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## ABDPH President's Message



President

**Jeffrey G. Chaffin, DDS, MPH, MBA, MHA**

Friends & Colleagues:

The Board is rapidly preparing for the National Oral Health Conference (NOHC) to be held in Kansas City this year. We again have a large number of candidates taking both the full examination, and the written examination only. We have 30 candidates taking the written examination only, and we hope this is one indicator of strengthening the Dental Public Health Workforce.

We are looking forward to the NOHC and our annual Board Business Dinner. We will be celebrating the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Board, and encourage all Diplomates to attend. During the Monday night Board Dinner and the Tuesday Symposium, we would like to briefly address unique accomplishments, reflections or anecdotes from our previous Board members. Please forward me anything that you think will interest the group and provide a small glimpse into our history. I have asked a few Past Presidents to speak at our Board Dinner and provide their historical perspective, but I'll keep their names a surprise so that you can hear their comments when attending the dinner.

As everyone is well aware, the membership of our sponsoring organization, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD), recently approved restructuring. These changes are not easy but were necessary to comply with ADA Resolution 33 to the Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL). I want to thank all for participating in this process. I also encourage members to stay engaged as AAPHD is committed to improvements, both for the membership and for the public as a whole.

The Board held our mid-year meeting in January. We started this meeting three years ago and have found the dedicated time to be very effective in focusing on Board business. During the meeting we elected Dr. Chris Okunseri as the new Director Elect. He will officially start in this role at the end of the NOHC meeting. (Continued Page 2.)

### **ABDPH President's Message:** (Continued from Page 1)

I previously reported that the Board would address the process of the Director Elect selection to make it a democratic process and increase transparency. During the mid-year meeting, the Diplomates worked on ABDPH bylaw changes and have since passed those changes. Essentially, the Director-Elect will now be voted on by all active Diplomates. The nominating committee will be comprised of two Diplomates of the ABDPH and two dentist members of AAPHD. We should have the revised bylaws on the website soon. I will discuss this change during the Board Dinner and welcome any comments.

Lastly, I'd like to thank our Executive Director, Joe Alderman, for his continued service. I'm not sure if everyone is aware that our Executive Director, Joe Alderman, will step down from his position after the 2016 NOHC. Joe has dedicated his valuable time and experience to the Board and we are all better for his involvement. We look forward to hearing about his travels and seeing his pictures after he leaves this position. We plan on releasing a position description during the summer of 2015 with the hopes of having a new Executive Director in place by January 1, 2016. If any Diplomates are interested in the position, please contact me. During my Past Presidency year, I will be heading up the search for Joe's replacement.

### **Dental Public Health Competencies**

The ABDPH, along with a multidisciplinary panel of experts, is embarking on a project to update our specialty competencies. The current 10 dental public health competencies were last updated in 1997.

A Coordinating Panel comprised of members representing the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD), ABDPH, Royal College of Canada, Residency Directors, as well as two dental public health Diplomates who were involved in previous competency development, and a consultant has been established. A larger Advising Panel consisting of a representative from communities of interest such as the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD), ADA, American Public Health Association (APHA), American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA), American Dental Education Association (ADEA), American Association of Dental Research (AADR), Health and Human Services (HHS), National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA), and the Military (uniformed services) will advise the process. The multidisciplinary balance of the panel is critical to achieving the appropriate vision for the core competencies. Input and comment will be sought from Diplomates and communities of interest once draft competencies have been formulated.

Competencies define the scope of practice for the specialty. Further, in training programs, competencies allow the resident to progress by demonstrating that they have mastered the knowledge and skills (called competencies) required for a particular course/ program. It is important that, with the change in our health care system and demographics, that we identify the competencies needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century to best meet the needs in our communities.

ABDPH has been approved for a grant to support this project., Lotzkar funds may also be used to support this very important ABDPH project. ABDPH takes this opportunity to thank Diplomates that have contributed to the Lotzkar Fund.

### **Dental Public Health Program Directors' Meeting**

Directors of the ABDPH will again meet with training program (residency) directors during the National Oral Health Conference. This meeting is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 26, from 2-5pm in the Van Horn Room at the Kansas City Sheraton. In response to a suggestion made at last year's meeting, program directors have been meeting as a group via conference call, with ABDPH directors Don Altman and John Warren participating. These conference calls have each been an hour in duration and have been held quarterly. Any program directors who have not participated previously, but would like to participate should contact Dr. Mary Tavares ([Mary\\_Tavares@hdsdharvard.edu](mailto:Mary_Tavares@hdsdharvard.edu)) or Dr. John Warren ([john-warren@uiowa.edu](mailto:john-warren@uiowa.edu)).



