2015 has been a good year for the ABOI. The ABOI Board of Directors along with returning Executive Director Kathleen Huttner took the ABOI in the direction of applying for specialty status in Implant Dentistry with the American Board of Dental Specialties (ABDS). The ABOI could also not have done it without the assistance of Sharon Bennett, AAID Executive Director and Frank Recker, JD, Counsel for the AAID. The process is not complete, but we are on our way to gaining specialty recognition with the ABDS.

The ABOI will also begin a new marketing campaign to encourage qualified dental professionals to become ABOI Diplomates. If you know of anyone who has the knowledge and experience required to become a Diplomate, please be sure to encourage them to apply; with specialty status around the corner, this designation will be more valuable than ever.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, the Diplomates, for allowing me to serve as your President for 2015. We have had a remarkable year, and I look forward to seeing all of you in Las Vegas. Be sure to purchase your tickets for the ABOI Induction ceremony early, we sold out very quickly last year!

Nomination of ABOI/ID New Board Member for 2016

The ABOI/ID Board of Directors is comprised of seven members, each of whom serves a rotating seven-year term. This means that, each year, after the Past President retires from the Board a new Director is selected and the existing members advance to the next level of service.

On October 21, 2015, Dr. Craig D. Cooper, will vacate his seat. Dr. Cooper’s departure makes a new position available on the 2016 ABOI/ID Board.

As it is empowered to do by the ABOI/ID By-laws, the 2015 Board of Directors has nominated Lion Berzin, BDS for the open 2016 position.

Dr. Berzin has been an ABOI/ID Diplomate in good standing since 2011 and has served on the ABOI Part I Test Construction Committee and has been an ABOI Board Examination examiner for multiple years.

Dr. Berzin attended University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg South Africa and later moved to Toronto Canada to open a private practice focusing on implantology. He is currently Director of the Implant Continuum East Toronto Study Club and holds a Faculty position at the Misch International Implant Institute Canada.

Please congratulate Dr. Lion Berzin on his nomination to the ABOI/ID Board of Directors.
Diplomates can Nominate Candidates to the Board

Diplomates of the ABOI/ID can nominate individuals for the Board’s open 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 3, 2015.
- The election will take place on Friday, October 2, 2015 by mail ballot if an additional candidate is nominated.
- If no other candidate is nominated, on Tuesday November 3, 2015, the ABOI/ID Board will confirm their board nominee as the new member of the Board of Directors for 2014.

If you have any questions regarding the voting and nomination process, please contact the ABOI/ID Headquarters.

Continuing ABOI/ID Board Members

Members of the Board of Directors who will be continuing their service in 2016 include:

- Jack Piermatti, DMD
  Incoming President 2016
- Arthur K. Molzan, DDS
  Vice-President
- Kevin J. O’Grady, DDS
  Secretary
- Jaime L. Lozada, DDS
  Treasurer

Director:

- Fred Gustave, DDS
- Emile Martin, DDS
  Past-President in 2016

ABOI/ID Activities at the AAID Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV

The annual meeting of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID) will be held in Las Vegas, NV, October 21-24, 2015.

The ABOI/ID Certification Process Explained and How to Complete the Part I and Part II Applications

Thursday- October 22, 2015
8:00am-10:00am

This program will provide useful information about the ABOI/ID Certification process as well as answer any questions about completing and submitting applications to become a Diplomate. Please let anyone you know that is interested in becoming a Diplomate about this program.

ABOI/ID New Case Requirements Explained

Thursday- October 22, 2015
2:30pm-5:30pm

Beginning in 2016 there will be new case requirements for individuals who intend on taking the ABOI/ID Part II oral examination. This program will explain what the new required cases are as well as provide detailed information about how to correctly submit your cases, which will include: documentation guidelines and x-ray/photograph expectations.

If you are planning on taking the Part II oral examination and have not submitted your cases to the Board this program will be very helpful in guiding you through the process. ABOI/ID staff and a member of the ABOI/ID Board of Directors will be present to answer your questions.

