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## Chair Report

Linda G. Phillips, M.D.

*It is a pleasure to congratulate and welcome the newest diplomates of The American Board of Plastic Surgery. Since the last newsletter, we have certified 180 new diplomates, listed later in this publication, for a total of 7,381 Board Certified plastic surgeons. This year the Board initiated an analytic scoring method to improve the oral examination's validity and reliability*

*and to provide a more equitable examination. Once more, I would like to thank the Directors and all of our oral examiners, and a special thanks to our Board office staff for all their time and hard work expended on this process.*

This past year marked the transition from Recertification to the Maintenance of Certification Program in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS) with administration of our first such examination in April 2007. The examination was received positively, both in terms of the content and process. Our goal is to provide an examination that is relevant and appropriate to the diplomate in practice for ten years. Our diplomates taking the Hand and Craniomaxillofacial modules all passed. For the Comprehensive and Cosmetic modules, the passing rates were 91.2% and 96.5% respectively. Special thanks are given to Drs. John W. Canady, Walter L. Erhardt, Jr., Vincent R. Hentz, Donald H. Lalonde, Thomas A. Mustoe, R. Barrett Noone, A. Michael Sadove and James M. Stuzin for their work in constructing the examination.

To assure that only clinically relevant questions are asked in the MOC examination, the entire Written Examination Committee and the Advisory Council members held a pool review in May in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to "debride" all non-relevant questions from the pool. The Board continually seeks additional questions for the MOC-PS examination for all modules. An examination committee is being developed to work with the Board and Advisory Council members. Members will include plastic surgeons who are in practice for at least 10 years and who can focus on clinically relevant questions. The plastic surgery societies will be requested to nominate those individuals.

As we move forward with the Maintenance of Certification Program, the Board continues to work extensively with the plastic surgery societies to develop the MOC-PS program. Our common goal is to achieve a process for our diplomates that is user friendly while upholding our program requirements and goal of public protection. The Board welcomes your comments as we move evolve in Maintenance of Certification program.

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# 2007-2008 Advisory Council Members

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The Maintenance of Certification Coordinating Council (MOCCC) is facilitated by Dr. R. Barrett Noone. This Council serves to coordinate the educational efforts that the plastic surgery specialty societies have offered their members to prepare for the various requirements of ~~MOC-PS~~. The details of the MOCCC are provided in this newsletter. The first iteration of the ASPS ~~MOC-PS~~ CD study guide included a large compilation of questions. The second, due to be published in late January 2008, consists of clinically relevant questions that the ~~MOC-PS~~ Committee and Advisory Councils selected for the pool after debridement of the larger pool. The Board, coordinating with ASPS, is confident that the diplomates using this study tool will find it more user friendly in preparation for the April 2008 ~~MOC-PS~~ computer based examination.

The Residency Review Committee for Plastic Surgery (RRC-PS) is currently reviewing the plastic surgery residency training requirements. The RRC-PS chaired by Dr. Robert Havlik, has communicated those proposed programmatic requirement changes to the Board and the Association of Academic Chairmen of Plastic Surgery (AACPS). Dr. Havlik presented proposed changes to AACPS at both the Spring Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and the Fall Baltimore meetings. The Board has requested additional time for consideration of the sweeping changes proposed and to consider carefully the impact on the educational standards for certification. The Board will offer a forum for discussion with AACPS members and other interested individuals at the Annual Board meeting in Boston on Friday morning, April 4, 2008. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has graciously postponed its adoption of the proposed changes until the completion of the Board deliberations. After that session, the Board will develop recommendations to the RRC-PS. The ultimate decision will be made by the RRC-PS, but the RRC has historically accepted comments from the American Board of Plastic Surgery as well as all interested stakeholders. The Board appreciates the significant efforts that Dr. Havlik and the RRC-PS Committee Members have made to communicate their proposed changes (see table insert) and to allow the ABPS to hear discussions from the interested program directors and other stakeholders. Clearly it is time for change in plastic surgery training requirements. Integrated programs were introduced in 1995; since the inception of training, the independent programs have included either two or three years of plastic surgery residency. Since 1937, the field of plastic surgery has greatly expanded and has become a separate entity with looser ties to general surgery, in particular. The directors of the Board are very close in agreement with the recommendations of the RRC-PS. Nevertheless, knowing the current difficulty of funding for Graduate Medical Education programs at various institutions around the country, the Board requested that we proceed cautiously, in order to protect our current 89 programs and, hopefully, expand the number of institutions at which there are residency programs in plastic surgery.

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. has worked in a dedicated, thoughtful manner throughout this past year to maintain our mission and responsibility for the public's safety and best interest. The Board implemented several new programs and addressed important emerging issues, and will continue to serve as the body which maintains the highest standards of plastic surgery education, examination certification, and maintenance of certification.



R. Barrett Noone, M.D.

## From the Executive Director

R. Barrett Noone, M.D.

**The year 2007 unveiled exciting developments in the Board's continuing effort to advance our technological abilities. The website was vastly improved to accommodate the launch of the seminal requirements for the Maintenance of Certification Program (MOC-PS).**

The site will contain a profile for each diplomate to allow quick access to his or her progress through MOC-PS. The web-based format is the platform now for all examination applications and registration and the functionality continually evolves as we enhance our examination programs. The site offers a more portable mechanism for hosting of all documentation and provides 24/7 convenience to the diplomate, especially for examination registration and payment by credit card. The Board "went live" with the MOC-PS Program application in July 2007, and the process was extended past the August 31st deadline into September to accommodate all those adjusting to the new format. The Board waived all late fees for this inaugural year. A total of 365 candidates applied on the web for MOC-PS including a record number of 91 lifetime certificate holders. The Board's website will be the source for all of the MOC-PS activities which will be required in years 3, 6 and 9 of the 10-year cycle. These activities will be in two parts: (1) Professional standing and (2) The Practice Assessment in Plastic Surgery (PA-PS) modules. Central to the application and the documentation of professional standing is the need for verification of the requirements from the diplomate. The professional standing requirements include a state medical license, photo identification with a driver's license or passport, proof of membership in one of the sponsoring organizations of the Board, verification of hospital privileges, and documentation of 150 hours of CME credits acquired over a three year period and

reported in years 3, 6 and 9. The Board selected the Portable Document Format (PDF), for example Adobe® PDF, as the method of submission of evidence for meeting these requirements. The diplomate scans a paper document such as the hospital privilege letter (as a picture file or to a PDF file) or prints a letter directly as a PDF file. The PDF file is then electronically transferred to the Board's web-based application with a browse and upload function. Some of the "getting started" and time saving tips for production of the PDF files are listed in an accompanying box to this article.