**Christopher Okunseri, BDS., MSc., MLS., DDPHRCSE., FFDRCSI**  
**2015 ABDPH Director-Elect**

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Dr. Okunseri is a Professor (with tenure) and Director of the Predoctoral Program in Dental Public Health at Marquette University School of Dentistry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is also an adjunct Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He is the Vice Chair of Marquette's Committee on Research and the immediate past Chair of the University's Institutional Review Board (IRB). In addition to his research, teaching and administrative responsibilities, Dr. Okunseri provides patient care at Marquette University School of Dentistry's Faculty Practice Clinic. Dr. Okunseri's research interests include epidemiology of oral conditions, quality of care, behavioral science, health services research and oral health policy with emphasis on the underserved and racial/ethnic minority populations. He has received research funding from the National Institutes of Health and the Health Resources and Services Administration. Dr. Okunseri has published numerous peer-reviewed articles in high impact journals, as well as several abstracts, reports and book contributions. In addition, he serves on various state, national and international executive committees. He has served as consultant to the American Dental Association and the Centers for Disease Control, and is currently a consultant to the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors.

Dr. Okunseri is a member of several professional organizations, reviews journal articles for over two dozen medical and dental journals and reviews grants for State and Federal agencies including the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) where he evaluates training and career development grant applications. He also serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Public Health Dentistry, and is the editor-in-Chief of the Clinical, Cosmetic and Investigational Dentistry Journal. He is the out-going secretary/treasurer of the American Association for Public Health Dentistry and President-elect of the Behavioral Epidemiologic and Health Services Research group of the International Association for Dental Research.

**Annual Registration Fees Schedule- 2015:**

The Annual Registration Fees (ARF) schedule for 2015: Please Pay when you get email notification.

A registration fee is due upon passing the certification examination, and an annual registration fee is due January of each year to remain an active Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH).

1. 12/31/14-01/31/15: Annual Registration Fees (ARF) Payment received; Diplomate ARF-\$200, or Voluntary Contribution Categories: Voluntary Contributing Silver-\$240, Voluntary Contributing Gold-\$300 and Voluntary Contributing Diamond-\$375
2. 02/01/15 to 03/15/15: Late Payment received \$35 late fee waived.
3. 03/16/15 to 03/31/15: Late Payment received \$200 ARF + \$35 late fee (i.e., \$235)
4. 04/01/15 to 6/30/15: Late Payment received \$200 ARF + \$75 late fee (i.e., \$275)
5. 07/01/15, Diplomate will no longer be in good standing. The American Dental Association (ADA) requires us to remove your name from the "active in good standing" list of Diplomates we send annually to ADA's CDEL, and requests for verification on your status as a Board Diplomate will include "not in good standing" in the reply.
6. 07/01/15 until 12/31/15: Payment received \$200 ARF + \$75 late fee+ \$100 reinstatement fee (i.e., \$375)
7. After 12/31/15: For calendar year 2015: Payment received \$200 ARF + \$75 late fee+ \$200 reinstatement fee (i.e., \$475).

In order to be reinstated to active membership, the Diplomate must provide the annual registration fees that are owed, and any additional late and reinstatement fees. Any questions, please contact Executive Director, ABDP



**Taj Mahal** at Agra, **India** is one of the wonders of the world. Joe Alderman pilot tests a project to enjoy travel and educational activities after retirement-Nov. 2014. Results: "Success." Recommendation: "Save for retirement. Try it. You should like it."

## **ABDPH Executive Director's Corner:**

### **CELEBRATE ABDPH 65TH ANNIVERSARY**

In 1950 Phillip E. Blackerby, Jr., Battle Creek, Michigan, Robert A. Downs, Denver, Colorado, William A. Jordan, Minneapolis, Minnesota, John W. Knutson, Washington, D.C., and Walter J. Pelton, Denver, Colorado incorporated the American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH) in Denver, Colorado. In 1950 the American Dental Association (ADA) approved public health dentistry as a dental specialty that included oral surgery, orthodontics, pedodontia, periodontia, prosthodontia, and oral pathology. In 1951 the ADA recognized the ABDPH as the national certifying board for the specialty of dental public health.

All Diplomates please join us to celebrate our Anniversary April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the ABDPH 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Meeting of Diplomates (Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center-Kansas City, Missouri -Room: Chouteau B).

