In the Public Trust

“The mission of The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. is to promote safe, ethical, efficacious plastic surgery to the public by maintaining high standards for the education, examination, certification, and maintenance of certification of plastic surgeons as specialists and subspecialists.”

2016 witnessed big changes as the Board implemented the ideas from the strategic planning retreat held in May last year. The Oral Examination Committee, under Dr. Joseph E. Losee, made progress to a paperless Oral Examination. The directors have worked hard to standardize the Oral Examination so that all candidates receive an equitable examination. All Board directors participate in an annual standard setting exercise that has helped define the appropriate passing standard. The Written Examination Committee, under Dr. Charles N. Verheyden, has continued to refine and update an already reliable test. The MOC Committee, under Dr. Paul S. Cederna, continued its work towards making MOC user-friendly and meaningful.

The whole issue of MOC remains contentious and once again will be the focus of this Chair’s update. I will briefly summarize what many of our diplomates already know. The American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS) is one of 24 specialty boards represented on the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). All 24 ABMS boards agree that issuing a single certificate to diplomates who pass the board examinations at the completion of their training does not give the public the assurance that their surgeon is current or competent.

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Maintenance of Certification (MOC) is the means we now use to provide the public with that assurance. MOC includes components of 1) professionalism; 2) lifelong learning; 3) assessment of knowledge; and 4) practice improvement. Each ABMS board is permitted to develop its own specific structure within this framework. It is important to stress that our ABPS board certification and MOC is self-administered. Your peers decide on the content and set the standards that determine what it means to be a board certified plastic surgeon in good standing. In most other countries, government bodies administer these functions.

The whole concept of MOC has come under fire. The anti-MOC forces are now a threat to the ABMS and the entire board structure as we know it today. This would be a real problem for plastic surgery. The ABPS is the only board in the ABMS that contains the words “plastic surgery” in the title.

Diplomates of certain other boards have valid concerns. Some large boards with multiple subspecialties produce only one MOC examination without the choice of any subspecialty modules. Additionally, these broad-based examinations have up to a 25% failure rate. The topics covered in these examinations are essentially the same as the initial certification examination.

The ABPS decided from the beginning to design the 10-year examination as an educational experience. The directors and advisory council members created four subspecialty modular examinations. Our diplomates select the examination that reflects their current practice. Furthermore, the Board has worked with the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) and the Plastic Surgery Education Network (PSEN) to develop study guides with a comprehensive set of questions, including the questions that make up the MOC Examination. The questions in the study guide are carefully selected to reflect current practice and recent advances in plastic surgery. They are also selected to be relevant to a surgeon who has been in practice for 10 years or longer. Questions on irrelevant biochemistry or embryology are not part of the MOC Examination.

Some boards have been criticized for the salaries paid to their directors and executive directors. Your Board directors are all volunteers. Only travel and accommodation for Board business is reimbursed. Although not tied to any scale, the ABPS Executive Director is reimbursed at a level that approximates the 50th percentile of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) benchmark for academic plastic surgeons at the rank of professor, prorated to a 0.6 FTE which reflects the time he spends doing Board business. Your Board does not own any apartments in Philadelphia, private jet contracts (Net Jet) or have any offshore bank accounts!

Some boards have opened themselves up to criticism of hypocrisy by not requiring their directors to be current with MOC or even currently practicing their specialty. Your Board has always insisted that all directors must be practicing plastic surgeons that are up to date with all MOC requirements. All ABPS examiners have to be current with MOC and our societies have encouraged MOC participation, especially for the leadership positions. When MOC was introduced, the Board directors considered requiring all ABPS certified plastic surgeons to participate. The ABMS rules were such that anyone certified before 1995 could be “grandfathered in” but were not required to participate in MOC. The Board certificate is essentially a contract. Since certificates issued prior to 1995 did not include an end date, they are considered in force for a lifetime. Many of your colleagues who were certified before 1995 have nevertheless elected to participate.

The ABPS relies on the revenue generated by the Written and Oral Examinations and MOC Program to fulfill our functions. This year, we have decided to “open the books.” Our Executive Director, Dr. Keith E. Brandt, provides a financial report in this newsletter to outline the costs of...
running the ABPS and the budgeting for the initiatives that include online case submissions, tablets and support for a completely paperless Oral Examination and plans to enable our diplomates to take the MOC Examination at home on their own computers.