The Board Office staff has been extremely helpful and available to all diplomates who were completing an application on-line for the first time. The staff triaged many calls and the diplomates were "walked through" the process of completing the inaugural application.

### **ANALYTIC SCORING FOR THE ORAL EXAMINATION**

After two years of piloting an Analytic scoring method, the Board implemented this system at the November 2007 Oral Examination in Phoenix. Traditionally, the Oral Examination Committee and the Board utilized the Holistic grading system, whereby examiners submitted grades for the oral examination based on a global impression of the performance of the candidate. The Analytic grading system, beta-tested for the 2005 and 2006 examinations, is a criterion-referenced method that allows for more objective psychometric statistical evaluation of

grading and provides more consistency in grading. The candidates continue to be graded on 17 cases, six each in Theory and Practice A and B, and five from the candidates' own case reports. The new grading system is based on four separate facets that compose the Oral Examination: (1) candidate ability, (2) examiner severity, (3) case difficulty and (4) clinical skill difficulty. The clinical skills measured include Diagnosis / Planning; Management / Treatment; Complications / Outcome and Clinical Judgment / Limitations for Theory and Practice A & B. The Case Report session is additionally graded for Safety, Ethics and Case Report Preparation. In the 2007 examination each candidate was graded independently by six examiners. In the multifaceted analysis, a total of 176 ratings were awarded to each candidate in the course of the examination.

The Board is of the opinion that the built-in consistency in this grading method will improve the overall process of the certification examination. The Analytic method provides an opportunity to "level the playing field" for the examinees when the examiners' grades are adjusted for severity of the individual examiner, difficulty of the Theory and Practice cases and the clinical skills. In addition, it offers the candidate assurance that the grades are submitted in a more objective fashion. The limitation of this method is that the grading results are not available on-site at the examination, as they have been in the past. For the November 2007 Examination, the grades were communicated to the examinees on January 9, 2008.

### **COORDINATION OF SOCIETIES IN**

**MOC-PS**

Because the educational programs approved by the Board for completion of Part II of the MOC-PS Program are produced by the Societies in our specialty, the Board and Societies have been working together under the structure of the Maintenance of Certification Coordination Council (MOCCC). This group is comprised of the leadership of the societies involved in producing the courses and other

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educational programs eligible for MOC-PS credit. Those represented on MOCCC include the leadership of ASPS, PSEF, ASAPS, ASMS, ASRM, and both Hand Surgery Organizations (AAHS, ASSH). This group held meetings in the past year in March in San Diego, in New York City in April and in Baltimore in October. Clear delineations of responsibilities for the MOC-PS program were established and the details of the instructional courses approved by the Board for MOC-PS were reviewed. Coordination of the data fields from the six month case list submission for module assignment in the MOC-PS examination was completed with information technology representatives from ASPS. This coordination will allow diplomates to electively donate data to the ASPS TOPS2 Program and be eligible to earn CME credit when they are finalizing their completed case lists for MOC-PS in July and August. The MOCCC plans to meet as a group semi-annually and by conference call whenever necessary.

#### **MOC AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE**

In an effort to allow full participation in the Maintenance of Certification Program, the Board has adopted a policy to address Physicians with Special Circumstances. Plastic surgeons who are not active clinically may participate in MOC-PS under this policy. Those physicians who are active in practice but do not have cases sufficient to fulfill the requirements for the practice assessment in plastic surgery modules may also participate under the special circumstances policy. Under this policy, the requirements listed elsewhere in this newsletter for MOC-PS activities in years 3, 6 and 9 would be completed, although the PA-PS module will be substituted by a patient safety module produced by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or ASPS. Other societies may offer MOC-approved patient safety programs in the future. In addition, at the ten year interval, the physicians in the special category will be eligible to take the examination in the comprehensive module.

The ABMS website will have a separate notation for those who are active or not active clinically and participating in MOC-PS. Those who are active clinically but have limited surgical practices and do not perform any of the initial 20 tracer procedures will be listed internally only by the ABPS as "surgically inactive." They will be eligible to participate in MOC-PS under the above program.

#### **PRACTICE ASSESSMENT: THE BASIS FOR PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT**

The Board's new, revamped practice will be the host for the Practice Assessment in Plastic Surgery program (PA-PS), the essential element of Part IV of Maintenance of Certification. In addition to Professional Standing and Lifelong Learning Continuing Medical Education activities, this element will be required in years 3, 6, and 9 of the ten year cycle. Beginning in 2008, PA-PS modules will be required for those diplomates who were certified in 1999, 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2005. The balance of diplomates who hold time-limited certificates will be phased in during 2009, 2010 and 2011 based on certification year. One of 20 tracer procedures will be selected by the diplomate. The diplomate then reviews his or her own patient records on 10 consecutive operations of the selected procedure completed within the past three years. The following data fields will be entered through the program on the website: Diagnosis, preoperative assessment, anesthesia, location of surgery and operating time, surgical treatment plan, and outcomes. At the completion of the data entry for the 10 cases, the diplomate will be directed to options for an educational program specific to that operation. This may be a course at a society meeting specifically designed for MOC-PS, a CME article published in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, or the diplomate may elect to participate in a patient safety module as produced by the ABMS or ASPS. A benchmarking report will also be viewable and printable so that the diplomate can compare his or her data with all others in this specialty reporting on the same operation. This entire

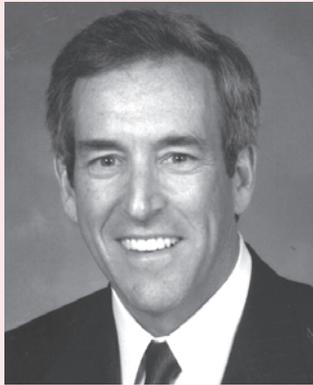
program will give the plastic surgeon the opportunity to do an in-depth review of a specific operation, and to learn how others are doing it and what their results may be. An action plan for improvement is a part of the program. This robust activity has been in the planning process for a number of years and, although it creates a learning curve for all of us involved, the Board has every confidence that the diplomate will find the entire experience valuable to the improvement of practice. Information on the PA-PS program will be mailed to the applicable diplomates in March 2008. Timelines will be available in the physician profiles.