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

Please inform the Executive Director, ABDPH ([abdph@comcast.net](mailto:abdph@comcast.net)) if any of the Diplomates listed as Living Life Members are now deceased. (See [ABDPH Diplomates Life Members –Living](#) on Home Page, [www.aaphd.org](http://www.aaphd.org), link to the ABDPH Web Page.)

#### **ABDPH Ten-Year Recertification:**

The goal of the recertification is to assure the ability of the Diplomates to provide the highest quality of service to the public and the profession. The program started in 2000. Diplomates certified 2000 or after are initially certified for ten (10) years and can maintain this certification through payment of prescribed annual registration fees and continuing education. To be eligible for recertification, Diplomates must comply with the provisions of the mandatory continuing education requirement.

This program is voluntary for those individuals who were Diplomates of the ABDPH before January 1, 2000. However, the ABDPH strongly urges all Diplomates to participate in the program. Diplomates are responsible for maintaining their own records, including keeping copies, documentation and summaries of their ABDPH Annual Continuing Education Record to document compliance with the Recertification Process. Complete Continuing Education Units (CEUs) records and documentation.

Each Diplomate will complete a Continuing Education Reporting form on an annual basis at the time of annual registration. This form provides for listing the types of activity and the number of credits requested. Although this program relies on a self-report mechanism of continuing education activities, Diplomates must be able to produce acceptable documentary evidence upon request (e.g. Certification of CEU course).

Prepare portable document files (pdf) of supporting documentation for your CEUs earned since certification.

Name the pdf file as "Last NameFirst Initial-ABDPH-Annual Continuing Education Record-20XX (XX=year for CEUs)" [Example: AldermanE-ABDPH-Annual Continuing Education Record--2005.] You may include consecutive years of CEUs in a pdf file. Keep in mind that pdf files should not be larger than 10MB.

An ABDPH Standards and Recertification Committee (SRC) audits Diplomates. The SRC members: Diplomates: Georgia G. Rogers, Chair, E. Ernest Guile, Athanasios (Thanos) I. Zavras, ABDPH: Ana Karina Mascarenhas and Joe Alderman. The SRC will determine the number of credits and report it to the ABDPH, who will decide to approve the Diplomate's Recertification.

Note: Recertification information can be downloaded from the American Association of Public Health Dentistry Home Page, [www.aaphd.org](http://www.aaphd.org), link to the ABDPH Web Page under Diplomates Recertification.

Seven Diplomates certified in 2005 will apply for Ten-Year Recertification in 2015. Their 10-Year-Certificate will expire in 2025. There have been 28 Diplomates recertified since 2000.



**Eugenio Beltrán, Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award-Left  
Robert Weyant received the Outstanding Public Advocacy-Right**

Diplomates, Eugenio Beltrán and Robert Weyant, were recognized for their leadership and achievements during the Friends of NIDCR Conference held on January 28, 2015 in Washington, DC. Dr. Beltrán received the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award, and Dr. Weyant received the Outstanding Public Advocacy Award. Presenting the awards were Dr. Julie Frantsve-Hawley, AAPHD Executive Director, and Dr. Christian Stohler, FNIDCR President and Dean of Columbia University College of Dental Medicine. (Reference: Adapted from Communique 01-30-15)



**Alice Horowitz, Honorary ABDPH Member receives Honorary ADA Membership  
Pictured with Alissa Leigh, Granddaughter**

During the 2014 ADA Annual Meeting, the ADA Board of Trustees recognized Alice Horowitz, for her exemplary service to organized dentistry by conferring to Dr. Horowitz an honorary membership in the Association. Dr. Horowitz proven dedication and multiple years working in oral health literacy makes her deserving of the honor of ADA membership. Dr. Horowitz is a research associate professor, School of Public Health, University of Maryland-College Park. She previously held stints as a senior scientist and education specialist at National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research/National Institutes of Health and at the Department of Health and Human Services. Her many years of mentoring dental professionals was also of note to nominators. "Dr. Horowitz continues to have tremendous influence over generations of oral health professionals, who are learning the real value of health literacy in patient care," wrote Dr. Roy Thompson, chair, ADA Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations. "Through her legacy of culturally competent communication lessons, thousands of young dentists are better prepared to meet the challenges of modern doctor-patient communication, which places quality care at the forefront of dental service." Please join us in warmly congratulating Dr. Horowitz for receiving his honor.

Dr. Horowitz was recognized as an Honorary Diplomat of the ABDPH in 2007. She and her granddaughter attended the 2014 Annual Diplomates Banquet and Meeting during the NOHC. (Reference: Adapted from Communique 10-15-2014)

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SEE YOU IN KANSAS CITY!!***