



Newsletter of the
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ABOI/ID Board President



Natalie Wong, DDS

We are pleased to announce that we have a new Executive Director, Ms. Latasha Bryant. After an extensive search of many substantial and qualified candidates, her knowledge of implant dentistry, her experience with psychometric testing, and her growth potential proved her to be the best candidate for the job. We are confident that she will represent the ABOI/ID with pride and take our Diplomate exam to a higher level in professional and public awareness.

Ms. Bryant succeeds Ms. Kathleen Huttner who after five years of exceptional service as Executive Director has found a new and exciting opportunity in the private sector. Her loyalty and dedication to the ABOI/ID has allowed for a smooth and seamless transition. We wish her all the very best in her new venture.

The *ABOI/ID Implantology Update and Comprehensive Board Review Course* continues to be successful. Our course director, Dr. James Rutkowski, has brought in an array of knowledgeable and inspiring speakers this year. The attendees included exam candidates as well as those looking to update their knowledge of implant dentistry. The response was overwhelmingly positive! A sincere thank you to Dr. Rutkowski and his Faculty. I look forward to attending the program again next year. Our Diplomate exam process continues to improve and evolve. We are proud to have 16 new Diplomates to be inducted into the ABOI/ID this year. I invite you to attend the ABOI/ID Diplomate Induction luncheon during the AAID Annual Meeting in Phoenix this October to honor these new Diplomates and welcome them into our organization.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, the Diplomates, for allowing me to serve as your President for 2013. We have had a remarkable year, and I look forward to seeing all of you in Phoenix.

Nomination of ABOI/ID New Board Member for 2014

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, 2013, Dr. H. Dexter Barber, will vacate his seat. Dr. Barber's departure makes a new position available on the 2014 ABOI/ID Board.

As it is empowered to do by the *ABOI/ID By-laws*, the 2013 Board of Directors has nominated C. Stephen Caldwell, DDS for the open 2014 position.

Dr. Caldwell has been an ABOI/ID Diplomate in good standing since 2007. He received his dental degree from the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston and completed a residency in Periodontal surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center. Dr. Caldwell is also a Diplomate of the International Congress of Implantology and an Implant Fellow at Misch International Implant Institute. He has a private practice in El Paso, TX where he resides and holds a faculty position at the Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple University.

Please congratulate Dr. C. Stephen Caldwell on his nomination to the ABOI/ID Board of Directors.



Diplomates can also 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, Friday, September 6, 2013.
- The election will take place on Friday, October 4, 2013 by mail ballot if an additional candidate is nominated.
- If no other candidate is nominated, on Tuesday November 5, 2013, 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 2014 include:

Craig D. Cooper, DDS
President (incoming President for 2014)

Emile Martin, DDS
Vice-President

Jack Piermatti, DMD
Secretary

Arthur K. Molzan, DDS
Treasurer

Director:

Kevin J. O'Grady, DDS

Natalie Y. Wong, DDS
Past-President in 2013

New Executive Director



Ms. LaTasha Bryant comes to the ABOI/ID with a long-standing history in Implant Dentistry. She began as an Administrative Assistant with the American Academy of Implant Dentistry in 2000. While working with the AAID she concurrently earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Chicago State University receiving her B.A. in 2007. Ms. Bryant began working at the AAID as an Assistant to the CFO and for the past 5 years she has worked exclusively as the assistant to the Directors of Credentialing and Education at the AAID. Please join us in welcoming LaTasha to the ABOI/ID.

ABOI/ID Activities at the AAID Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ

The annual meeting of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID) will be held in Phoenix, AZ October 23-26, 2013.

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

Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 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 Diplomat. Please let anyone you know that is interested in becoming a Diplomat about this program.

ABOI/ID Diplomat Induction Luncheon

The ABOI/ID will host a luncheon on Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 12noon-1:30 pm to induct the new ABOI/ID Diplomates.

