Where we have been and where we are going as an organization over the past few years has been quite a journey. As a past president of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID), a past president of the American Board of Dental Specialties (ABDS) and soon to be past president of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry (ABOI/ID) the journey has been one of many ups and downs and everything in between. We have seen the progression of our ability to advertise our ABOI/ID Diplomate status in states that previously set out to restrict us for doing so. We have seen the formation of an organization that is slowly changing the way in which our specialty is viewed in the dental world. The initial steps that were taken so many years ago are finally showing us that the fight was worth it— not only for us, but future implantologists.

Our journey is not over, given the strides we have made so far, we cannot turn back. The ABOI/ID had another successful year and will welcome 31 new Diplomates to the organization this coming September in Dallas Texas. Our numbers are growing, we will now be 528 strong.

There is a group named the United States Board of Oral Implantology (USBOI) that is stating that they are a certifying board in oral implantology.

The ABOI/ID strongly opposes this group due to their infringement of our trademark as well as causing undue confusion to the public. The ABOI/ID takes offense that this group would state that they are a certifying body in the specialty of implantology without having the experience, knowledge and history to administer a psychometrically and legally defensible examination. The process that everyone who is an ABOI/ID Diplomate has fought to preserve and have deemed a bona fide credential is being infringed upon by this group’s existence. Should you find yourself being asked by others interested in board certification and the USBOI is mentioned, let them know that the ABOI/ID is the only bona fide credential in implantology.

Last but not least I would like to thank you, the Diplomates, for allowing me to serve as your President for 2018. We have had a remarkable year, and I look forward to seeing all of you in Dallas. Be sure to purchase your tickets for the ABOI Induction ceremony. We will be inducting 31 new Diplomates, please come and show your support.

Dr. Kevin O’Grady
ABOI/ID President

HEADQUARTERS NEWS:
The ABOI/ID headquarters welcomed new staff member, Ashley Walker to assist Kathleen Huttner in the day to day operations of the ABOI/ID. Ashley hit the ground running and took over the social media aspect of the ABOI/ID. Her work has taken off, with numbers increasing weekly on LinkedIn and Facebook. This is a sign that things at the ABOI/ID are moving in the right direction, the headquarters office is busier than ever with new candidates inquiring about how to become board certified implantologists. Welcome Ashley!
ABOI/ID 2019 Board of Directors Nominee

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 6, 2018.
- The election will take place on Friday, October 5, 2018 by mail ballot if an additional candidate is nominated.
- If no other candidate is nominated, on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 the ABOI/ID Board will confirm their board nominee as the new member of the Board of Directors for 2019.

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

Nomination of ABOI/ID New Board Member for 2019

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 September 26, 2018, Dr. Arthur Molzan, will vacate his seat. Dr. Molzan’s departure makes a new position available on the 2019 ABOI/ID Board.

Dr. Suheil Boutros ABOI/ID Board of Directors 2019 nominee

As it is empowered to do by the ABOI/ID By-laws, the 2018 Board of Directors has nominated Suheil Boutros, DDS, MS for the open 2019 position. Dr. Boutros is a board-certified periodontist from Grand Blanc Michigan. He attended University of Detroit Mercy school of Dentistry in Detroit Michigan and received his certificate in Periodontics from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. Boutros has lectured nationally and internationally on topics related to implantology. He became a Diplomate with the American Board of Periodontology in 1999 and became a Diplomate with the ABOI/ID in 2007 and is in good standing.

Dr. Boutros has also been an examiner for the ABOI/ID, and part of a task force for the ABOI/ID’s practice analysis survey development.

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ABOI/ID Activities at the AAID Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX

The annual meeting of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID) will be held in Dallas Texas, September 26-29, 2018.

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

Thursday- September 27, 2018
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 Mock Oral Examinations

Thursday- September 27, 2018 1:30pm-3:30pm
This program will demonstrate the ABOI/ID Part II oral examination experience in a small group setting format. Attendees will gain greater insight about what to expect during the ABOI/ID oral examination process. This program is meant to be an interactive experience to improve and prepare candidates for the oral examination.

ABOI/ID Diplomate Induction Luncheon

The ABOI/ID will host a luncheon on Friday, September 28, 2018 12noon-1:30 pm.
During this event, ABOI/ID President Kevin O’Grady 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.

Congratulations 2018 ABOI/ID Diplomates

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

Mohamad Taisir Albik, DDS, Elk Grove, CA
Fadi Alhrashi, DDS, Herndon, VA
Jeffrey G. Allred, DDS, Sam Marcos, CA
Alaa W. AlQutub, BDS, M.Sc, Malden, MA
German Arzate, DDS, Cancun, Mexico
John M. Barksdale, DDS, Baton Rouge, LA
Bhavesh B. Bhakta, DDS, Austin, TX
Steven E. Brock, DDS, Knoxville, TN
Andrea M. Company, DDS, Canton, OH
Robert V. Costello, DDS, Monroe, LA
Omar E. ElBanhawy, DDS, MS, West Bloomfield, MI
Katherine Ferguson, DMD, Weston, FL
Russell D. Fitton III, DDS, Barrington, IL
Eric M. George, DMD, Newport, RI
Amir S. Guorgui, DMD, Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada
Raouf Hanna, DDS, MS, Houston, TX
Gregg C. Hendrickson, DDS, Henderson, NV
Gregory Kammeyer, DDS, MS, Sun City West, AZ
Russell Kiser II, DDS, MS, Mansfield, OH
Alina Krivitsky, DDS, Los Angeles, CA
John J. Perna, DDS, Oak Park, IL
Craig A. Schlie, DDS, Redding, CA
Trevor R. Shew, DMD, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Mario A. Silvestri, DDS, Vestal, NY
Samantha Aysegul Siranli, DMD, PhD, Washington, DC
Robert J. Stanley, DDS, Cary, NC
Sarat Chandra Ummethala, DDS, MBA, Loma Linda, CA
Gurinder S. Wadhwa, DDS, MA, Albany, NY
Peter Zahedi, DMD, San Rafael, CA
Mahmood M. Zaitr, DDS, BDS, Clifton, NJ
Calendar for Important Events

**September 6, 2018**
Diplomate nominations for the ABOI/ID Board of Directors are due by 5:00 pm Central Time.

**September 26-29, 2018**
American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID) 67th Annual Conference,
Dallas, TX.

**Friday, September 28, 2018**
ABOI/ID Diplomate Induction Luncheon,
Dallas, TX.

**Saturday, September 29, 2018**
AAID’s presidents celebration during which new Diplomates will be honored, Dallas, TX.

**Saturday, December 1, 2018**
Application deadline for 2019 examination.

**January 25-27, 2019**
ABOI/ID Implantology Update and Comprehensive Board Review Course, Orlando Hilton, Orlando, FL.

**April 5-7, 2019**
2019 ABOI/ID certification examination, Chicago, IL.