#### **RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPATION IN MOC-PS**

Those diplomates who have submitted an application for the MOC-PS and who are participating regularly in the process will be recognized on the website of the ABMS as participating in MOC-PS. These diplomates will also be allowed by the ABMS to display recognition of this participation through their office letterhead, business cards, websites, and other communication or marketing materials. A sample of the ABMS MOC™ Starmark logo is included in this newsletter. The ABMS began a new public awareness campaign this year to emphasize the importance of certification and MOC and to brand the ABMS name and the "power of 24 (specialty boards)."

Although the diplomates certified in 1995 and later are required to participate in MOC-PS, lifetime certificate holders certified before 1995 may voluntarily participate to receive the desired recognition. In addition, those with lifetime certificates may elect to participate in MOC-PS in the future, in lieu of proposed relicensure examinations in certain states, and for potential discounts from professional liability insurance carriers. The ABMS intends to promote the concept of Maintenance of Certification as a standard of physician quality in America to multiple agencies focused in the quality health-care arena.

# News from the Secretary-Treasurer **Bernard S. Alpert, M.D.**



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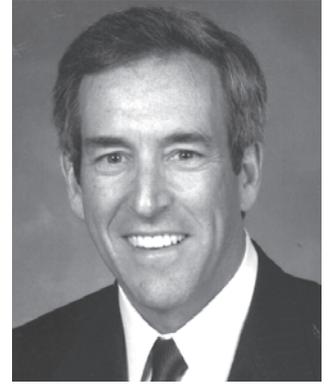
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M.D.  
Madison, WI**

Dr. Bentz is Professor of Surgery, Pediatrics and Neurosurgery at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he serves as Chairman of the Division of Plastic Surgery and Vice Chairman of Clinical Affairs for the Department of Surgery. He graduated from Temple University School of Medicine, where he also completed a General Surgery Residency. Following a Research Fellowship and Plastic Surgery Residency at the University of Pittsburgh, he joined the Pitt faculty where he served as Residency Program Director until leaving for Wisconsin in 1999. His academic contributions include serving as editor of the textbook "Pediatric Plastic Surgery" and co-editor of the new textbook "Principles and Practice of Pediatric Plastic Surgery". He has served as Chairman of the Plastic Surgery Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics, President of the American Association of Pediatric Plastic Surgeons, President of the Midwestern Association of Plastic Surgeons, as well as Member at Large of the Association of Academic Chairmen of Plastic Surgery. He currently serves as Plastic Surgery Representative to the Resident Education Committee of the American College of Surgeons, and Trustee of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons. His clinical focus is on pediatric plastic surgery, and reconstructive plastic surgery in children and adults. Dr Bentz has a significant interest in international plastic surgery clinical care and education in Nicaragua.



**Keith E. Brandt,  
M.D.  
St. Louis, MO**

Dr. Brandt is the William G. Hamm Professor and Program Director at Washington University, St. Louis. He arrived at Washington University in 1999 after serving on the faculty at the University of Texas – Houston Medical School and as Clinical Faculty at the MD Anderson Cancer Center from 1993 to 1999. He received his medical degree from U.T. – Houston and then completed residencies in General Surgery at the University of Nebraska, Plastic Surgery at the University of Tennessee and a Hand and Microsurgery Fellowship at Washington University, St. Louis. Dr. Brandt is currently Secretary of the American Association for Hand Surgery, Treasurer of the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery and is Past President of the American Society for Peripheral Nerve. He serves on the Editorial Boards of *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery* and *the Journal of Reconstructive Microsurgery*. His clinical interests include reconstructive microsurgery, breast reconstruction, hand and peripheral nerve reconstruction. He has run 13 marathons in the past five years and survived.



**Jeffrey B.  
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Dr. Matthews is the Board's representative from the American Board of Surgery. He is the Dallas B. Phemister Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery, The University of Chicago. An honors graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Medical School, he completed residency training at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital and a hepatobiliary surgery fellowship at the University of Bern, Switzerland. He served as Associate Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School and Chief, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center prior to becoming the Christian R. Holmes Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the University of Cincinnati, a position he held for five years. He specializes in pancreatic, hepatobiliary, and gastrointestinal surgery. He is certified in general surgery by the American Board of Surgery. He directs a research and training program supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study the fundamental biologic basis of surgical diseases of the gastrointestinal tract. He is author of over 150 original articles and scientific publications, and currently serves on the editorial boards of *American Journal of Physiology*, *Annals of Surgery*, *Archives of Surgery*, *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*, *Journal of Surgical Research*, and *Surgery*.

Dr. Matthews is a Director of the American Board of Surgery. He is past-President of the Society of University Surgeons and past-Treasurer of the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract. He is a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation. He has served on NIH and Veteran's Administration panels and recently chaired Scientific Review Committee C at the NIH.



**James H. Wells,  
M.D.  
Long Beach, CA**

Dr. Wells received his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, in 1966. He completed General Surgery residency at Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans. He then served as Senior Medical Officer on the USS Midway during the final years of the Vietnam conflict, receiving two Naval Commendation medals. He completed his plastic surgery training at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Dr. Wells then joined the full time faculty at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in charge of the craniofacial program. He was a consultant to the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medicine and Co-Director of the Burn Unit at Baltimore City Hospital. Dr. Wells has been in private practice in Long Beach, California since 1979. He is currently Program Director at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center (LBMMC) for UCI rotating plastic surgery residents. He is on the Board of Directors at LBMMC and is Past President of the California Society of Plastic Surgeons and the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS). He established the "Patients of Courage" award during his ASPS presidency and has been honored by ASPS with a Presidential Citation for his role in developing young leaders. He served on the Advisory Council of the Board for six years and has been an oral examiner for the past 10 years.

