Ethics, the Board and Specialty Societies

Bruce L. Cunningham, M.D., Chair

Every attempt to divine the future is bound by the tension among the enticement of imagination, the constraints of the past, and the vagaries of the moment. As an organization such as the ABPS attempts to anticipate the needs of the public and the specialty, it is good to be in the company of brilliant people. With guidance from the Executive Director, R. Barrett Noone, M.D. and with the efficient and competent staff directed by the Administrator, Terry M. Cullison, R.N., MSN, the Board is considered a leader in managing change. I want to address some of our current issues now, and to venture a look into the future.

ETHICS ISSUES

As I have traveled around the country representing the Board, issues that are raised repeatedly have to do with the Board Policy regarding advertising by candidates for the Written and Oral Examinations, affecting ten candidates this year. The Board has struggled with the most just method for evaluating appeals for denial to the examination process, and it has occupied an inordinate amount of staff and Director time. The essential problem has been to determine which infractions were intentional enhancements for marketing, which were the results of poor organization, and which were beyond the power of the candidate to effect. In many cases we receive impassioned letters from senior partners or academic and group practice managers explaining that the candidate was a “victim of the system.”

The Board obviously cannot look into the heart of each candidate, and cannot be responsible for the vagaries of practice marketing strategy. To avoid any appearance of favoritism, and to apply a uniform policy, the Board must allow no exceptions to the policies regarding statements of status with ABPS.

We recognize that this policy will punish some candidates who truly had only the highest motives and aspirations. In fact, the major objective of this missal is to alert senior practice members to be aware of this problem. When you choose a young uncertified associate, be sure to alert him or her to the issue, and make arrangements with your staff to ensure that office stationery and marketing, including the web and yellow page advertisements, reflect correct usage of ABPS identifiers. Unfortunately, waiting until the individual actually joins your practice is frequently too late, as staff has already added the name to existing marketing and stationery, denying the new associate one year in the examination process. Diplomates should remember to review the ABPS Code of Ethics if invited to participate in media events or other marketing ventures.

As Chair, I receive correspondence between the ABPS and regulatory or reporting bodies such as State Medical Boards, or the AMA wherein the loss or restriction of medical licensure is reported. The ABPS responds directly and strongly to such reports, requiring a response from the diplomate, or requesting additional information from the regulatory board. When appropriate, the ABPS will withdraw certification and report the action to the ABMS when revocation or surrender of licensure has occurred. To date the ABPS has revoked 34 certificates and has contacted over 90 diplomates regarding sanctions other than revocation. This aggressive action on the part of your Board is one of the best methods for protecting the public and maintaining the value of certification.

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MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION

As you know from prior editions of this publication, the ABPS has been working to transition Recertification to Maintenance of Certification (MOC®) to comply with the policies being promulgated by the ABMS. The ABPS was one of the last surgical subspecialties to implement a Recertification Program, but it has made up for lost time, and developed one of the first, and most sophisticated plans for a MOC® program.

I want to venture a look into the future and to explore the emerging relationship between the Board and Specialty Societies as it relates to MOC®. The ABPS has done a great deal to integrate the specialty societies into its activities, using the Advisory Council members, comprised of subspecialty representatives, for this purpose. Advisory Council members are essential sources of information regarding diplomates, and provide critical input to the Written and Oral Examinations in the form of examination question content, examiners, and experienced potential Director nominees for the Board.

The evolution of the MOC® Program will require an even closer working relationship between the ABPS and Societies, as each will have an integral role in the process of assuring the public that practitioners are competent and up-to-date in their practices. In particular, MOC® is a process demonstrating professional standing, lifelong learning, performance in practice and finally, cognitive expertise. A perfect example of this is the development of TOPS, Tracking Operations and Outcomes in Plastic Surgery, an outcomes performance tool produced jointly by the ABPS, ASPS, and the PSEF. TOPS is used by the ABPS to record and select cases for the Oral Examination, and to determine the practice module eligibility for the Recertification/MOC® examinations. TOPS is essential to ASPS for deriving valid procedural statistics useful for media, and to support advocacy activities to enhance and protect practices.