ABOI/ID Diplomate Induction Luncheon

The ABOI/ID will host a luncheon on Friday, October 23, 2015 from 12noon-1:30 pm to induct the new ABOI/ID Diplomates.

During this event, ABOI/ID President Emile Martin, DDS will present the ABOI/ID’s new Diplomates with their medallions, as well as recognize the ABOI/ID’s past presidents and currently serving committee members. The ticket price for the luncheon is $100.00

Tickets are required and must be purchased in advance through the AAID. Please join us in welcoming our new Diplomates and let’s enjoy some camaraderie with fellow Diplomates.
2015 New Diplomates

Our new Diplomates have worked hard to achieve this milestone in their professional lives. Congratulations to the following new Diplomates on their accomplishment:

- Fawaz Alzoubi, DDS, San Francisco, CA
- John D. Beckwith, DMD, Hillsborough, NJ
- Mike E. Calderon, DDS, Bay Shore, NY
- Pakawat Chatriyanuyoke, DDS, MS, Pathumthani, Thailand
- Natalia Evans, DMD, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Blayne J. Gumm, DDS, Belleair Bluffs, FL
- Ihab M. Hanna, DDS, Redwood City, CA
- John Hargreaves, DDS, Denver, CO
- Olinga Hargreaves, DDS, Denver, CO
- Scott G. Lamming, DDS, San Juan Capistrano, CA
- Abdul R. Majzoub, DDS, Chicago, IL
- Lyle S. Pidzarko, DDS, Burnaby, BC, Canada
- Richard H. Rapoport, DDS, Westmont, Quebec, Canada
- Gun Woo Alex Rhee, DDS, Millbrook, Ontario, Canada
- Keerthi, Senthil, DDS, Fontana, CA
- Pierre J. Tedders, DDS, Jackson, MI
- R. Carol Waldman, DDS, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Juhyong Peter Yi, Los Altos, CA

The ABOI has a first – Husband and Wife team become Diplomates in 2015

For the first time in the ABOI history, we have a husband – wife team that will become Diplomates in the same year! It was not long ago that John and Olinga Hargreaves began their journey to become Diplomates.

From my perspective, the thing I found most endearing about this couple is that they were and are always supporting each other.

I have made it a tradition to call new Diplomates personally and congratulate them on passing the exams. The morning I called the Hargreaves’ office Olinga got on the phone and was very nervous, she thought for sure she failed. One of the first things out of her mouth was, “I hope John passed- I would be so happy for him!” I told her the good news that she had passed and she was very happy to say the least. She asked me what John’s results were, and I told her I would have to speak to him directly- she went to get John, and when John got on the phone, he said something similar to what Olinga said about hoping she passed even if he didn’t. Well they both passed and I was very happy for both of them.

John and Olinga are not only great practitioners, but are life partners who support and deeply care for each other, this is not something you see very often, which makes this even more special.

Congratulations John and Olinga, I am sure this has been a pretty special journey for both of you.

Kathleen Huttner
ABOI/ID Executive Director
Calendar of Important Events

Thursday, September 3, 2015
Diplomates’ nominations for the ABOI/ID Board of Directors are due by 5:00 p.m. Central Time.

Friday, October 15, 2015
Application deadline for Parts I and II of the ABOI/ID 2016 certification examination
Current Diplomates should encourage their colleagues to apply. To find out more information, go to the new ABOI/ID website: www.aboi.org

October 21-24, 2015
AAID’s annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV
(Pre-register at www.aaid.com)

Friday, October 23, 2015
ABOI/ID Diplomate Induction Luncheon

Saturday, October 24, 2015
AAID president’s celebration during which new Diplomates will be honored

February 5-6, 2016
ABOI/ID Implantology Update and Comprehensive Board Review Course, Chicago, IL

April 1-3, 2016
2016 ABOI/ID certification examinations, Chicago, IL