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**From the President**



*James L. Rutkowski, D.M.D.*

Hello Everyone,

It has been a great year. I think that you will find more exciting things happening in the year to come.

I would like to take a moment to mention that Dr. Valerie Lober, has retired from her position as Executive Director of the ABOI. Dr. Lober's has an extensive list of accomplishments she can be proud of and we were privileged to have had her leadership for so many years. Dr. Lober retired due to complications of a chronic illness. I am sure I speak for all of us in saying that we wish Valerie and her husband Ross all the best. We hope that they will be able to enjoy traveling, as well as the free time that retirement affords them.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Kathleen Huttner as ABOI's new Executive Director. Ms. Huttner brings with her an extensive clinical background from work-

ing in an oral and maxillofacial surgery private practice as well as being supervisor of the Oral Surgery clinic at the University of Illinois at Chicago, College Of Dentistry.

Ms. Huttner made the change from clinical to administrative by joining the staff of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons as Senior Staff Associate in the Continuing Medical Education department of the association. Following that, Ms. Huttner was the Continuing Medical Education and E-Learning Manager for MacNeal Hospital, a Chicago area community hospital. Ms. Huttner brings a level of enthusiasm to this position that the Board feels will help the ABOI move towards the next level in their quest to expand and seek new horizons.

Let us thank Dr. Lober for the past, and let's welcome the future in Ms. Huttner.

I hope that you are planning to attend the AAID Annual Meeting in San Diego. This year's program is sure to have something of interest for you to attend. As ABOI President, I would like to invite you to attend the ABOI Annual Breakfast, which will take place on Friday October 31, 2008.

Also, don't forget to stop by the ABOI booth and introduce yourself to Kathleen, she will be there to answer your questions and get to know you.

Thanks you and see you in San Diego!!

James L. Rutkowski, D.M.D.

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**Thank you Dr. Valerie Lober for your  
years of service to the ABOI**



Dr. Valerie Lober

### **New 2008 Diplomates**

Our new Diplomates have worked hard to achieve this milestone in implant dentistry. No other organization in implant dentistry has such comprehensive requirements and testing to become a Diplomat. Our new Diplomates, who are listed below, certainly should be proud of themselves for striving and accomplishing this goal:

William Robert Dapper, D.D.S., San Clemente, CA  
Bernie C. Dunson, D.D.S., Atlanta, GA  
Douglas G. Hammond, D.M.D., M.S.D., Huntsville, AL

Michael Katzap, D.D.S., Rego Park, NY  
Andrea Wayne Kelly, D.D.S., Clemmons, NC  
Ioannis (Yianni) Magnis, D.D.S., Bakersfield, CA

Nicholas J. Shubin, D.D.S., San Juan Capistrano, CA  
Pankaj P. Singh, D.D.S., Brookville, NY  
Luis Alejandro Torres, D.M.D., Vista Circle, FL

I hope that all Diplomates will be present for the ABOI/ID annual breakfast during which we will formally recognize these individuals and award them with their medallions.

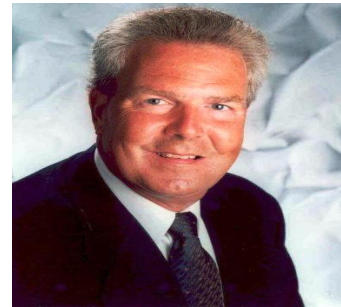
New Diplomates will also receive special recognition during the AAID President's reception and dinner. Which will both take place during the

AAID Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. We hope that you can join us for these events.

### **Nomination of a New Board Member for 2009**

The Board of Directors of the ABOI/ID is comprised of seven members, each of whom serves a rotating seven-year term. This means that, each year, one new Director rotates on to the Board and that the most senior Director rotates off. On December 31, 2008, Jack A Hahn, D.D.S., will vacate his seat. Accordingly, his departure makes a new position available on the 2009 ABOI Board.

As it is empowered to do by the *ABOI/ID By-laws*, the 2008 Board of Directors has nominated **Craig D. Cooper, D.D.S.** for the open 2009 position.



Craig D. Cooper, D.D.S., FAAID

Dr. Craig D. Cooper, D.D.S., FAAID will be appointed to the Board for a 7 year term.

Dr. Cooper received his bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and received his dental degree from Indiana University. Dr. Cooper has been in private practice in Indianapolis since 1973 and has limited his practice to dental implant surgery since 1988. In 1983 Dr. Cooper attended the Midwest Implant Institute. He is a Diplomat of the ABOI.

Dr. Cooper has been a very active member of the AAID. He is an Honored Fellow of the AAID, a past president and a member of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Cooper has also devoted much of his time as a lecturer both nationally and internationally. Dr. Cooper's devotion to implant

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dentistry was recognized by the Academy in 2007 when he was given the Gershkoff Award.

In case you didn't think his schedule was busy enough, Dr. Cooper served as the President of the Indianapolis District Dental Society and has been very active with his state and constituents.

Additionally, **Louis Rigali, D.D.S.** will be appointed to a one year term on the Board.

Dr. Louis Rigali has been practicing General Dentistry in The Western Massachusetts community of Holyoke for the past fifty years. This is where he and his wife Clare spend their limited amount of personal time with their children and grandchildren.