### Board Website

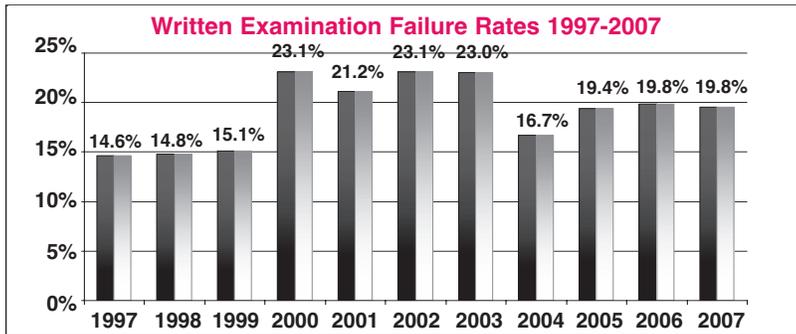
[www.abplsurg.org](http://www.abplsurg.org) is now the central location for all residents, candidates and diplomates activities. Log in to your physician profile. The **MOC-PS** activities will be announced shortly.

### Alert to Senior Partners About Advertising

Candidates are not permitted to advertise any status with the board until certification is achieved. This includes use of the term board qualified, board eligible or board admissible. Senior partners and practice managers should check all advertising with new physicians in the practice. The Board defers candidates in the examination process for one year for misstatements, however inadvertent, of board status. Candidates are responsible for misleading advertising no matter how inadvertently placed.

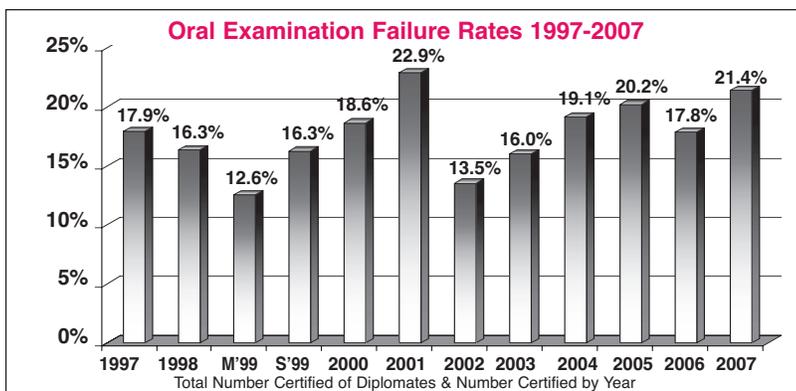
# EXAMINATION STATISTICS

## WRITTEN EXAMINATION



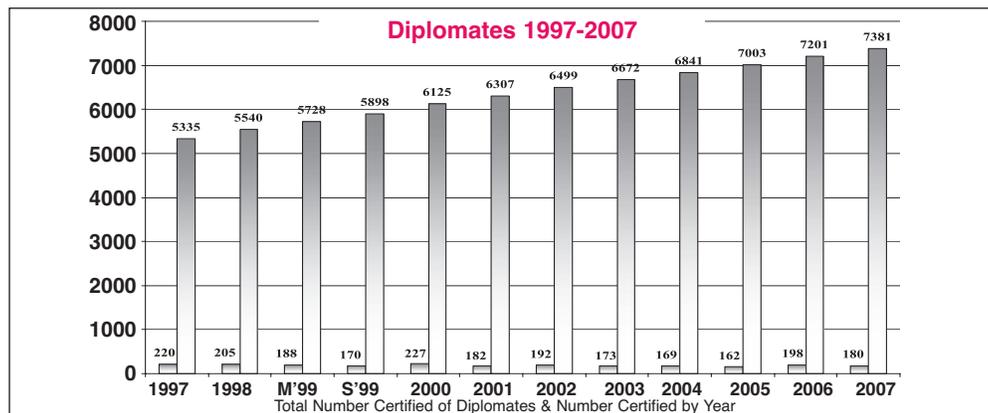
YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
1997	260	222	38	14.6%
1998	420	358	62	14.8%
1999	265	225	40	15.1%
2000	242	186	56	23.1%
2001	241	190	51	21.2%
2002	242	186	56	23.1%
2003	230	177	53	23.0%
2004	214	178	36	16.7%
2005	237	191	46	19.4%
2006	243	195	48	19.8%
2007	235	189	46	19.6%

## ORAL EXAMINATION



YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
1997	268	220	48	17.9%
1998	245	205	40	16.3%
Mar-99	215	188	27	12.6%
Sep-99	203	170	33	16.3%
2000	279	227	52	18.6%
2001	236	182	54	22.9%
2002	222	192	30	13.5%
2003	206	173	33	16.0%
2004	209	169	40	19.1%
2005	203	162	41	20.2%
2006	241	198	43	17.8%
2007	229	180	49	21.4%

## DIPLOMATES CERTIFIED OVER 10 YEARS



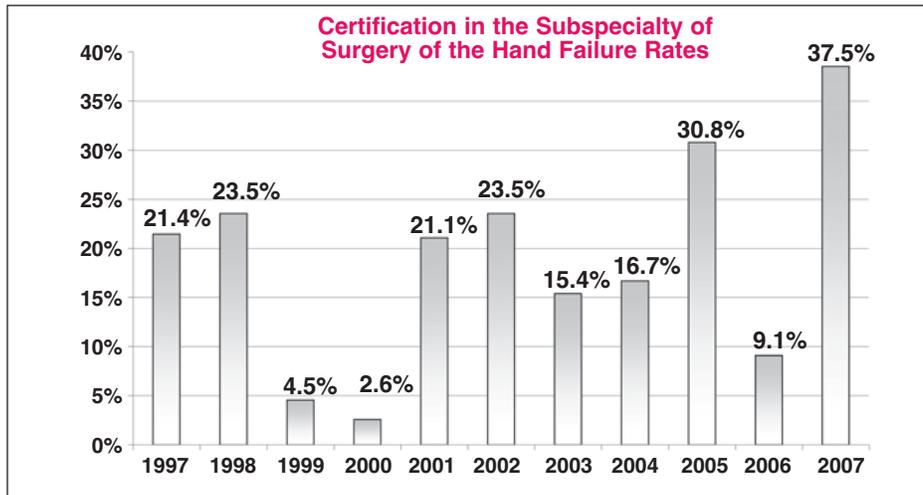
## RECERTIFICATION AND MOC-PS PROGRAM EXAMINATION

