

AMERICAN BOARD OF ORTHODONTICS (ABO)

Clinical Exam Update:

The ABO conducted Clinical Examinations in February and September of 2017. A total of 222 examinees were certified or recertified during these examinations. A complete listing of newly certified or recertified orthodontists by constituency can be found on the [ABO website](#). The next Clinical Examination is scheduled for February 2018 in St. Louis. Registration information for the examination is posted on the [ABO website](#).

ABO Clinical Examination Examiners:

The ABO is interested in adding new examiners to our pool of potential Clinical Examination examiners. To be considered, the following requirements are necessary:

- Board certified orthodontist in good standing with the ABO.
- At least five years since your ABO Initial Certification.
- Involved in direct patient care and/or serve as clinical faculty in an accredited orthodontic program at least one day per week.
- Demonstrate contemporary knowledge of orthodontics.
- Comfortable with the utilization of technology.
- Familiar with the Clinical Examination criteria.
- Not have any conflicts of interest or self-promoting motives.
- Able to respect and maintain confidentiality.
- Commit to the following:
 - Participation as Examiner for Clinical Examinations
 - Examination preparation projects assigned as needed.
- Demonstrate excellent interpersonal skills, professionalism and flexible approach.
- Able to be impartial, objective and consistent in approach.
- Able to work as part of a team.
- Experience with tutoring or examining preferred.
- Submission of three references, along with current CV.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact your [ABO constituency's director](#). Thank you!

Written Examination Update:

The ABO Written Examination was administered April 4-7, 2017, at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers throughout the United States and Canada to 391 examinees. The reliability of the examination was .92, with a 97 percent pass rate. The next Written Examination will be offered April 10-13, 2018. Registration for this exam is currently open.

Educational Update:

- In an effort to determine how best to meet the needs of our specialty, the ABO distributed a certification survey to certified and non-certified orthodontists, educators and residents in March 2017. In addition, the ABO has partnered with Castle Worldwide, a certification and licensure testing company to utilize their 30 years of experience in the science of psychometrics and training development to administer a practice analysis to define core competencies required of a newly certified orthodontist. As a foundation, the ABO also utilized the CODA Curriculum Standards and the AAO Clinical Practice Guidelines for Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics. In August 2017 a survey was distributed to AAO membership to assist in defining key skills and abilities of an orthodontist and to ensure that ABO examination methods bear a close relationship to job performance.
- The ABO Brand Standards Guide has been updated for offices with multi-orthodontist practices. If all doctors in the office are not board certified, the ABO seal and logo may not be placed on the home page, but should be placed on sub-pages that directly pertain to the specific board certified orthodontist.
- The ABO has included a link to the AAO Clinical Practice Guidelines on the ABO website for reference.

Educators Symposium:

The ABO welcomed orthodontic department chairs, program directors, faculty and ABO-appointed advocates at the 2017 ABO Educators Symposium, *Intelligently Adapting to Change* honoring Dr. **Thomas Cangialosi**. Approximately 100 individuals attended the meeting. Dr. **Richard Diemer**, Educational Consultant, was honored at a welcome reception for his 30+ years of service to the ABO, and as co-recipient for the 2018 Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. AAO CODA Review Committee representatives were in attendance and provided a progress update. Additional agenda topics included actions taken from the 2016 symposium, ABO future challenges and dental specialties outreach/observations. Dr. **Jim Henderson** of Castle Worldwide, discussed the ABO practice analysis and validation survey. Discussion centering on scenario-based testing followed by an interactive workshop also occurred.