The goal of future interactions between the Board and Societies will be to streamline and customize the management of the MOC® components with appropriate educational programs to meet individual needs. Streamlining means that MOC® will be adapted to the actual practice patterns of the practitioner, rather than including the entire curriculum of Plastic Surgery. This is done currently by adjusting examination content of the Recertification Program to the practice content determined by TOPS. Customized educational programs, based on actual practice patterns demonstrated by TOPS, can be built by the ASPS and PSEF to fulfill the need to demonstrate lifelong learning.

The challenge for the future is to define the best method for matching the educational needs and the certification programs. An additional important challenge is to detect when an individual surgeon is in need of remedial education, or to demonstrate that there is no such need. This will require effective practice profiling, including a practice risk assessment based on the types of cases and outcomes demonstrated through the TOPS outcomes process. The Board will work with ASPS and the PSEF to define a process which is valid, and which will inform and enhance the practice experience, and not threaten or disrupt it significantly. This will be an exciting future, and will bring out the best in the leadership of the Board and the Specialty Societies.

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 by new physicians in the practice. The Board defers candidates in the examination process for one year for misstatements of board status.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE ABPS

Help the Board keep our records up to date. Mail, or e-mail your change of address to the Board Office or use the website change of address form under the diplomate section.

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
1007 Church Street, Suite 404
Evanston, Illinois 60201
Attention: Database Department
Fax number 847-328-3596

Item-Writing Workshop

Workshops in writing examination questions are held annually at the time and place of the Oral Examination. The Board requires participation in at least one Item-Writing Workshop for all those who may be nominated to be a Director of the Board.

ABPS CODE OF ETHICS

The Board’s Code of Ethics was approved in November 2002 and can be downloaded from the website at www.abplsurg.org.

INTERNET WEBSITE

Visit the Board’s website at www.abplsurg.org for the Board’s examination and certification requirements and this Newsletter.

PERSONAL PHYSICIAN WEBSITE

When designing a Personal Physician Website, which refers to “The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc.” please be sensitive to the accurate use of our registered trademark name. If you have any doubts about the Board’s requirements, we encourage you to consult the current Booklet of Information, or by contacting the Board Office by e-mail. Consider the Booklet of Information your reference source for training, examination and certification requirements.

2004 DIPLOMATE ANNUAL DUES

Enclosed is the 2004 Diplomate Annual Dues Remittance Form. Please complete and enclose a check for $100.00 made payable to The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc., and return to the Board Office by April 15, 2004.

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.
From The Executive Director

R. Barrett Noone, M.D.

Although space does not permit a detailed report on the Board’s activities of the past year, the following highlights should be of interest to our diplomates and others concerned with our certification programs.

Recertification
The year 2003 marked the completion of Recertification by 99 diplomates in the first year of the program. The program was available to all diplomates who received certification in 1995 and to those lifetime certificate holders who elected to participate. Of the 200 plastic surgeons who were certified in 1995, 80 were recertified in the first available year. In addition, 19 surgeons who hold lifetime certificates completed the program on an elective basis. The overall pass rate on the examination was 97%.

Because the Board allows a three-year period to complete the program, which includes submission of an application and six-month case list, the 2004 examination is open to the balance of the 1995 group, in addition to the 194 diplomates certified in 1996. Completed applications were received from 126 of the combined groups for the examination to be administered in April 2004. There are still 68 diplomates certified in 1995 who did not complete the program in 2003 and who did not submit an application for 2004. These diplomates are urged to complete an application by the deadline of September 2, 2004 in order to take the 2005 examination and preserve their certification by The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. The instructions for requesting Recertification Application Material are detailed later in this Newsletter. If Recertification is not completed by the certificate expiration date, the Board is compelled to notify the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the major specialty societies that the diplomate’s certificate has expired. His/her name will be removed from the ABMS list of certified specialists.

CME for Recertification
Continuing Medical Education credits may be obtained from the American Medical Association (AMA) for successful completion of the Recertification Program by a diplomat of an ABMS member specialty board. The credits may be treated in one of two ways: (1) In most cases they are endorsed for a three-year Physicians Recognition Award (PRA) by the AMA. By this method, the endorsement does not include the award of Category I credit. Physicians who request a three-year PRA certificate through endorsement should attach a copy of the Recertification Certificate or the ABPS notification letter when applying for this credit to the AMA. (2) Physicians who specifically request it will be provided with 25 AMA-PRA Category I Credits. These credits are provided instead of the three-year certificate. Application forms for obtaining credit for completion of the Recertification Program can be obtained by communicating with the American Medical Association.