Year	Total Takers	Pass	Fail	%Fail	Total Takers LCH (Lifetime)	Total Takers TLC (Time-Limited)	# LCH Fail	#TLC Fail	% Time Limited Fail of All Takers	with SOTH Sub-Cert	Total # Completed
2003	102	99	3	2.9%	20	82	1	2	2.0%	4	103
2004	122	118	4	3.3%	9	113	0	4	3.3%	11	129
2005	159	151	8	5.0%	3	156	0	8	5.0%	5	156
2006*	152	141	11	7.2%	2	151	0	11	7.2%	15	156
2007	216	204	12	5.6%	0	216	0	12	5.6%	20	224
<b>ALL</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>38</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>768</b>

\*1 de-listed for ethics issues

# EXAMINATION STATISTICS

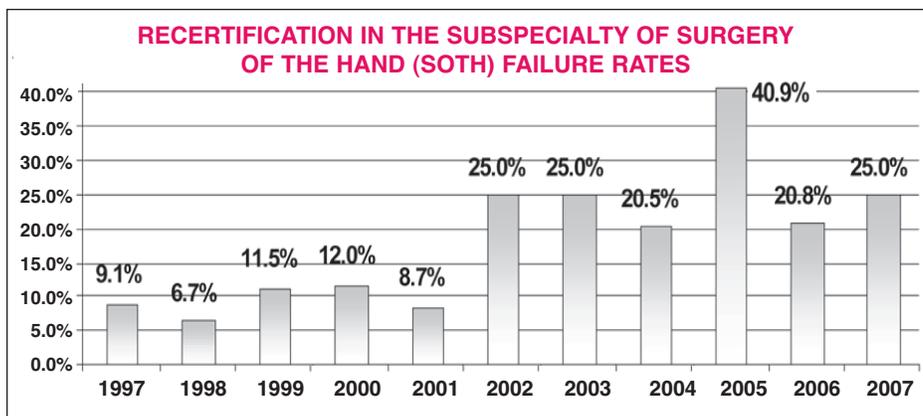
## CERTIFICATE IN THE SUBSPECIALTY OF SURGERY OF THE HAND - SOTH



**Certificate in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand SOTH**

YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	% FAIL
1996	37	24	13	35.1%
1997	28	22	6	21.4%
1998	17	13	4	23.5%
1999	22	21	1	4.5%
2000	39	38	1	2.6%
2001	19	15	4	21.1%
2002	17	13	4	23.5%
2003	13	11	2	15.4%
2004	18	15	3	16.7%
2005	13	9	4	30.8%
2006	11	10	1	9.1%
2007	8	5	3	37.5%

## CERTIFICATE OF RECERTIFICATION IN THE SUBSPECIALTY OF SURGERY OF THE HAND - SOTH



**RECERTIFICATION IN THE SUBSPECIALTY OF SURGERY OF THE HAND (SOTH)**

YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	% FAIL
1997	11	10	1	9.1%
1998	15	14	1	6.7%
1999	26	23	3	11.5%
2000	25	22	3	12.0%
2001	23	21	2	8.7%
2002	28	21	7	25.0%
2003	28	21	7	25.0%
2004	44	35	9	20.5%
2005	22	13	9	40.9%
2006	24	19	5	20.8%
2007	32	24	8	25.0%

## 2008 EXAMINATION DATES & LOCATIONS

### AOC-BS

Computer Based Test – at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada – April 1, 2008 through April 30, 2008

### Hand Surgery Examination and Hand Surgery Recertification Examination

Computer Based Test - at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada – August 2, 2008 to August 30, 2008

### Written Examination

Computer Based Test – at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada - Monday, October 20, 2008

### Oral Examination

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, November 13, 14, 15, 2008 in Phoenix, Arizona

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BOARD DIPLOMATES

*The American Board of Plastic Surgery certified 180 diplomates in November 2007. Result letters were mailed on January 9, 2008. To date, the Board has certified 7,381 plastic surgeons.*

Anthony Allan Admire  
Nadia Shahbano Afridi  
Siamak Agha-Mohammadi  
David Andrew Altamira  
Tanya Aya Atagi  
Mark Steven Barlow  
Donald Peter Baumann  
Mary Susann Bedford  
Ksenija Belsley  
Joseph Christopher Berardi  
Walter Lang Bernacki  
Amardeep Singh Bhuller  
Matthew Joseph Bonanno  
Gregory Howard Borschel  
Brian Michael Braithwaite  
Kevin Alan Brenner  
Reuben Allen Bueno, Jr.  
John Joseph Bulger  
Alfonso Camberos  
Christi Marie Cavaliere  
David Sangook Chang  
Walter Ting-Yu Chang  
Shim Ching  
Mohammad Umar Hasan Choudry  
Christa Lynn Clark  
Stephen Hubbard Colbert  
Bryan Keith Criswell  
Melissa Ann Crosby  
Alfred Thomas Culliford, IV  
Dimitrios Danikas  
Christopher James Davidson  
Shay Byron Dean  
Carl Legaspi delosReyes  
Trent Dennison Douglas  
Christopher Michael Dress  
VenKata Satya P. Rao Erella  
Farbod Esmailian  
Karen Frances Kim Evans  
Jules Alexander Feledy, Jr.  
Jaime Ivan Flores  
Mark Edward Freeman  
Gregory Cyrus Gaines  
Robert Dionisio Galiano  
Kelly Matthew Gallego  
Katerina Maria Gallus  
Stephen Cole Gauthier  
Michael Lawrence Gimbel  
Brian Steven Glatt  
Roberto Gonzalez-Cruz  
Roshini Gopinathan  
Amanda Anderson Gosman  
Neil Bruce Gottlieb  
David Todd Greenspun  
Vladimir Grigoryants  
Lifei Guo  
Eric Glenn Halvorson  
Ginard Irwyn Henry  
Glenn Eric Herrmann  
Paige Cornette Holt  
Jeffrey Douglas Horowitz  
John Michael Houle

