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ABDPH President's Message



President

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

Friends & Colleagues:

It is a distinct honor to serve as President of the American Board of Dental Public Health. I view this as an opportunity to give back to the profession and honor those who served as my mentors.

I am following a tradition of the previous two presidents, George Taylor and Eugenio Beltran, by changing jobs in the year of my presidency. I recently took a position with Delta Dental of Iowa as their Dental Director. Though there are changes in my personal life, I stand committed to work with our excellent group of Directors in guiding this organization over the next year.

The strength of our specialty can be seen in the solid number of candidates challenging the full and written examinations over the past few years. The Directors re-reviewed our policy of offering the option of taking the written examination only last year, and are in agreement that this change has increased the number of candidates into the board certification pool. Once candidates have passed the written, there is an increased incentive to work towards full board certification.

The certifying examination continues to evolve. Under the leadership of George and Eugenio, the Directors looked at the composition of our examination and determined that the General Knowledge Oral Examination duplicated many aspects of the examination. In 2014, we deleted the General Knowledge section. The Director post-examination review, concluded that there were certain questions/competencies that were previously tested in the General Knowledge section, that we still want to maintain

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In 2015, the two remaining oral sections (Assigned Problem and Project Reports) will be lengthened to include typical questions that would have been asked in the former General Knowledge section. We will continue to evaluate the examination changes and make updates as needed. The goal is to provide a fair examination that ascertains if the candidates possess knowledge of the dental public health competencies that will make them successful in our field.

The Dental Specialty Boards had their annual meeting in Chicago at the end of July. Our Vice-President, Don Altman, our Executive Director, Joe Alderman, and myself were in attendance. The meeting was extremely informative and useful. One agenda item focused on the manner in which each specialty elects their Directors. From the result of that discussion, and from feedback we received during our annual meeting in Fort Worth, it is clear that ABDPH is an outlier in our current Director selection process. We will work towards changing the selection of the Director-Elect to make it a democratic process in an effort to bring more transparency to the board. I don't have a specific proposal to report to you at this time, but we will be analyzing the bylaws and working with our sponsoring organization, AAPHD, to make this change. If there are other internal board issues that you feel need to be addressed, please feel free to forward those to myself or any of the Directors.

Don Altman and Ana Karina Mascarenhas, in conjunction with AAPHD, are working on organizing a group to update the competencies for Dental Public Health. The current set of competencies was published in 1997 and we have heard from many stakeholders that an update is warranted. We are currently looking for funding for the project and I assure you that the update will include the broadest array of stakeholders.

I want to recognize the recent contributions of two of our Diplomates. The board wants to thank Scott Tomar for his sponsorship of the Board Review Course over the past several years. Many of the candidates taking the board examination have commented on the value of this course. I also want to thank Chet Douglass and Catherine Hayes for taking over this important endeavor. My last thank you is to Renee Joskow. Renee has recently stepped down as the chair of our recertification committee. We appreciate her dedication in ensuring that Diplomates meet the continuing education criteria for recertification.

As everyone is well aware, we are not in a status quo environment and there are many challenges for our sponsoring organization, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry. These changes may have a profound effect on the dental specialty as well as all those who work in dental public health. Before starting to draft this message, I reviewed many of the previous newsletters and the review of the specialty has been on our agenda since Steve Levy wrote about that in November 2011. This item has been on all of our agendas for a long time. This is a delicate area of discussion as our members are rightly very passionate and there is no easy choice, answer or alternative that satisfies all involved. AAPHD took a vote this summer regarding restructuring to comply with ADA Resolution 33 to the Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL). The results of that vote were communicated to AAPHD membership and a recent message indicated that the AAPHD has a workgroup aimed at bylaw revisions needed for the restructuring option chosen by the membership. The Directors of ABDPH continue to work closely with AAPHD to ensure the longevity of the specialty of dental public health.

I'm not sure if everyone is aware that our faithful Executive Director, Joe Alderman, is preparing to step down from his position. Joe has been an amazing asset to the board and is the consummate advocate for those candidates taking the certifying examination. Joe has transformed this position and demonstrated his dedication to public health by working long hours for little money to advance our specialty. Joe will stay with the board through the April 2016 meeting. In late 2015, we will start to look for a new Executive Director so that there will be transition time. Most of you took the examination with Joe, served on the board with Joe as a fellow Director or in his capacity as an Executive Director, or worked with Joe in your preparations to take the examination. He will be missed!



ABDPH Executive Director's Corner:

ABDPH Ten-Year Recertification:

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. Three Diplomates certified in 2004 will apply for Ten-Year Recertification in 2014. The 10-Year-Certificate will expire in 2024.