From The Executive Director

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On October 20, 2003, the Written Examination was administered to 230 candidates at 127 Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada. The pass rate was 77% of the total group taking the examination. The reports from the testing centers indicated that almost all candidates experienced very little difficulty with registration and administration of the examination.

A change in the Oral Examination occurred with the transfer of the examination in 2003 to Phoenix, Arizona. Past examinees will recall that the Phoenix site was used for the examination in 1996. For the past six years, the Oral Examination has been administered in Houston, Texas. The change to the resort setting in Phoenix was well received by both candidates and examiners. The hotel was very functional for the needs of the Board, and the entire examination process proceeded smoothly. A passing rate of 84% for the 206 candidates who took the examination was recorded. The Board anticipates a return to the Phoenix site for the annual Oral Examination in the foreseeable future.

Certification: A Family Affair

The 2003-year was remarkable in that a father-son team completed the certification process. John C. Schantz, M.D., a practicing plastic surgeon in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was one of the 25 lifetime certificate holders who elected to complete Recertification in the first year it was available. Dr. Schantz was certified in 1979 and maintains an active practice in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he is Chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery and serves on the Board of Directors at Lancaster General Hospital. He is a past President of the Robert H. Ivy Society.

Stephan A. Schantz, M.D., John’s son, who practices in Lexington, Kentucky, successfully completed initial certification when he passed the Oral Examination in November. Dr. Schantz, a graduate of Hahnemann University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, completed training in general surgery and plastic surgery at the University of Kentucky.

The Board congratulates the father and son members of the Schantz family on their completion of the recertification and certification processes in the same year. It is hoped that the example set by Dr. John C. Schantz will permeate the specialty as more diplomates become interested in submitting applications for voluntary recertification.

Response to Dues Request

The Board very much appreciates the excellent cooperation from the specialty in responding to the Annual Dues Request. As in the past, a response form is included with this Newsletter. The overwhelming majority of diplomates have consistently responded to the annual request. Funds received have been dedicated to the efforts by the Board and its legal consultants in preserving the integrity of the ABPS Certificate. We have consistently, aggressively and successfully confronted individuals who claim certification by our Board, and the process is ongoing. The cooperation of the specialty has been essential in allowing the Board to continue with this program.

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Diplomate Categories for 2003 Recertification Examination

Total Examinees = 102

- Time-Date Certificate Holders: 81%
- Lifetime Certificate Holders: 19%

2003 Recertification Examination Examinee Module Distribution

- Comprehensive Module: 61%
- Cosmetic Module: 34%
- Hand Module: 3%
- Craniofacial Module: 2%

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2003 – 2004

Advisory Council Members

The Advisory Councils were established in May 2000. The 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 for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) and the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons (ASMS). The Board acknowledges the great contribution of each Advisory Council Member.

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Walter L. Erhardt, Jr., M.D. (ABPS)
Robert A. Hardesty, M.D. (AAPS)
Dennis J. Lynch, M.D. (ABPS), Chair
James H. Wells, M.D. (ASPS)

**Cosmetic Surgery:**
Gustavo A. Colon, M.D. (ABPS), Chair
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David M. Knize, M.D. (ASAPS)
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**Craniofacial Surgery:**
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Bahman Guyuron, M.D. (ASMS)
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**Hand Surgery:**
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Special Recognition

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc., wishes to express appreciation to the following Directors for their dedicated service to the Board:

Phillip G. Arnold, M.D.........................1997 - 2003
Chair of the Board.................2002 - 2003

In Recognition

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. gratefully acknowledges the contributions and commitment of those plastic surgeons who served as Question Writers for the Written Examination and Hand Examination and those who served as Examiners and Evaluators for the Oral Examination.

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(Missing from photograph: Senator Liz Figueroa and Theodore N. Pappas, M.D.)
Congratulations!!
Elected To Serve On The Board From 2003 - 2009

The Board Welcomes the following New Directors elected in May 2003 in Baltimore, Maryland!

