**AMERICAN BOARD OF ORTHODONTICS (ABO)**

**Clinical Exam Update**
The ABO conducted Clinical Examinations in both February and September once again this year. A total of 228 examinees were certified or recertified at these exams. Congratulations to the following orthodontists from the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists for successfully completing the certification/recertification process during the most recent September Exam:

- Dr. Abdurahman Alwadei, Chicago, Illinois
- Dr. Saleh Al-Kharsa, Chicago, Illinois
- Dr. Susan Blair, Chicago, Illinois
- Dr. Danielle Bauer, Wheaton, Illinois
- Dr. Christopher Hall, Arlington Heights, Illinois
- Dr. Christopher Hartman, Des Moines, Iowa
- Dr. Corey Jones, Chicago, Illinois
- Dr. Nicholas Riccio, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
- Dr. Sreedevi Srinivasan, Iowa City, Iowa
- Dr. Abdelrahman Salem, Chicago, Illinois
- Dr. Adam Veit, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
- Dr. Raymond Tsou, Chicago, Illinois

The next Clinical Exam is scheduled for February 2017, in St. Louis. Additional information can be found on the ABO website.

The ABO recently announced changes to the Certification Renewal requirements. Individuals may now select from two different options in order to complete the certification renewal examination. These options include a Case Report Examination (CRE) for one case by mail along with continuing education credits from online AJO/DO exams or preparation of treatment plans for two online Board Case Exams (BCE) and continuing education credits from online AJO/DO exams. Complete information on Certification Renewal may be found on the ABO website.

**Written Exam Update**
The next ABO Written Examination will be administered April 4-7, 2017 at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers throughout the United States and Canada. Registration for this exam is currently open.

**ABO Advocacy Program**
As a direct result of requests received from program residents, the ABO recently established the role of ABO Resident Representative. A resident from each program will be identified as a liaison between their school residents and the ABO Advocate for their school. We anticipate that this new role will give the residents a better avenue for
dialogue with the ABO and will enhance the quality of the advocate-resident relationship.

GORP
The ABO had representation at the 2016 GORP meeting in Ann Arbor this past summer. Dr. Steve Dugoni gave a presentation to the residents on board certification.

ABO at the 2017 AAO Annual Session
As previously announced, the ABO will be recognizing the following award recipients at the 2017 AAO Annual Session:
• Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award: Dr. Sheldon Peck
• Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics: Dr. Andrew Haas
• Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepherd Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Michael Riolo
• O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award: Dr. Deborah Priestap

The ABO will offer a workshop for ABO-appointed Advocates during the 2017 AAO Annual Session in San Diego. The meeting will allow an opportunity to provide a review of the Advocacy Program and material available to advocates.

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