

Report of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry

The transition to our ABPD Headquarters in Iowa City is complete. Executive Director Art Nowak and Executive Assistant Linda Sojka are providing ABPD candidates, Diplomates, and the Board of Directors outstanding service in an efficient, effective and user-friendly manner. Our website at www.abpd.org is in full operation with complete documentation of our application forms, examination procedures, and grading protocols such that essentially all activity can be done on-line. The site also provides links to the AAPD, the College of Diplomates, and the AAP. As of March 19, 2003 the ABPD Headquarters has been able to process examination charges, annual fees, via MasterCard or Visa and the process has already been well received by our constituents.

The financial status of the Board remains stable with documentation of auditing procedures and outcomes will be provided to the AAPD Executive Committee under separate cover from our Executive Director.

The ABPD examination process to date (as of March 26, 2003) shows the following statistics:

Comprehensive Written Section Examination:

Administered on November 2, 2002:..... 103 registered 92 Passed (89% pass rate)
Scheduled for May, 2003: 167 candidates

The Board broadened the availability for taking the Comprehensive Written Section (CWS) examination to include current residents/postgraduate students within three months of completing their postgraduate program. Approximately 80 residents graduating in June/July, 2003 registered to take the CWS prior to the AAPD Annual Meeting in New York.

General and Applied Knowledge Examination:

Administered on November 2, 2002:.....2 registered 1 Passed
Scheduled for May 21, 2003:4 registered

Case Reviews Section:

Registered for 2002-03 cycle: 54
Canceled: 2
In Grading Process:..... 24 (To be graded at ABPD meeting in April)
Passed as of April 1:..... 20
In Development Process:..... 8

Grading format effective January 1, 2003 to take place annually in April and November.

Site Visits:

Registered: 38
Passed to date in 2002-03:..... 21
Incomplete/Failure:..... 1

Additional 13 candidates are scheduled prior to AAPD meeting in May
Remaining 3 candidates scheduled June through August of 2003

The ABPD Annual Board of Director's meeting was held April 10-11, 2003 at the ABPD Headquarters in Iowa City, Iowa. The balance of Case Review submissions were also graded during the weekend in Iowa City. We appreciated the participation of AAPD President David Curtis during the ABPD Annual Meeting.

Changing the ABPD Annual Meeting to April in Iowa City will hopefully lessen some of the scheduling conflicts the Director's encountered when the meeting was held during the AAPD meeting. This is especially important now that the CWS exam has been added to the May meeting. We will still maintain our informational and educational Board related activities during the AAPD Annual Meeting in addition to the exam.

For twenty years, Dr. James R. Roche served the ABPD and the entire specialty of Pediatric Dentistry with distinguished leadership and guidance as the ABPD Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The Board will honor his service with a testimonial dinner in Indianapolis in June 2003. Jim is a true gentleman and a friend to not only the Board; but to all pediatric dentists. We take this opportunity to acknowledge his long and valued service to our specialty.

We again wish to express our appreciation for the support the AAPD Headquarters staff has extended to the Board over the last year in coordinating many activities of the ABPD. This cooperation reflects the very positive approach the AAPD leadership under President David Curtis and Executive Director John Rutkauskas have taken with regards to our mutual interests. Thanks for the on-going support as we look forward to maintaining the open approach we have moved toward over the past few years.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald A. Bell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial 'R' and a long, sweeping underline.

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