You will see from the financial report that we operate with a reserve of 1.5 times our annual operating expenses. This is a very conservative target for an organization like ours. Smaller boards like the ABPS do not have the luxury to spread costs across a large number of diplomates, so at this stage our fees are high compared to the larger ABMS boards. Having said that, our philosophy is to cover the operational expenses, keep a responsible reserve in case of unforeseen problems and then pass any savings on to our diplomates. We have already reduced fees for the MOC Examination, tracer procedures and the annual contribution. Further reductions will occur as the number of diplomates participating in MOC increases.

Your Board is committed to keeping our operational costs down. In 2012, the ABPS brought the Written Examination question-writing process and examination development in-house, which had been done through the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) for many years. This required an initial $60,000 investment but has realized a savings of $20,000 per annum. The Board will not build any big reserve as other boards have done. In taking this unprecedented step and publishing the financial details, the Board felt strongly that you, our diplomates, deserve this degree of transparency. The ABPS directors are your colleagues. We were nominated and elected to the ABPS by you from our societies. We are you. We are committed to doing our best to ensure the public trust so that your ABPS certification means something.

I cannot overstate the incredible contribution Terry Cullison has made over the last 20 years as our Administrator and COO. Terry has been the constant steadying force through all the changes in our certification process, the advent and implementation of MOC, bringing the Written Examination development in-house and numerous planning retreats. She has worked with two Executive Directors, 20 Board Chairs and nearly 70 directors. She is incredibly efficient, ridiculously hard working, always willing and does everything with good grace and cheer. It is hard to imagine the Board without her. I know I join all of you in wishing Terry everything of the best in her retirement.

Fortunately, Terry has established a highly effective team in the Board Office. Melissa Karch who has been part of the team for the past 10 years will be assuming Terry’s role in July. Melissa was the Board’s first MOC Coordinator in 2007 and in 2012, assumed the role of the Test Development Manager/Examination Editor.

This is the first full year that Dr. Keith E. Brandt has been Executive Director. He has done an outstanding job on your behalf in filling Dr. Barry Noone’s outsized shoes.

On a sad note, we lost a great leader and personal friend when Dr. Michael F. McGuire died on November 14, 2016. Mike completed his six-year term on the Board last year. He made seminal contributions in leadership positions throughout organized Plastic Surgery. As Chair of the ABPS Ethics Committee, Mike put an exclamation point on the Board’s efforts to foster a culture of ethics. The PSF has established the “Dr. Michael McGuire Leadership Fund” as a fitting tribute to his service to our specialty. Donations can be made online at the following site, http://www.thepsf.org/donate/dr-michael-mcguire-leadership-fund.htm.

Terry M. Cullison, RN, MSN has announced she will be retiring at the end of June 2017.
From the Executive Director
Keith E. Brandt, M.D.

The Work and Cost of Running the Board

BACKGROUND

The American Board of Plastic Surgery was established in 1937. The Board Office was located in St. Louis, Missouri until it finally established a permanent residence in Philadelphia in 1979. Initially the ABPS shared office space with the American Board of Surgery (ABS) but as it grew in size, the Board eventually moved to separate office space down the street in Philadelphia in 1989. Despite the huge task of creating and administering eight different exams each year (Written Examination, Oral Examination, five modular MOC Examinations and the Hand Subspecialty Examination) the Board Office is staffed with only six full-time employees and one part-time employee. Anyone who has interacted with the Board Office knows that the staff is customer-oriented, and quickly provides knowledgeable information. The current long term employees have a combined 90 years of experience. The Executive Director position of the ABPS is considered a 0.6 FTE. The Board requires that the Executive Director maintain an active practice in Plastic Surgery to remain knowledgeable in the demands of the average plastic surgeon.

The remainder of the Board functions are carried out by three different groups of volunteers. The Board includes 18 Directors who each serve a term of six years; a Chair of the Board; two public members; and a representative from the American Board of Surgery (ABS). Assisting the Board is the ABPS Advisory Council which is composed of specialists in the fields of Hand, Reconstructive, Craniomaxillofacial and Cosmetic Surgery. These volunteers lend their expertise by creating and reviewing questions for the exams. The third group is the Oral Board Examiners. The Oral Examination (OE) requires an army of 110 examiners who examine approximately 240 candidates each year in November. Each examiner must have been Board Certified for at least seven years, be current in MOC and have attended the Board’s Oral Examiner training course prior to their first examiner role. New examiners are always paired with a more senior examiner for several years before being considered for promotion to Senior Examiner. All of these individuals serve without any compensation except for travel expenses and room and board during the ABPS meetings. The ABPS certifies approximately 160 to 200 new diplomates each year. In addition, the Board certifies approximately 20 to 35 new individuals in the Sub-Specialty of Hand Surgery each year.