Hampton Alexander Howell  
Georgeanna Jane Huang  
Kathy Huang  
John Stewart Humphrey  
Craig Arthur Hurst  
Joshua B. Hyman  
Casey Nathan Isom  
Jason Michael Jack  
Teresa Leola Jackson  
Moneer Jaibaji  
Colleen Jane Jambor  
Sameer Subhash Jejurikar  
Timothy Shane Johnson  
Justin Michael Jones  
Matthew Roy Kaufman  
Faeza Rashid Kazmier  
Jennifer Newman Keagle  
Angela Margaret Keen  
Marwan Khalifeh  
Kenneth Kwanyoung Kim  
Mary Tsochi Kim  
Steve Seog Kim  
Ravi Veeramasuneni Kiran  
Mark Anthony Knight  
Ewa Dagmara Komorowska-Timek  
Robert Charles Kratschmer, III  
Shashidhar Kusuma  
Jeffrey Raymond LaGrasso  
Bruce Victor Lattyak  
Hop Nguyen Le  
Mimi Leong  
Scott David Lifchez  
Andrew Michael Lofman  
Kimberly Kwei-Mei Lu  
Joel Patrick Maier  
David Woodbridge Mathes  
Sarah Elizabeth McMillan  
Ricardo Alberto Meade  
John Clinton Merrick  
Sarah Ann Mess  
Wong Kyun Moon  
David Erik Morris  
Arian S. Mowlavi  
Bradley Pierce Mudge  
Michael William Nagy  
Brad Robert Nanigian  
Adam Garrett Newman  
Martin I. Newman  
Trung David Duc Nguyen  
Albert Kim Oh  
Anire O. Okpaku  
Robert Irwin Oliver, Jr.  
Michael James Orseck  
Kenneth John Ortiz  
Srdjan Andrei Ostric  
Deborah Pan  
Gregory Charles Park  
Wendy Lynne Parker  
Ziv Mani Peled  
Jason Kyle Potter  
Rhoda Lynne Powell

Guillermo Quetell  
Shahrad Rady Rahban  
Heidi Regenass  
Russell Roger Reid  
Elan Reisin  
Thomas Jon Rishavy  
Christine Hsu Rohde  
Laurence Zalmon Rosenberg  
Silvia Cristina Rotemberg  
Samuel Jonathan Roy  
Hakim Kassim Said  
Gabriel Ellis Salloum  
Alberto Sergio Santibanez-Gallerani  
Bradley Kirk Schaffer  
Rodney Evan Schmelzer  
Alexandra Kurland Schmidek  
Diane Rose Schmidt-Krings  
Wesley Gordon Schooler  
Matthew Ross Schulman  
Hisham Mohamed Seify Abdel kader  
Nathan Alexander Sewell  
Sheel Sharma  
Elizabeth Marie Sieczka  
Steven Reyes Sigalove  
Richard Simman  
Sean Adam Simon  
Jaromir Slama  
Adrian Russell Smith  
Steven Scott Smith  
Mary Colleen Snyder  
Ned Snyder, IV  
Alfred Sofer  
Jason Adam Spector  
Craig Allen Staebel  
Matthew Howard Steele  
Earl Stephenson, Jr.  
Joel Melford Stewart, Jr.  
Chau Yu Tai  
Kevin Tehrani  
Umeng David Thao  
John Michael Thomassen  
James Thomas Thompson, II  
Brian Patrick Thornton  
Christopher Keoni Tiner  
Jeffrey Andrew Umansky  
John Ananda vanAalst  
Stephen J. Vega  
Devdas Wali  
Stephen Michael Warren  
Jonathan Seth Wilensky  
Steven Harrison Williams  
Randolph Wojcik, Jr.  
Albert Suk Won Woo  
Sean Anthony Wright  
Liza C. G. Wu  
Jeffrey Scott Yager  
Anthony Mehdi Zacharek  
Michael Zarrabi

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DIPLOMATES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION PRO- GRAM (MOC-PS)

*In April 2007, 204 diplomates successfully completed the first MOC-PS cognitive examination in addition to \*20 diplomates using the Surgery of the Hand Examination or Surgery of the Hand Recertification Examination (SOTH) to complete the process. To date, 545 diplomates have been recertified including 55 via SOTH.*