His passion for dentistry is evidenced by his continuing to practice – full time- for as long as he remains healthy. Dr. Rigali has been a member of the AAID since 1972. In fact, he studied and practiced implant dentistry since graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1957. He has served as an Examiner for the American Board of Oral Implantology for the past several years, and he was Chairman of the New England Chapter of the AAID Study Club. He has also served as President of the International Association for Orthodontics.

### **Diplomates can also Nominate Candidates to the Board**

Diplomates of the ABOI/ID, themselves, can also nominate individuals for the Board's open 2008 seat, providing that at least five Diplomates endorse the nomination.

To be eligible for nomination, Diplomates must be in good standing with the ABOI/ID, be a Fellow or Associate Fellow of the AAID, and *not* also be an officer or member of the Board of any other oral-implant organization or of any other dental or medical specialty board. Consistent with the *Bylaws*, all nominations must be received in ABOI/ID office by 5:00 p.m. Central Time, Thursday, September 22, 2008. The election will take place on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 by mail ballot.

### **Continuing Board Members**

Members of the Board of Directors who will be continuing their service in 2009 include: James L. Rutkowski, D.M.D. (2010), Walter C. Chitwood, Jr., D.D.S. (2011); Barry K. Bartee, D.D.S., M.D. (2012); and H. Dexter Barber, D.D.S., (2013) Natalie Y. Wong, D.D.S. (2014).



*San Diego*

### **ABOI/ID Activities at the AAID Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA**

The annual meeting of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID) will be held in San Diego, CA, October 29-November 2, 2008 at the spectacular Manchester Grand Hyatt. The AAID has arranged for a special discounted rate of \$250.00 single / \$270.00 double occupancy (plus tax) don't miss the opportunity not only to visit a beautiful city, but, to attend informative educational programs.

Several activities of special interest to Diplomates and to those interested in becoming certified will be offered during the meeting.

For starters, the AAID will present a mock board review and examination Luncheon which will be held on Friday, October 21, 2008 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., this program will provide an overview of the ABOI/ID certification examination process. During the program participants will have the opportunity of taking a mock examination of approximately 20 questions taken from Part I of the ABOI Board examination. Participants will also have the opportunity to view a sample Part II standardized case. Plan on attending this program if you are either in the process of taking the Board exam or plan on signing up for it-

Tickets can be purchased for **\$80.00**. (The ticket price includes the cost of the lunch.)

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## How to Prepare Applications for Parts I and II of the Certification Examination

This program will be held on  
Thursday, October 30, 2008  
8:00am–10:00 a.m.

This program will offer instruction to dentists who are applying for the 2008 ABOI/ID certification examination. **Dr. Olivia Palmer**, current Diplomate, will offer a step-by-step approach in completing the application for Part I, including guidance on how to prepare the documentation for the required continuing-education courses. She will also present a section-by-section approach in applying for Part II, and for preparing the ten case reports for the Part II examination. There cost of this program is: FREE



### Thirteenth Annual Breakfast

The ABOI/ID will hold its thirteenth annual breakfast for Diplomates and other interested dentists on Friday, October 31, 2008 from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. During this event, **President James L. Rutkowski** will present medallions to the ABOI/ID's new Diplomates, as well as recognize the ABOI/ID's past presidents and currently serving committee members. He will, in addition, present plaques to the immediate past president and to the officers of the Board of Directors.

Additionally, Dr. Rutkowski will provide an overview for attendees on current activities of the ABOI/ID. The ticket price for the breakfast is **\$55.00** and must be purchased in advance through the AAID.  
(Tickets are required for this event)



### **Lunch and Learn Session.**

Potential applicants for the ABOI/ID examination can also take part in the lunch-and-learn program entitled *On Becoming a Diplomate*.

The luncheon will be held on Friday, October 31, 2008 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

**Drs. James L. Rutkowski, H. Dexter Barber** and, **Walter Chitwood**—members of the Board of Directors—will each present an informal discussion on preparing for and participating in the ABOI/ID certification examination.

The cost of Lunch and Learn is \$80.00 this includes lunch.

Last but not least-

Remember to stop by the ABOI booth in the exhibit hall and pick up information on the ABOI/ID Certification program.

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## Calendar of Important Events

### Monday, September 22, 2008

Diplomates' nominations for the ABOI/ID Board of Directors are due by 5:00 p.m. Central Time.

### Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Applications are due for Parts I and II of the ABOI/ID 2009 certification examination. Diplomates should encourage their colleagues to apply. They can access everything they need to know about the process by logging on to [www.aboi.org](http://www.aboi.org) and downloading the 2009 *Handbook*, the requirements, the study guide, and the Part I and Part II applications. Interested dentists can also view a special PowerPoint® presentation on how to prepare case reports for the Part II examination.

### October 29-November 2, 2008

AAID's annual meeting in San Diego, Ca  
(Pre-register at [www.aaid-implant.org](http://www.aaid-implant.org))

### Wednesday, October 29, 2008

AAID mock board examination review and presentation

### Thursday, October 30, 2008

Special lecture on how to prepare applications for Parts I and II of the examination and to assemble the ten case reports for the Part II examination

### Friday, October 31, 2008

ABOI/ID Thirteenth annual breakfast

Lunch- and-learn sessions: *On Becoming a Diplomate*

### Saturday, November 1, 2008

AAID president's celebration during which new Diplomates will be honored

### March 26, 2009

Board of Directors' annual meeting

### March 27-30, 2009

2009 certification examination

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