The ABPS is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) which is a federation of the 24 specialty boards. In the late 1970’s, the ABMS established guidelines for Recertification by all the Boards. ABPS initiated dated certificates in 1995. Realizing that assessment of knowledge every 10 years was not enough to assure the safe practice of medicine by certified physicians, the ABMS added components for professionalism, lifelong learning and practice improvement. Maintenance of Certification (MOC) replaced

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Recertification in the 90’s as the new standard for safe, knowledgeable professional physicians. Currently, diplomates with dated certificates who are required to participate in MOC comprise approximately 66% of all practicing Board Certified plastic surgeons.

The medical profession has imposed on itself the duty to self-regulate since the origin of certification in 1916. The greatest advantage of the ABMS board system is that each specialty is regulated by fellow specialists, unlike the governmental licensing system where specialty oversight is largely coincidental. If the profession were to abandon self-regulation, the alternative would almost certainly be governmental regulations with global mandates that would definitely be more onerous and less specialty specific than the current system. Each volunteer Director, Examiner, Question Writer, and Advisory Council member is required to participate in the MOC process to retain their current role with the ABPS.

LOGISTICS

So what does it take to create the eight examinations the ABPS administers each year? The Written Examination (WE) provides a straightforward example. Questions for the WE come from several sources including current Directors, Advisory Council members and Nominees to the Board. The questions are entered into an online examination development software program. Reviewers and writers interact with the questions online until they are considered final. Prior to being added to the examination item bank, the questions are again reviewed and modified during a face-to-face session held during the ABPS Semi-Annual Meeting each November. The examination development software is then used to extract enough questions to fulfill specific percentages of certain topics based on the ABPS examination curriculum blueprint.

The selected examination is then reviewed several times by multiple subject matter experts to identify duplicate or competing questions. Once finalized, the examination form is forwarded to Prometric Inc. for dissemination to their testing centers. After Prometric has uploaded the examination, one last final review is done to confirm formatting.

Concurrent with the creation of the examination, the Board Office staff is reviewing approximately 250 applications submitted for the WE each year. Applications are reviewed for training completion; program director approval; licensure; ethics violations; and eligibility requirements.

The MOC Examinations follow a similar production pattern except that five different modular examinations have to be created. In recognition of the subspecialization within our specialty, the Board creates different examinations for Cosmetic, Hand, Craniomaxillofacial, and Comprehensive Plastic Surgery. A Core examination is also produced and included in each module for all diplomates regardless of subspecialty. For such a small Board these five examinations require challenging production schedules but offer a huge benefit for the diplomates.

Preparation for the Oral Examination (OE) actually begins 14 to 16 months prior to the examination date with the selection of the Theory and Practice (T&P) cases based on the established ACGME Milestones for Plastic Surgery. The selected T&P cases are then assigned to appropriate specialists from the OE committee for creation of the scripted questions and desired responses. The OE committee meets via webinar several times throughout the year to refine the questions and desired responses. The examiners and the OE committee meet for four hours the evening before the examination to review the cases and discuss guidelines for scoring each case.

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Concurrent with this process, candidates are entering all of their cases into an online case log program for nine months. In May, the case logs are disseminated to the OE committee for selection of the cases to be presented by the candidates. In July and August, the candidates upload the materials required for each case to an online database. After the candidate cases are uploaded and our web vendor combines all five cases for each candidate, the examiners then access the cases to insure that the necessary documentation is present to be able to conduct an examination. The examiners then have six weeks to review the case books and design appropriate examination questions. Starting this year, the Theory and Practice cases will be delivered on tablets, improving image quality and adding functionality. As of 2017, gone are the years of the hard copy case books.