ABDPH Asks for Volunteer for SRC:

The Board is asking for volunteers for two (2) year terms on the ABDPH Standards and Recertification Committee (SRC). This year we will replace one member. **If interested, please send Executive Director a short CV including preferred address, phone and e-mail.**

- Responsibilities: Audit all applications for all Diplomates applying for ten-year Recertification, audit 10% of the Diplomates for accuracy of Continuing Education Report, recommend that the Board issue a new ten-year certificate, and recommend changes in the recertification process.
- Current Members: (5- Diplomates: Renee Joskow Chair, Georgia Rogers, E. Ernest Guile, Board Director-Judith Jones, and Executive Director, ABDPH: Joe Alderman)

The Annual Registration Fees (ARF) Schedule for 2015:

Please pay when you get email fee 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). The annual registration fee for the ABDPH is \$200.00 (Regular Fee), or one of three voluntary categories of \$240.00 (Silver), \$300 (Gold) and \$375.00 (Diamond).

As a certifying Board, we are required by the American Dental Association to collect annual fees from each Board Diplomate. If the annual registration fee is not paid, the Board of Directors will declare the Diplomate not in good standing. Lack of good standing results in the following actions taken by the Board: 1) The Diplomate's name will not appear on American Association of Public Health Dentistry Home Page, www.aaphd.org, link to the ABDPH Web Page under ABDPH Diplomates; 2) the Diplomate's name also will not be included in the list the Executive Director sends to the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Education and Licensure each year; 3) verification requests on your status as a Board Diplomate will include "not in good standing" in the reply. In order to be reinstated to active membership, the Diplomate must provide the annual registration fees that are owed, and any additional reinstatement fees.

1. 12/31/14-01/31/15: Annual Registration Fees (ARF) Payment received; Diplomate ARF-Regular-\$200
2. 02/01/15 to 03/31/15: Late Payment received \$200 ARF + \$35 late fee (i.e., \$235)
3. 04/01/15 to 6/30/15: Late Payment received \$200 ARF + \$75 late fee (i.e., \$275)
4. 07/01/15, Diplomate will no longer be in good standing. The 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.
5. 07/01/15 until 12/31/15: Payment received \$200 ARF + \$75 late fee+ \$100 reinstatement fee (i.e., \$375)
6. After 12/31/15: For calendar year 2015: Payment received \$200 ARF + \$75 late fee+ \$200 reinstatement fee (i.e., \$475)



2013 Diplomates Recognized at ABDPH 64nd Annual Diplomates Meeting and Banquet. April 28th, 2014 Left to right: Joe Alderman, ABDPH Executive Director; Diplomates: **Marguerite Laccabue, Lisa H. Chung, Julie Coe, Susan C. McKernan, Elham T. Kateeb, Pradeep Bhagavatula, Hisham Essam A. Merdad**

Photo by: Eugenio Beltrán

Congratulations Diplomates Certified in 2013

During the 2014 ABDPH Dinner and Business Meeting in Fort Worth, Dr. Eugenio Beltrán, 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.

1. Dr. Pradeep Bhagavatula, Milwaukee, WI; BDS, Bapuji Dental College and Hospital, Davangere, India; MPH, University of Alabama at Birmingham; MS, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City, IA. Mentor: Dr. Steven Levy.
2. Dr. Courtney H Chinn, New York, NY; DDS, University of WA, Seattle, WA; MPH, Columbia University, New York, NY; Residency, New York State Bureau of Dental Health, Albany, NY. Mentor: Dr. Jayanth Kumar. (Not able to attend Diplomates' Meeting.)
3. Dr. Lisa H Chung, San Francisco, CA; DDS, University of California San Francisco, CA; MPH, University of California Berkeley, CA; Residency, University of California San Francisco, CA. Mentor: Dr. Steven Silverstein.
4. Dr. Julie Coe, Richmond, VA; DDS, Seoul National University, Seoul, S. Korea; MHA, University of Iowa College of Public Health, Iowa City, IA; MS, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City, IA. Mentor: Dr. John Warren.
5. Dr. Mina M Habibian, San Diego, CA; DMD, School of Dentistry, University of Shiraz, Tehran, Iran; MS, King's School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of London, London, England; PhD, University of London England; Residency, University of California San Francisco, CA. Mentor: Dr. Steven Silverstein. (Not able to attend Diplomates' Meeting.)
6. Dr. Elham Kateeb, Dublin, OH; BDS, University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan; MPH, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; MA, PhD, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City, IA. Mentor: Dr. John Warren.