During this event, ABOI/ID President Natalie Y. Wong, 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 **\$75.00**. 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.

2013 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:



Allen Aptekar, DMD
Maple, ON, CANADA

Doctor Aptekar received his dental degree from the University of Saskatchewan College of Dentistry. He completed a GPR program at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center and is a Diplomate of the ICOI.



Eric D. Deverill, DDS
Solana Beach, CA

Doctor Deverill graduated from Georgetown Dental School and is an Associate Fellow of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry.



Ali Fathi-Afshar, DDS
Edmonton, AB, CANADA

Doctor Fathi-Afshar received his dental degree from the University of Alberta School of Dental Medicine. He also completed a GPR program at Boston University Goldman School of Dentistry.



James E. Ference, DMD
Johnstown, PA

Doctor Ference graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine and completed the MCG MaxiCourse®. He is an Associate Fellow of the AAID.



Michael S. Fioritto, DDS
Mentor, OH

Doctor Fioritto received his dental degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine. He completed the GHSU MaxiCourse® in 2011 and became an Associate Fellow of the AAID in 2012.



Lee Fitzgerald, DDS
Plano, TX

Doctor Fitzgerald received his dental degree from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1985. He became a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry in 2003 and an Associate Fellow of the AAID in 2008.



Antoanela Garbacea, DDS
Redlands, CA

Doctor Garbacea graduated from the University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Romania in 1998. She completed the Advanced Education program in Implant Dentistry and Prosthodontics at Loma Linda University in 2012.



Ira Goldberg, DDS
Succasunna, NJ

Doctor Goldberg received his dental degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 2005. He is an Associate Fellow of the AAID and a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry.



Alvaro Gracia, DMD
Norton, MA

Dr. Gracia received his dental degree specializing in Prosthodontics from Boston University in 1992. He is also a Diplomate of the Intl Congress of Oral Implantology.



William J. Holden, DDS
Edmonton, AB CANADA

Dr. Holden graduated from the University of Alberta, Edmonton Canada in 1991. He completed the Vancouver MaxiCourse® and became an Associate Fellow of the AAID in 2010.



Donald M. Jayne, DDS
Seattle, WA

Doctor Jayne received his dental degree from the University of Washington School of Dentistry and completed a GPR program at Illinois Masonic Medical Center.



Diane Land, DDS
Las Vegas, NV

Doctor Land received her dental degree from the University of Michigan in 1990. She became a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry in 1995 and an Associate Fellow of the AAID in 2012.



Akash Prafull Lapsi, DDS
Mission Viejo, CA

Doctor Lapsi received his dental degree from Bharati Vidyapath Dental College in India. He received additional training from the Boston Institute of Dental Implantology and became an Associate Fellow of the AAID in 2010.



Joseph A. Leonetti, DMD
Malvern, PA

Doctor Leonetti graduated from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 1983. He also attended New York University College of Dentistry (1983-1987) and became a Board certified specialist of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 1990.



John R. Nikas, DMD
West Chester, PA

Doctor Nikas received his dental degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 1986. He received a certificate in Periodontology from Temple Dental School (1986-1988) and became Board certified in 2008.



Alexander Pritsky, DMD
Fresno, CA

Doctor Pritsky graduated from Tel Aviv University, Israel in 2001. He also attended the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry (2002-2005) where he received a certificate in Periodontics and became Board certified in 2006.

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Calendar of Important Events

Friday, September 6, 2013

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

Friday, November 1, 2013

Application deadline for Parts I and II of the ABOI/ID 2014 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 23-26, 2013

AAID's annual meeting in Phoenix, AZ
(Pre-register at www.aaid.com)

Thursday, October 24, 2013

ABOI/ID Diplomate Induction Luncheon

Saturday, October 26, 2013

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

February 7-8, 2014

ABOI/ID Implantology Update and Comprehensive Board Review Course, Chicago, IL

March 21-23, 2014

2014 ABOI/ID certification examinations



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