**COSTS**

It’s easy to see that the functions of the Board overlap in many ways. The Board Office staff currently includes 6.5 full-time employees plus part-time IT support and the occasional temporary help. All staff members are cross-trained to handle essentially all activities, so that during unusually heavy times, everyone can contribute regardless of their usual assignments. Total 2016 office overhead costs including wages, insurance, worker’s comp insurances, taxes, director liability coverage, rent, legal, accounting, insurance, printing, and ABMS dues, was $1,655,913. Travel for our volunteer examiners to attend the examinations and for directors to attend the Board meetings was $269,683. Many web-based Board software programs overlap and contribute to all four examination programs (WE, OE, MOC, Hand). These software programs include the website for publishing certification and examination information, resident tracking, candidate registration, databases for candidate and diplomate archiving, examination creation and content housing, OE case log archiving and reviewing, MOC tracer procedure databases, OE case log databases and MOC status databases. Total annual cost for development, updating and maintenance was $278,387. Examination administration costs include: testing centers for the WE and MOC Examinations, psychometric analysis, proctors, examination travel and certificate production totaling $455,557.

The ABPS maintains only 1.5 times its operations budget in reserves which is the 5th lowest of the 24 member boards. All boards have fixed costs. The smaller boards are disadvantaged because they have fewer diplomates over which to distribute the costs. There is no economy of scale for the small number of test takers. ABPS has only 6,700 active diplomates, ranking as the 8th smallest board. The largest board has 236,000 diplomates.

Your Board, the ABPS, is constantly working to identify opportunities to decrease the burden of time and cost to the diplomates while still maintaining a program that would withstand the scrutiny of the government and the public. The ABPS is lean and resourceful while remaining responsive to its diplomates. The ABPS welcomes feedback from its diplomates and has incorporated the input from the last two MOC diplomate surveys into its strategic planning. Diplomates can expect further enhancements to the ABPS MOC program in the next few years including Internet Based Examinations conducted in the privacy of your home or office. Thoughtful comments, suggestions, or inquiries may be forwarded to the Board at info@abplasticsurgery.org.
The Board’s website www.abplasticsurgery.org offers the ability for consumers to search for board certified plastic surgeons. The surgeon’s certification status, dates of initial certification and maintenance of certification and status of whether a surgeon is current or not current with MOC requirements is provided. Lifetime Certificate Holders have a listing in the MOC-PS® Participation Column only if voluntarily participating, otherwise that column remains blank. There are approximately 196, not including retired, Lifetime Certificate Holders currently enrolled in MOC-PS®.

In July 2016 the Board added a “license action” alert in addition to certification status. A link to the Federation of State Medical Board website is provided for detailed information www.docinfo.org. Diplomates with confirmed state medical board actions such as probation, conditions, restrictions, or monitoring requirements were notified of this new reporting process. Diplomates were instructed to inform the Board once the action is resolved.

ABPS website searches increase each year with an average of 58,000 per year. An additional 2,600 consumers contact the Board Office by phone or email to verify certification of plastic surgeons. ABMS also verifies certification at www.certificationmatters.org.

Suspension of Certification and Consumer Reporting

The Board added the status of “Suspended” to the public reporting of diplomate certification based on State Medical Board sanctions.

ABPS ADMISSIBILITY POLICY

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, in accordance with the ABMS Eligibility Policy, approved the admissibility policy in 2012 for surgeons seeking certification in plastic surgery by ABPS:

Residents who complete an accredited plastic surgery residency training program in 2012, and thereafter, must complete the certification process within eight years of the conclusion of residency. This allows for the practice requirement of one year which is necessary to collect and submit cases for the Oral Examination.

Candidates must successfully complete both the Written and Oral Examinations required to achieve certification within eight years after completion of plastic surgery residency training. Reapplication is required at the end of the first five years of admissibility.

Candidates who completed residency before 2012 who are still in the examination process must become certified by successfully completing the Oral Examination by November 2018 to meet the January 1, 2019 ABMS Policy deadline.

Candidates are advised to utilize every opportunity (i.e. examination administration years) to complete the certification examinations. That focus will help candidates avoid reaching the maximum admissibility limits and being subject to the additional reapplication requirements after five years of admissibility or the more rigorous requirements for the Extended Admissibility Application after eight years is exhausted in the examination process. The full policy is posted on the Board’s website under Policies.
2016 – 2017 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Advisory Council Members listed below were nominated from the American Association of Plastic Surgeons (AAPS), the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS), the American Association for Hand Surgery (AAHS), the American Society of Craniofacial Surgery (ASCFS), the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH), the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons (ASMS), and the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery (ASRM). In addition, there are two Directors of the Board on each Council. This year the Board expanded the number of Advisory Council members to aid with the work of the Board.