Monique Lisa Abner	Raghuram Gopalakrishna Elluru*	Ary Krau	Clyde Edwin Pittman
Ruben B. Abrams	Eric Tomson Emerson	Mitchel Dean Krieger	Eleanor Canfield Pitts
Todd Wayne Adam	Roger Earl Emory, Jr.	Gary Adam Kronen*	Todd Alan Pollock
James Stephen Albertoli	Gregory Randolph Dean Evans	David Alan Kulber*	Tom Jesus Pousti
Peter Andrew Aldea	Marc Charles Fater	Roberto Danilo Lachica	David Frederic Pratt
William Evans Alison, Jr.	Michael James Fealy*	Lloyd David Landsman	Thomas Edmond Quirke
Gary James Alter	Frank James Ferraro	Marisa Lawrence	Sidney Rabinowitz
Damon Philip Anagnos*	Mark David Fetter	Brian John Lee	Thomas Paul Rak
Stephen David Antrobous	Michael Anthony Fiorillo, Jr.	Pablo Leon	Robert Dickerson Rehnke
Gary Isamu Arishita	Ronald D. Ford	Ann Lucy Letourneau	Alisa Gertrud Rekow
Jeffrey Alan Ascherman	Stanley Joseph Foster, III	Earl Dwayne Lett	Charlotte Ann Rhee
Christopher Rourke Babycos	Michael Howard Freedland	James Tseng-Chin Lin*	Lucian Joseph Rivela
Naji Kamal Baddoura	Andrew Craig Friedman	Stuart Adam Linder	Steven Lynn Robinson
Norman Bakshandeh	David Jay Friedman	Scott James Loessin	Gary Joseph Rosenbaum
Robert Ball, Jr.	Matthew Brian Furst	Jean Marie Loftus	Michael Howard Rosenberg
Abdalla Zackaria Bandak	Peter Alfred Galpin	Marc Robert Lussier	David Alan Rosenstein
Nabil Antoine Barakat*	Sandra Joy Gatt	Andrew Thomas Lyos	Antonio Santin-Hodges
David Joseph Barillo	Eric Roy George*	Gregory James Mackay	Russell Frank Sassani
Mark Allan Barnard	Basith Mohammed Ghazali	Ellen Anne Mahony	Christopher James Saunders
Eduardo Guillermo Barroso	Cynthia Dee Gray	Alexander Mehran Majidian	Benjamin Schlechter
Stephen Robert Bayne	Richard Kenneth Green, Jr.*	Amie Alvarez Malihan	Jonathan Scot Schreiber
Joseph Edward Berg	Anthony Charles Griffin	John Stuart Mancoll	Raymond O'Connell Schultz
Kevin Michael Beshlian	Russell Hugh Griffiths	Alexia Sosamma Marciano	Paul John Scioscia
Michael Francis Bohley	Peter Hylan Grossman	David Scott Martin	John Malcolm Searles, Jr.
Ian Loxton Bourhill	Paul Michael Guidera*	Bruce Allen Mast	Douglas Mark Senderoff
Diane Gwyn Bowen	Joseph Lewis Haber	William Scott McDonald	Robert Nicholas Severinac
Amy Hill Brewster	Fred Lee Hackney	Joseph Anthony Mele, III	Arthur Michael Sharkey*
Tjerk Fridolin Bury*	Gary Dean Hall	Charles Angelo Messa, III	James Russell Shope
Edward Matthew Campbell, IV	David Eric Halpern*	Mark Robert Migliori	Garey Scott Simmonds
Robert John Carpenter	Christine Annemarie Hamori	James Robert Miller	Brett Jamison Snyder
John Martin Castle	Juliana Ehrman Hansen	John Hampton Miller*	Scott Alan Spiro
Robert Gregory Chandler	Robin Camille Hardiman	Sharrie Lynne Mills	William Andrew Stewart
Scott Deeter Chapin	Brian Elliot Hass	Brent Roderick Wilfred Moelleken	Howard Simon Sutkin
Nancy Falco Chedid	Carol Lee Hathaway	Eric Kloth Mooney	Ilana Elias Sweis
Christine Ann Cheng	Sumiko Joan Hegstad	John Reagan Moore, Sr.	Adam Gaston Tattelbaum
Kevin Chi Chung*	Mark Frederick Hendrickson	Ramiro Morales, Jr.	John Michael Taylor
Elizabeth Ann Clubb	Mitchell Jay Henry	Jeffrey Dean Morehouse	Steven Vincent Thomas
Eva Dale Collins	Michael Elliott Hill	Steven Michael Morris	Nho Van Tran
Francisco Gerardo Colon	Geoffrey William Hilliard	Anthony Kevin Muiderman	Robert Evan Tuchler
Jeffrey William Colyer	Daniel Thomas Holley	Chet Lawrence Nastala	Andrew Evan Turk
Christopher Weeks Conner	Scott Donald Holley*	Steven Christopher Naum*	Paul Frank Vanek, Jr.
Rafael Jacinto Convit	Larry Harold Hollier, Jr.	John Allan Ness	Steven Gregg Wallach
Steven Eric Copit	Roy W. Hong	Tuan Anh Nguyen	Katheryn Melissa Warren
Lee Edward Corbett	Michael Shayne Hopkins	David Allen Novotny	David Cassell Watts
Julia Frances Corcoran	David Addis Horvath	David John Nowicky	Dean Herbert Weber
Mark Elliston Crispin	Vincent C. Hung	Renato Valencia Ocampo, Jr.	Philip David Wey
Kimball Maurice Crofts	Ferda Frank Isik	Kenneth Louis Odinet, Jr.	Therese Kathleen White
Francis Joseph Cullen	Errol Augustus James	Daniel Emmett O'Hara	Robert Clinton Wilke
Hootan Michael Daneshmand	Peter Henry Johannet	Bryan Dewey Oslin	Robert Edward Wolf
David Mitchell Deisher	Bram Robert Kaufman*	Behzad Parva	Thomas Ted Woloszyn*
Lynn Dee Ann Derby	Jeffrey Miller Kenkel	Wyatt Gregory Payne	Daniel Joseph Wood
Eagen Gene Deune*	Julie Jasmina Khanna	Roosevelt Peebles, Jr.	Michael Lee Workman
Jeffrey Alan Ditesheim	Joshua Adam King	Jack Tellin Peterson, Jr.	Karen Margaret Yokoo
Frederick Joseph Duffy, Jr.	Gilson John Kingman	Francis Christopher Pettigrew	Patty Kay Young
Gregory Ara Dumanian	Elizabeth Ann Kinsley	Michael Thomas Philbin	George Peter Zavitsanos
Andrew Ira Elkwood	Mark Robert Kobayashi	Sheryl Garton Pilcher	Michael Franz Zwicklbauer

# CONGRATULATIONS To Our Diplomates who were Certified or Recertified in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand (SOTH)

*In 2007, The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 5 diplomates in SOTH and recertified 24 diplomates in SOTH. To date the Board has certified 592 diplomates and has recertified 226 diplomates in Hand Surgery.*

## Diplomates Certified in Hand Surgery in 2007

Sean Michael Bidic  
Virginia Singlan Hung  
James Tseng-Chin Lin  
Erik Scott Marques  
Morgan Edward Norris, III

## Diplomates Recertified in Hand Surgery in 2007

Damon Philip Anagnos  
Nabil Antoine Barakat  
David Martin Bass  
Eagen Gene Deune  
Lee Everett Edstrom  
Raghuram Gopalakrishna Elluru  
Michael James Fealy  
Bohdan Peter Fedczuk  
Eric Roy George  
Richard Kenneth Green, Jr.  
Thomas George Griffith  
Paul Michael Guidera  
Scott Donald Holley  
Bram Robert Kaufman  
Gary Adam Kronen  
David Alan Kulber  
Charles David Layman  
John Hampton Miller  
Steven Christopher Naum  
Robert Bruce Shack  
Helen Elizabeth Tadjalli  
Adam Gaston Tattelbaum  
Dean Joseph Toriello  
Kerri Michelle Woodberry

## **MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC-PS) PROGRAM**



**ABMS Maintenance of Certification™**  
American Board of Plastic Surgery  
Certification Matters

The ABMS MOC™ Starmark, with six points corresponding to the six clinical competencies, is now available for down-

load from the Board's website. It was developed for the 24 ABMS Member Boards. Diplomates participating in MOC-PS are now approved to use the ABMS MOC™ Logo in practice communication materials.

