons@ecu.edu

Diplomates Certified in 2014

During the 2015 ABDPH Dinner and Business Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, Dr. Jeffrey Chaffin, ABDPH President asked the new Diplomates and their Residency Directors to be recognized. He introduced the following Diplomates, and presented them with their Board lapel pins. Dr. Chaffin asked the new Diplomates and their Residency Directors to be recognized. He introduced the following Diplomates, and presented them with their Board lapel pins.

1. Dr. David A. Albert, Great Neck, NY; Residency, New York State Bureau of Dental Health, Albany, NY (Dr. Jayanth Kumar, Dr. Victor Badner)
2. Dr. Hosam Alrqi, Jersey City, NJ; Residency, Columbia University, New York, NY (Dr. Anthanasios Zavras)
3. Dr. Christina A. Demopoulos, Las Vegas, NV; Residency, University of Texas, Health Science Center Houston, School of Public Health, San Antonio, TX (Dr. David P. Cappelli) [Not able to attend Dinner, ABDPH Pin mailed.]
4. Dr. Richie Kohli, Beaverton, OR; MS, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City, IA (Dr. Steven Levy)
5. Dr. Dalia E. Meisha, Blacksburg, VA; DScD, Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, Boston, MA (Dr. Woosung Sohn)
6. Dr. Nathan Paul Mork, Detroit Lakes, MN; Residency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health, Atlanta, GA (Dr. Barbara Gooch)
7. Dr. Shillpa Naavaal, Dunwoody, GA; Residency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Oral Health, Atlanta, GA (Dr. Barbara Gooch)
8. Dr. Marisol Tellez Merchan, Philadelphia, PA; Residency, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (Dr. Brian Burt, Dr. Amid Ismail)

Congratulations to ABDPH Diplomates Certified in 2015

ABDPH Announces eight New Diplomates Were Certified in 2015. Dr. Don Altman announced that the following dentists have passed the Board certification examination given in 2015 and are now Diplomates of the Board:

1. Dania Ebrahim Al Agili, Atlanta, GA
2. Tarek Elmajie, Malden, MA
3. Tariq Sabah Ghazal, Iowa City, IA
4. Samatha Len Jordan, Washington DC
5. Evelyn Ora Lucas-Perry, Washington DC,
6. Julie C Reynolds, Iowa City, IA
7. Astha Singhal, Iowa City, IA
8. Aida M Soliván-Ortiz, San Antonio, TX



Blog - Rebecca King

In April, Diplomate Rebecca S King, DDS, MPH, was diagnosed with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (non-Hodgkins). She is seeing a lymphoma specialist at UNC and undergoing chemotherapy. Dr. King has had three out of a series of six infusions, 21 days apart. It is a pretty aggressive disease, but the oncologist assures her that it is treatable and that the aggressive ones respond the best to chemo. She was a bit anxious about going through chemo, but feels that she is responding well. Her main side effects are nausea and fatigue, which tend to be more pronounced with the progressive treatments. There are very good medications for nausea and naps help with the fatigue. So far, her white cell count has rebounded nicely between treatments. Rebecca is optimistic that she will beat this and is looking forward to a cure.

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2015 ABDPH 65th Annual Diplomates Meeting Photo



75 members and guests attended the **2015 ABDPH 65th Annual Diplomates Meeting and Banquet** on April 27th, 2015 at the Sheraton Crown Center in Kansas City, MO. Selfie Photo courtesy of Eugenio Beltrán



ABDPH Executive Director's Corner: WE CELEBRATED ABDPH 65TH ANNIVERSARY

The ABDPH was pleased that so many Diplomates and guests joined us to celebrate our Anniversary April 27th, 2015 at the ABDPH 65th Annual Dinner and Meeting of Diplomates (Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center-Kansas City, Missouri). For more information read the President's message.

Remembrance of Diplomates who have passed away since last Annual Meeting:

There were no Diplomates who passed. Please remember to report any Diplomates who have passed to ABDPH Executive Director. We want to recognize them during our Annual Meeting.

Need Updated Contact Information on Diplomates

Please contact Dr. Joe Alderman if you have an updated contact for Diplomates who have recently moved. It is important that all active Diplomates and Life Members keep your contact information updated. Most communication including the ABDPH eNewsletter, Annual Registration Fee notices, and ABDPH Annual Dinner and Meeting of Diplomates are sent electronically. If you have any questions, or need additional information, let me know.

Applications for Certification Full Exam Due no later than September 1, 2015

Please, review the document ABDPH Application Certification Full Examination-2016 on the American Association of Public Health Dentistry Home Page (AAPHD), www.aaphd.org, link to the ABDPH Webpage. **Up to 12 candidates will be accepted for the full examination** and 6 candidates have already sent or started their application.

2016 National Oral Health Conference

April 18-20, 2016 | Cincinnati, Ohio

Make plans to join us for the 2016 National Oral Health Conference in **Cincinnati, Ohio**: April 18-20, 2016 with pre-conference sessions April 16-17, 2016.

Next Year Plan to Attend:

ABDPH 66th Annual Diplomates Meeting and Banquet- April 18, 2016 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza at Hilton Cincinnati Netherland in Cincinnati, Ohio