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. would like to acknowledge the Advisory Council members for their dedication, hard work and significant contributions throughout the year. In 2016, the Advisory Council members edited items for the Written Examination and attended the annual Item Review Session. They also participated in the Standard Setting Exercise for the MOC Examination which contributes to the validity of the examination administration.

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Stanford, CA
Officer of the Board:
Secretary-Treasurer 2014-2016
Committees: Written Examination, Hand Surgery Chair, Joint Committee on Hand Surgery, Maintenance of Certification (MOC-PS), Budget and Finance Chair, Executive Committee, Hand Surgery Advisory Council Chair

**Michael F. McGuire, M.D.** 2010-2016
Santa Monica, CA
*It is with great sadness to report that Dr. McGuire passed away in November 2016*
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**Thank you to Our Diplomates**
The Board is very indebted to our diplomates. With your support in volunteerism, in financial contributions, and in valuing the certification and maintenance of certification processes, we have strength and pride as the family of plastic surgery. ABPS diplomates are indeed a unique group with a bright future, thanks to you.
The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. gratefully acknowledges the contributions and commitment of those plastic surgeons who served as Item Writers for the Written Examination and Hand Examination and those who served as Examiners and Evaluators for the Oral Examination.

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NEW BOARD CERTIFICATES

The Board is pleased to announce the updated, larger, more colorful ABPS certificate. The Board welcomed the 2016 new diplomate class with this new ABPS certificate. The wording on the certificate remains the same. In June, the Board will accept requests for this new certificate. If you wish to order, please send a check for $145.00 made payable to ABPS and indicate exactly how you wish your name to appear on the certificate. Allow at least six to ten weeks for the new certificate to arrive. Orders will be submitted at the end of each month. Note that the current Board Chair, Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director signatures appear on the certificate.

RENEWAL CERTIFICATES

Renewal certificates are mailed December 1st of the expiration year rather than at the completion of the MOC-PS® examination. All MOC-PS® requirements must be met for diplomates to receive a new certificate. Look for frequent e-mail reminders regarding outstanding requirements. Since 2015 original certification dates are included on all MOC certificates.

BOARD WEBSITE

Visit the Board’s website at www.abplasticsurgery.org for the following:

- Booklets of Information published annually that contain the established requirements, policies and procedures of the Board relating to residency training and the initial certification, MOC-PS® and Hand Surgery processes.
- Annual Newsletters to Diplomates are archived in the diplomate tab.
- Address Changes should be updated on the physician profile
- Board’s 75th Anniversary History Presentation.

Advertising

Effective January 1, 2017, the Board approved that candidates may advertise “board eligible” while in the ABPS examination process after receiving an application approval letter. The term “board eligible” may be used until admissibility to the ABPS examination process expires. Candidates and diplomates are NOT permitted to use the Board’s Logo.

The Board welcomes its diplomates to report any false, misleading or deceptive advertising to the Board Office. For example, use of the Board’s trademarked logo on a website.

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Congratulations!
ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD FROM 2016 - 2022

The Board welcomes the following New Directors elected in May 2016 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Debra J. Johnson M.D.
Sacramento, CA

Medical School: Stanford University School of Medicine
Plastic Surgery Residency: Stanford University Hospitals
Fellowships: Rhinoplasty, Clinica Planas, Barcelona, Spain and Hand and Microsurgery, Institute Francois de la Main, Paris, France

Current Academic Appointment: Clinical Professor of Plastic Surgery, University of California, Davis
Administrative Title: Director, Sutter Cleft Lip, Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies Panel

Leadership and Editorial Positions:
President, American Society of Plastic Surgeons; Past-President, California Society of Plastic Surgeons; Reviewer: PRS, Annals of Plastic Surgery, Aesthetic Surgery Journal

Board Certification:

Michael W. Neumeister, M.D.
Springfield, IL

Medical School: University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Internship: Toronto East General Hospital, Ontario, Canada
General Surgery Residency: Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
Plastic Surgery Residency: Manitoba University, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Fellowships: Microsurgery/Hand at Harvard, Brigham, Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA and Microsurgery/Hand at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL

Current Academic Appointments:
Professor and Chair Department of Surgery, Chief, Institute for Plastic Surgery, Director, Hand Fellowship Program, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL

Leadership & Editorial:
Director, Memorial Medical Center Regional Burn Unit, Co-Director, Memorial Medical Center, Wound Center, Editor-in-Chief “HAND”, Trustee, American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Immediate Past President, American Association for Hand Surgery, Board Member, SIU Healthcare, Springfield, IL, Board Member, Memorial Health Systems, Springfield, IL

Board Certifications:

James E. Zins, M.D.
Cleveland, OH

Medical School: University of Pennsylvania
General Surgery Residency: The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Plastic Surgery Residency: The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Fellowship: Craniofacial, The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Maxillofacial Surgery, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Honorary Research Fellow, Surgery Unit University College Hospital

Current Academic Appointment: Professor, Department of Surgery, Cleveland Clinic
Administrative Titles: Chairman, Department of Plastic Surgery, Cleveland Clinic

Leadership and Editorial Positions:

Board Certifications:
Diplomate, American Board of Surgery, 1982 and Diplomate, American Board of Plastic Surgery, 1985, MOC-PS 2007
**Congratulations**

**TO OUR NEW BOARD DIPLOMATES**
The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 195 diplomates in November 2016. To date the Board has certified 9,077 plastic surgeons.

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**Hand Surgery Examination (HSE) 1st Time Takers Passing Rates 2007-2016**

- 2007: 71.4%
- 2008: 77.3%
- 2009: 82.6%
- 2010: 81.8%
- 2011: 82.6%
- 2012: 90.0%
- 2013: 88.0%
- 2014: 94.3%
Recertification in Hand Surgery 2007-2016

Recertification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand (HSC)

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Diplomates Certified Over 10 Years

2017 EXAMINATION DATES & LOCATIONS

Maintenance of Certification in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS®) Examination
April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017 - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Hand Surgery Examination
September 12, 2017, Tuesday - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Hand Surgery Recertification Examination
September 12, 2017 through September 25, 2017 - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Written Examination
October 16, 2017, Monday - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Oral Examination
November 9, 10, 11, 2017, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Phoenix, Arizona

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In addition, *26 diplomates used the Hand Surgery Examination or Hand Surgery Recertification Examination (HSE) to complete the process. To date, 2,981 diplomates completed the MOC examination process including 171 via HSE.

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Jayant Prasad Agarwal*
Tanya Aya Atagi
Mariam Hassan Awada
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To Our Diplomates who were Certified or Recertified in the Subspecialty of Hand Surgery

In 2016, The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 35 diplomates in Hand Surgery and recertified 23 diplomates in Hand Surgery. To date, the Board has certified 758 diplomates and has re-certified 438 diplomates in Hand Surgery.

**DIPLOMATES CERTIFIED IN HAND SURGERY IN 2016**

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The following physicians are candidates potentially admissible to the 2017 Oral Examination. The Board will review comments regarding the suitability of any candidate for certification. Please direct written comments on official letterhead, signed and received in the Board Office by May 15, 2017. If you are aware of a potential candidate omitted from this list, please e-mail to oral@abplasticsurgery.org.

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Review the general timeline below for an outline of requirements within the 10 year MOC cycle:

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<th><strong>MOC-PS®</strong> Annual Contribution required each year – submit online on the Board’s website <a href="http://www.abplasticsurgery.org">www.abplasticsurgery.org</a></th>
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<td><strong>MOC-PS®</strong> Computer Based Test (CBT) Study Guide available at <a href="http://www.psenetwork.org">www.psenetwork.org</a></td>
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Your **MOC-PS®** Tracking Page on the Board’s website will list each component with deadline date. Email notifications will be sent in advance of the deadlines.

Contact the Board Office at staff@abplasticsurgery.org with any questions.
ASPS MOC Study Guide
The MOC exam study guide offered by the Plastic Surgery Education Network (PSEN) is an excellent reference for exam preparation, www.psenetwork.org/onlinecourses/selfassessments.