The ABMS MOC™ Starmark demonstrates your commitment to lifelong learning and self-assessment in order to improve healthcare quality.

Log in to your Physician Profile, MOC-PS, tab on the ABPS website and review the ABMS usage guidelines carefully before downloading the logo and applying it to your practice website, letterhead or brochures.

It is important that Diplomates follow the general usage guidelines for the ABMS MOC™ Starmark exactly to maintain the integrity of the ABMS MOC™ program.

*The goal of maintaining certification is to verify that the level of achievement demonstrated on the initial certification examination is being maintained over a period continually.*

Diplomates certified in 1999 must complete the MOC-PS application, case list and CBT by 2009 to avoid loss of certification. If you have not yet completed the MOC-PS process in 2007 and have not submitted an application for the 2008 MOC-PS program, you MUST complete the program in 2009. Please put the deadlines listed below on your calendar for the April 2009 examination. Diplomates certified by the Board in 1999, 2000 and 2001 will be sent 2009 MOC-PS Application Material in March 2008. Lifetime certificate holders interested in the 2009 program can e-mail a request for the on-line process, including full name and address to [peer@abplsurg.org](mailto:peer@abplsurg.org).

## **IMPORTANT 2009 MOC-PS PROGRAM DEADLINE DATES**

**January 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008**

On-line case collection period – The Board's clinical case log.

**March 2008**

Clinical Case Log available on-line

**April 30, 2008**

Deadline for requests of on-line Application Material

**July 1, 2008**

Application available on-line

**September 2, 2008 – On-line Applications finalized**

- Application Form completed and finalized through the Board's website
- Clinical Case Log completed and finalized through the Board's website
- Registration Fee of \$500.00
- All other required documents

**November 30, 2008 – On-line Reply Forms**

- Application Approval Letters
- Examination Announcement Letters
- Module Assignment
- Reply Forms

**January 16, 2009 – Due On-line**

Reply Forms, Examination Fee of \$1,000.00 and all other required documents

**March 2, 2009 – Mailed from Board Office**

Scheduling Permits (orange)

**April 1 – April 30, 2009**

MOC-PS Program Computer Based Test

**July 2009– Mailed from Board Office**

Result Letters

**December 2009 – Certificates Mailed from Board Office**

Certificates mailed to Diplomates whose primary certificate expires in 2009 and who completed the MOC-PS Program

## **REVOKED CERTIFICATES**

*The Board continues to review and assess diplomates who have had sanctions, revocations, etc. of state medical licenses. In 2007, one ABPS certificate was revoked. \*Two revocations are included that were not previously reported.*

Mark Douglas Gilliland, M.D. TX – revoked in 2007 • Eli Milch, M.D., NY – revoked in 2006\* • Marvin Morton Shuster, M.D., FL – revoked in 2004\*

*To date, a total of 58 certificates have been revoked.*

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE ABPS**

Help the Board keep our records up to date. Enter your change of address via your physician profile by logging in to [www.abplsurg.org](http://www.abplsurg.org).

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE ABMS**

Update your listing in the ABMS Directory by faxing or mailing a notice on your stationery directly to The American Board of Medical Specialties, Attention: Database Department Fax Number: 847-328-3596

## **THE BOARD'S TRADEMARKED LOGO**

The use of the Board's Logo is not permitted for any purpose. Diplomates should remove this logo from all practice websites. The society web developers have been notified of this policy. We appreciate your cooperation.

## **NOTIFICATION TO DIPLOMATES**

This and past years Newsletters are posted on the Board's website. The Booklet of Information is published annually and contains the established requirements, policies and procedures of the Board relating to residency training and the certification process.

## **2008 DIPLOMATE DUES AND MOC-PS ANNUAL FEE**

Enclosed is one of two forms: a 2008 Diplomate Dues Remittance Form for Lifetime Certificate Holders or the 2008 MOC-PS Annual Fee Remittance Form for Time Dated Certificate Holders.

The MOC-PS Fee is mandatory for diplomates with time-limited certificates who are participating in the MOC-PS Program. The Diplomate Dues of \$200.00 is requested of lifetime certificate holders who elect not to participate in MOC-PS. The Board greatly appreciates the response from the 75% of our diplomates who have participated in the dues request since 1999.

**Time-limited Certificate Holders** – Log in to your physician profile to complete the form on-line and pay by credit card. **You must use your username and password.** If you have not already created a username and password, your username is your six digit board number which can be found on the remittance form. Your password is your last name (this is case sensitive, first letter should be capitalized, e.g., Smith.)

**Lifetime Certificate Holders** – Preferred method is by credit card, however, you may complete the form and forward a check for \$200.00 made payable to **The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc.** and return to the Board Office by April 15, 2008.

The ongoing support of the Diplomate Dues request has been gratifying. The income from the dues 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 in development of web-based procedures.

## **PDF HELP**

The Board Office recommends the following resources to our diplomates:

- Locate a copier that will scan to PDF format. Many copiers, scanners, and fax machines have this capability.
- Scan a letter or picture of a document (jpeg format) and upload it to [www.pdfonline.com](http://www.pdfonline.com). At no charge, they will e-mail it to you as a PDF file.
- Convert paper documents offline to a PDF file and e-mail them to yourself. (You must have access to a copier that can produce a PDF.) Save the PDF's to your desktop so you can browse and upload the file to the Board's website.
- Those who receive faxes as digital fax images can "print to PDF" if available technology is present.
- Last resort - go to an Office Supply store with the paper documents and for a nominal fee, they can provide the individual PDF's to you on a CD you can use to upload.

For technical support for upload functions for applications, reply forms or practice assessment (PA-PS) please contact Web Data Solutions at [support@dataharborsolutions.com](mailto:support@dataharborsolutions.com) or at 312-944-0642 (M-F 9:00 am – 5:00 pm CST).