



## American Board of Oral Implantology/ Implant Dentistry Summer 2020 Newsletter



### ABOI/ID President's Letter

Dear ABOI/ID Diplomates,

2020 has been an unprecedented year for the American Board of Oral Implantology/ Implant dentistry, amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Just as the ABOI/ID was preparing to conduct the newly constructed Part I and Part II examinations, based on the most recent practice analysis; the Board had to make the very difficult decision to cancel the 2020 ABOI/ID examinations for the very first time in the ABOI/ID's history.

However, in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors have been hard at work. We are committed to administering the exams as soon as it is safe and possible to do so. The ABOI/ID is planning to conduct the upcoming Part I written examination as a computer-based examination at Pearson VUE testing centers for the very first time, additionally we are exploring options for the Part II oral examination.

The Board amended the ABOI/ID Bylaws and revamped the [ABOI/ID Policies](#), to ensure proper governance and Board functionality for the future. Our new Bylaws and Policies, will bring new opportunities for eligible Diplomates to become involved in the examination process as well as hold positions on different committees within the ABOI/ID.

On our quest to take the field of Implant Dentistry to a recognized dental specialty, working with the American Board of Dental Specialties, and aligning our Board with other dental specialty boards; the Board of Directors has approved changes to the necessary eligibility criteria and routes that a candidate will require to follow to apply for the ABOI/ID certification process. These changes will take effect as of 2023. Please go to [www.aboi.org](http://www.aboi.org) for more information in the coming months.

In light of the increasing cost of administering our examinations, the Board of Directors had taken the difficult decision to increase the examination fees. The following fees will be in effect: Part I application fee \$500.00, Part I examination fee \$600.00, and Part II examination fee \$1000.00.

The ABOI/ID has exhibited growth in the social media realm. We have been particularly active on Facebook and LinkedIn, and cater to future examination candidates, by providing information on the application process and periodic updates on the examination. We are also in the process of revamping our website to provide our users with a more current, user friendly platform, enhancing its functionality and improving overall user experience.

The ABOI/ID Comprehensive Board Review Course was held in Orlando in February 2020. It was very well received by the large group of national and international attendees who enjoyed the high calibre of speakers and particularly found the Mock Board very beneficial in their preparation for the ABOI/ID examinations. The Board is planning to add another 1/2 day to the 2021 ABOI/ID Comprehensive Board Review Course to allow for a more comprehensive program, making it a 3 1/2 day program with a Mock Board module at the end of each day covering the day's material. The Board is looking into possibilities of running the program online, should circumstances necessitate.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, the Diplomates, for allowing me the honor to serve as your President for 2020. We have had an extraordinary year, and I look forward to seeing you all in Atlanta, if circumstances allow.

Sincerely,  
Lion Berzin, BDS  
ABOI/ID President



### **2021 ABOI/ID Board Nominee**

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 December 31, 2020, Dr. Jaime Lozada, will vacate his seat. Dr. Lozada's departure makes a new position available on the 2021 ABOI/ID Board of Directors.

As it is empowered to do by the *ABOI/ID By-laws*, the 2020 Board of Directors has nominated Dr. Alvaro Gracia from Providence RI where he has a private practice. Dr. Alvaro graduated from Javeriana University, Bogota, Colombia in 1988. He received his Doctorate of Medicine in 1994 coupled with his degree in Prosthodontics from Boston University, Goldman School of Medicine.

Dr. Gracia has served on multiple ABOI/ID committees over the years as well as serving as an examiner for the ABOI/ID Board examinations. Join us in congratulating Dr. Gracia on his nomination to the ABOI/ID Board of Directors.

Diplomates interested in running for the Board position must follow the rules for nomination. All nominations must be received at the ABOI/ID Headquarters by 5:00pm central time, September 3, 2020.

If an election is deemed necessary the election will take place Friday, October 2, 2020.

If no other candidate is nominated the ABOI/ID Board of Directors will confirm their Board nominee as the new member of the Board of Directors on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

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

To be eligible to serve on the Board, an individual must be a certified Diplomate of the ABOI/ID, and be either an Associate Fellow or Fellow member of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry, the sponsoring organization of the ABOI/ID.

No Board member or nominee to the Board may be affiliated, to a substantial extent, with any commercial or private venture which could in any way present a conflict of interest, raise questions of impropriety, or compromise the integrity, ethics, or reputation of the ABOI/ID, or for which performing the duties required of a Board member could constitute a conflict of interest. The Board of Directors may require that any Board member or nominee to the Board of Directors establish to its satisfaction that such individual has met the foregoing eligibility requirements. A Board member or nominee shall divest from any commercial or private venture to serve on the ABOI/ID Board, unless a waiver is granted by **majority vote of the full Board of Directors**.

No Board member or nominee to the Board may be an officer or member on the Board of Directors of any other Oral Implant organization or dental or medical specialty Board during his or her tenure on the ABOI/ID Board. This requirement may be waived by a majority vote of the full Board of Directors when it is in the best interest of the ABOI/ID. The Board of Directors may require that any Board member or nominee to the Board of Directors establish to its satisfaction that such individual has met the foregoing eligibility requirements. Unless a waiver is granted by majority vote of the full Board of Directors, such Board member or nominee shall be required to resign from such office or position to serve on the ABOI/ID Board.

Any Board member or nominee to the Board, must be in good standing with the ABOI/ID.

### **Nomination and Election Procedures.**

The Board shall nominate one candidate for each vacancy on the Board and shall publish its nomination/s by August 1. Nominees to the Board may also be submitted to the ABOI/ID Board, each supported by a minimum of 5 % of the total number of Active Diplomates. All nominations must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board or the Secretary's designee at least sixty (60) days in advance of the first Tuesday in November, the voting date set by the Board.

**Election Procedure.** At least one Director shall be elected each year to the Board. All members of the Board shall be elected from Active Diplomates of the American Board of Oral Implantology/ Implant Dentistry. A nominee may be submitted to the Board by a minimum of five percent (5%) of the Active Diplomates. If one or more nominees are submitted to the Board, an election between all nominees will be decided by a majority vote of Active ABOI/ID Diplomates.



### **ABOI/ID Written Examination News**

**NEW-** The American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry will begin administering the written examination at Pearson Testing centers in 2020. This will enable candidates worldwide to take the written examination closer to home. The oral examination however will still be a face to face examination held in Chicago, Illinois. The dates set for the 2021 oral examination is April 23-25, 2021.

### **Future Meetings**

#### **February 11-14, 2021**

ABOI/ID Implantology Update and Comprehensive Board Review Course, Orlando Hilton, Orlando, FL.

#### **2021 ABOI Oral Examinations**

ABOI/ID 2020 Updated  
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