7. Dr. Marguerite Laccabue, San Antonio, TX; DDS, UC San Francisco School of Dentistry, San Francisco, CA; MPH, UCLA School of Public Health, Los Angeles, CA; Residency, UT Health Science Center San Antonio, Dental School, San Antonio, TX. Mentor: Dr. David Cappelli.
8. Dr. Susan C. McKernan, Iowa City, IA; DMD, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL; MS, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City, IA; PhD, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City, IA. Mentor: Dr. Steven Levy.
9. Dr. Hisham Essam A Merdad, Lansing, MI; BDS, King Abdulaziz University Faculty of Dentistry, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; DScD, Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, MA; Residency, Boston University, Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, MA. Mentor: Dr. Ana Karina Mascarenhas.
10. Dr. Timothy L Ricks, Nashville, TN; DMD, University of Mississippi, Jackson MS; MPH, University of Nevada, Reno, NV; Indian Health Service Dental Public Health Residency. Mentor: Dr. Patrick Blahut. (Not able to attend Diplomates' Meeting.)

New 2014 Life Diplomates:

ABDPH President Dr. Eugenio Beltrán recognized Dr. **James Stephen Arthur** of Benson, Vermont as a new 2014 Life Diplomat.

Congratulations to ABDPH Diplomates Certified in 2014

ABDPH Announces New Diplomates Certified in 2014. Dr. Jeffrey Chaffin announced that the following dentists have passed the Board certification examination given in 2014 and are now Diplomates of the Board: David A. Albert- New York, NY; Hosam Alrqi-Jersey City, NJ; Christina A. Demopoulos-Las Vegas, NV; Richie Kohli-Portland, OR, Dalia Meisha-Blacksburg, VA; Nathan P. Mork-Detroit Lakes, MN; Shillpa Naavaal-Dunwoody, GA; Marisol Tellez-Merchan- Plymouth Meeting, PA These new Diplomates will receive their pin at the ABDPH Banquet and Meeting April 27, 2015 at the Sheraton Kansas City in Kansas City, Missouri.

Need Updated Current Address: Diplomates

Please contact Dr. Joe Alderman if you have an updated contact for these Diplomates. If you have any questions, or need additional information, let me know.

Dr. William Niendorff- corvidman@att.net- Albuquerque, NM

Dr. Ardell A. Wilson- ardell.wilson@ct.gov – Avon, CT

Dr. John Stamm- john_stamm@dentistry.unc.edu -Chapel Hill, NC

Remembrance of Diplomates who have passed away since last ABDPH 63rd Annual Diplomates Meeting

Dr. Eugenio Beltrán announced that **Gene Paxton Lewis DDS MPH**, University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, Lexington, KY passed February 12, 2014. Dr. Lewis was a Diplomat and President of the American Board of Dental Public Health. Gene also served as President of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, on the Governing Council of the American Public Health Association and was a University of Kentucky Fellow. In 2005, he was inducted into the UK Public Health Hall of Fame. There was a moment of silence in his memory.



**Immediate Past- President, Chair Nominating Committee, ABDPH Honorary Diplomate
Eugenio Beltrán, DMD, MPH, MS, DrPH.**

Past-President Invites Nominations Honorary Diplomate: Deadline: February 1st, 2015

The American Board of Dental Public Health (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. Additional information may be obtained on the American Association of Public Health Dentistry Home Page, www.aaphd.org, link to the ABDPH Web Page under [ABDPH] Honorary Diplomate Policy. Past nominations may be resubmitted.

Please forward your letter of nomination indicating how the individual meets the award criteria, as well as the nominee's current curriculum vita, to: Address: **Eugenio Beltrán, DMD, MPH, MS, DrPH-2014**, Immediate Past-President ABDPH, Chair, Nominating Committee; Senior Director for Scientific Strategies and Information, American Dental Association 211 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611, Phone: 312-440-2914, Fax: 312-440-2536, E-mail: e.beltran@mac. Nominations may be submitted electronically to e.beltran@mac. Nominations must be received no later than February 1st, for consideration prior to the ABDPH Annual Dinner and Business Meeting to be held during the National Oral Health Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

Support AAPHD-the ABDPH Sponsoring Organization-VOTE!

The viability of the Specialty of Dental Public Health depends in part on its sponsoring organization, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD), and the support from board-certified specialists like you. If you are not an AAPHD member, please consider bringing your expertise and talents to the 'larger family' of Dental Public Health and at the same time enhancing the credibility and power of AAPHD. If you are a member, thank you for your support!

Continue to be updated concerning our specialty and sponsoring organization in AAPHD's Communiqué. Please remember to vote when appropriate for our specialty of dental public health.

2015 National Oral Health Conference

April 27-29, 2015 | Kansas City, Missouri

Make plans to join us for the 2015 National Oral Health Conference in Kansas City, Missouri: April 27-29, 2015 with pre-conference sessions April 25-26, 2015.

**Plan to attend: ABDPH 65th Annual Diplomates Meeting and Banquet-
April 27, 2015 in Kansas City, Missouri.**