60 Category I CME credits for completing the MOC Examination.
The American Medical Association (AMA) Physician's Recognition Award (PRA) and Credit System provides 60 category I CME credit hours for the successful completion of initial certification, maintenance of certification and the hand surgery examinations. Contact the AMA at www.ama-assn.org/go/cmeforms for details. The AMA does charge an application fee, but AMA membership is not required.

2017 MOC Examination
Scheduling Permits were posted for the 2017 MOC Examination held during the month of April at Prometric Test Centers. Results will be posted by July 1st.

2017 MOC Activities
Information for the 2017 MOC Activities was posted in February for those in years 3, 6 or 9 of the 10-year MOC Cycle. An email was sent and all documents are posted to your tracking page.

2018 MOC Application
Application material for the 2018 MOC Examination was posted in February for those in years 7, 8 or 9 of the 10-year MOC Cycle. An email was sent and all documents are posted to your tracking page.

New in 2017!
The Board Office has worked with ASPS this past year to provide an option for automatic transfer of CME records. In lieu of the data/text file uploads, you may simply click a button to import your CME credits to ABPS.

Hand Surgery Examination in lieu of the MOC Hand Module Examination
The successful completion of the Hand Surgery Examination will satisfy the MOC Examination requirement. However, an Application for MOC is required. Contact the Board Office at staff@abplasticsurgery.org for all questions.

2017 Diplomate Contribution and MOC-PS Annual Contribution
For your reference, on the back page of this newsletter is a form for the 2017 Diplomate Contribution Invoice for Lifetime Certificate Holders and the 2017 MOC-PS® Annual Contribution for Time Limited Certificate Holders.

Time-limited Certificate Holders – The MOC-PS® Annual Contribution is mandatory for diplomats with time-limited certificates who are participating in the MOC-PS® Program. Online credit card payment via your tracking page is preferred by June 15, 2017.

Lifetime Certificate Holders – The Diplomate Contribution is requested of lifetime certificate holders who elect not to participate in MOC-PS®. Credit card payment is the preferred method for submission. However, if necessary, you can complete the form and forward it with a check made payable to The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. Return to the Board Office by June 15, 2017.

The ongoing support of all diplomats has been gratifying. The income from this support has greatly assisted the Board in its operations and its mission, and has been especially helpful in defense of the standards represented by the ABPS certificate and development of web-based procedures.

REVOKED CERTIFICATES
The Board continues to review and assess diplomats who have had sanctions, revocations, etc. on state medical licenses. The Board revoked three certificates in 2016. To date, a total of 83 certificates have been revoked. Those revoked ABPS certificates are:
1. Fanny Aguierre dela Cruz, M.D. - MI
2. Thomas Michael Dixon, M.D. - TX
3. Daniel Alan Thimsen, M.D. - CO

ABPS will refer consumers to the Federation of State Medical Boards’ website to further research diplomats with suspensions or other restrictions to a state medical license.
Diplomate Name (First, Middle, Last): ________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________

2017 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION INVOICE - $235.00 U.S. Funds

Submit on-line payment by June 15, 2017
Log in to your physician profile on the ABPS website: www.abplasticsurgery.org for payment.

Unless previously customized, your username is your six-digit Board ID number and your password is your last name (case sensitive, with the first letter capitalized, e.g. Smith). You may change this at any time.

Unsure if you customized your username & password?
On the Board’s homepage, click the login button in the upper right corner.
Use the “Forgot Password” function below the “Please Sign In” fields.
You will be prompted for your last name and email address. If the values match the data in the web files, your log in information will be sent to the email address on file.

The $235.00 should be paid by credit card (VISA, Master Card, American Express).
The Board’s Tax ID Number is 43-6000050. Payment may be deductible as a business expense.
Checks can be accepted and mailed to the Board Office.

The Annual Contribution of $235.00 is mandatory for diplomates with time-limited certificates and Lifetime Certificate Holders who are participating in the Maintenance of Certification in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS) Program. This payment is required to remain current in the MOC-PS Program.

The Diplomate Contribution of $235.00 is also requested of Lifetime Certificate Holders who elect not to participate in MOC-PS. Retired Diplomates are not included in this request.

Note: All Directors of the Board, Examiners and Advisory Council Members are required to participate in the MOC-PS Program even if they are lifetime certificate holders certified 1994 or earlier.

The income from the contributions greatly assists the Board in its mission and operations, and especially in defense of the standards represented by the ABPS certificate.

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