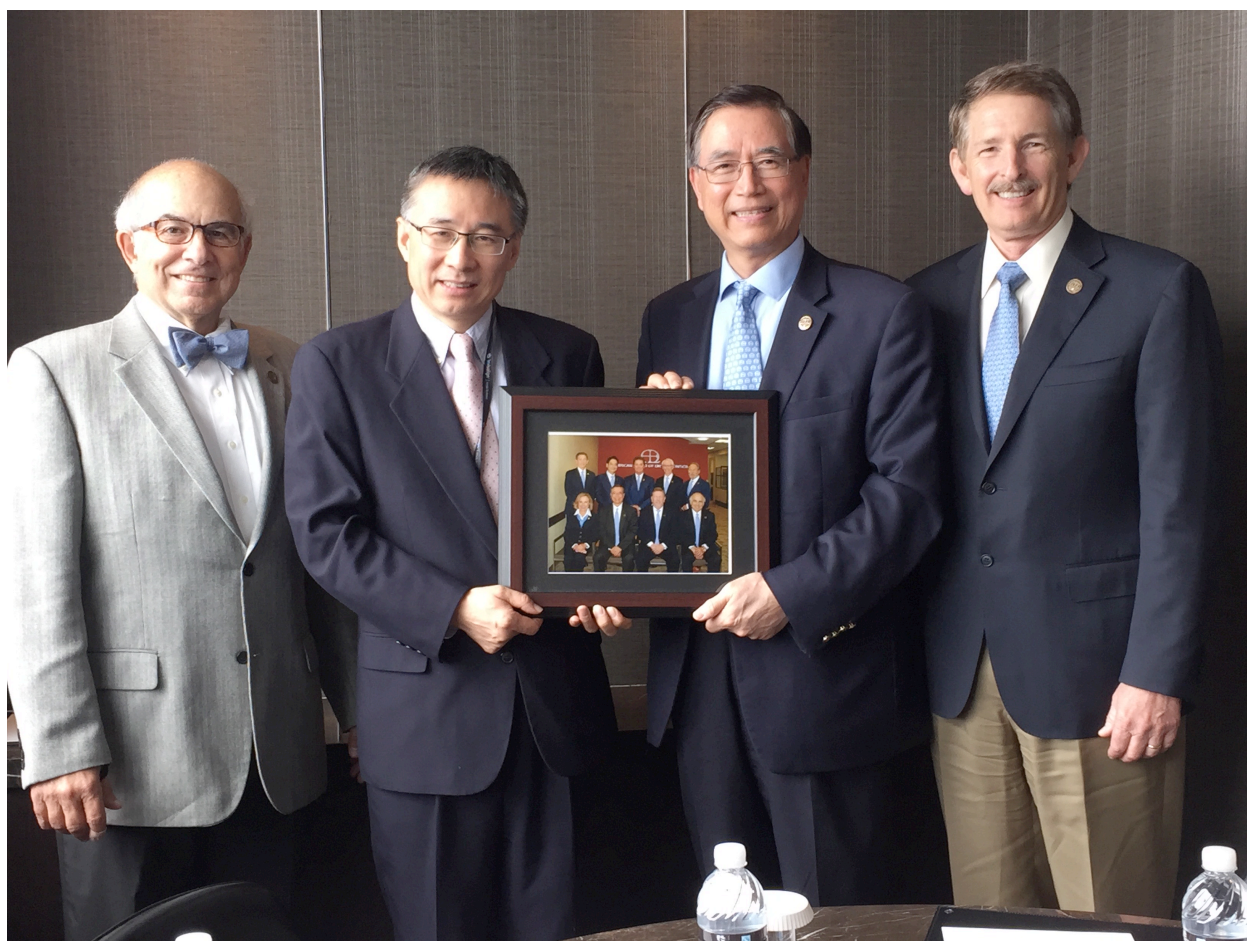
The College:

The ABO and the College (CDABO) continue to work together to support orthodontic programs in their preparation for the clinical exam thru our advocacy program. To-date, all 73 orthodontic programs have at least one advocate assigned to their school. In addition, the College offers courses for examinees to prepare for the clinical exam during constituency meetings and at Annual Session.

As a direct result from requests received from program residents, the ABO established the role of ABO Resident Representative. The identified resident will act as a liaison between their school residents and the ABO Advocate. We anticipate this new role will give the residents a louder voice by encouraging open communication dialogue and enhance the quality of the advocate and resident relationship.

Chinese Orthodontic Society:

The ABO was honored to accept the Chinese Orthodontic Society's invitation to participate as program speakers during their September 2017 meeting in Shanghai, China. Drs. **Chun-Hsi Chung**, ABO President, Dr. **Nicholas Barone**, ABO Secretary/Treasurer and Dr. **Steven Dugoni**, ABO Immediate Past President, attended the meeting.



GORP:

The ABO attended the 2017 GORP meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. **Chun-Hsi Chung** gave a presentation to the residents on board certification and answered questions.

ABO at 2017 AAO Annual Session:

The ABO Directors for the 2017-2018 year are as follows:

Dr. **Chun-Hsi Chung**, President, MASO
Dr. **Larry Tadlock**, President-elect, SWSO
Dr. **Nicholas Barone**, Secretary/Treasurer, NESO
Dr. **Valmy Kulbersh**, Director, GLAO
Dr. **David Sabott**, Director, RMSO
Dr. **Patrick Foley**, Director, MSO
Dr. **Timothy Trulove**, Director, SAO
Dr. **Jae H. Park**, Director, PCSO
Dr. **Steven Dugoni**, Immediate Past President, PCSO

The AAO House of Delegates confirmed Dr. **Jae H. Park** as the ABO new director representing the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists.



The ABO is pleased to announce the following award recipients who will be recognized during the 2018 Annual Session meeting:

- Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award: Dr. **Birte Melsen**
- Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics: Dr. **Jeryl D. English**
- Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Peter Greco and Dr. **Richard Diemer**
- O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award: Dr. **Richard Kulbersh**

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