WALTER L. ERHARDT, JR., M.D.
ALBANY, GA

Dr. Erhardt received his Medical Degree in 1972 from the University of Virginia, trained in Plastic Surgery at Vanderbilt University, and was certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery in 1980. A Past President of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Dr. Erhardt currently is a Trustee of that organization. He is in his 24th year as a private practitioner of plastic surgery in Albany, GA, additionally serving as the Director of the Children's Medical Services Plastic Surgery Clinic, Southwest Georgia.

A. MICHAEL SADOVE, M.D.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Dr. Sadove is the James Harbaugh Endowed Professor of Surgery, Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Indiana University School of Medicine. He is President-Elect of the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons and serves as Vice President of the American Cleft Palate Association. Dr. Sadove is Past President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Plastic Surgery Section.

WILLIAM M. SWARTZ, M.D.
PITTSBURGH, PA

After obtaining his medical degree from the University of Colorado in 1972, Dr. Swartz received his training in plastic surgery at Rhode Island Hospital. He was certified by The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc., in 1979 and certified in Hand Surgery in 1990. He serves as Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh and is former Professor and Chairman at Tulane University. He is Past President of the American Association for Hand Surgery, the American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery, Robert H. Ivy Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the Ohio Valley Society of Plastic Surgeons.

Elected To Serve On The Board From 2003 - 2007
As A Representative From The American Board Of Surgery

THEODORE N. PAPPAS, M.D.
DURHAM, NC

Dr. Pappas is Professor and Vice Chairman of Administration in the Department of Surgery and Executive Medical Director of the Faculty Practice at Duke University Medical Center. He has served on the faculty of Duke University since 1988, and was Program Director for General Surgery for nine years. He also serves as Director of Surgical Endoscopy and Program Director for the Physician Assistant Surgical Residency Programs. Dr. Pappas has served as a Director to the American Board of Surgery since 2001 and is President-Elect of the American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association.
**EXAMINATION STATISTICS**

**Written Examination Failure Rates 1993-2003**

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2004 EXAMINATION DATES & LOCATIONS

Recertification Program – Computer Based Test
April 1, 2004 through April 30, 2004
at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Hand Surgery Examination and Hand Surgery Recertification Examination – Computer Based Test
August 7, 2004 to September 4, 2004
at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Written Examination - Computer Based Test
Monday, October 18, 2004
at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Oral Examination
Thursday, Friday & Saturday, November 11, 12, 13, 2004
in Phoenix, Arizona

Certification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand (CAQSH)

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Diplomates 1993-2004

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Congratulations To Our New Board Diplomates
To date the Board has certified 6,672 plastic surgeons.

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David Scott German
Teresa Helen Ghazoul
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Diplomates Certified In Hand Surgery In 2003

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Thomas A. Wiedrich
Robert David Wilcox
N. John Yousif
Peter Glenn Wallick
Special Notice to ABPS Diplomates Certified in 1995 and other Diplomates who are Candidates for Recertification

Certification status of 1995 diplomates will expire in 2005 unless the Recertification Program is completed. If you did not complete Recertification in 2003 and did not submit an application for the 2004 program, you MUST complete the program in 2005. Please put the case compilation and application deadlines below on your calendar for the April 2005 examination. Diplomates certified by the Board in 1995, 1996, 1997 or life-time certificate holders interested in the 2005 Recertification Program should e-mail an application request, including full name and full address, to ghanuscin@abplsurg.org. In February 2004, you will be sent Recertification Application Material.

Important Recertification Program Deadline Dates

January 1, 2004 - June 30, 2004
Case Collection period begins

April 30, 2004
Deadline for Requests to Board Office for Application Material

June 30, 2004
Case Collection period January 1st to June 30th ends

September 2, 2004: Due in the Board Office:

a) Application Form
b) Finalized Case List through Internet submission
c) Registration Fee of $750.00
d) All other required documents

November 3, 2004: Mailed out from Board Office:

a) Application Approval Letters

b) Module Assignment
c) Reply Forms

January 15, 2005: Due in the Board Office:

a) Reply Forms
b) Examination Fees of $1,500.00
c) All other required documents

March 15, 2005: Mailed out from Board Office:

Scheduling Permits (orange)

April 1 – April 30, 2005
Recertification Program Computer Based Test

July, 2005 & September, 2005: Mailed out from Board Office:

a) Result Letters indicating module that was completed
b) Recertification Certificate

Revoked Certificates

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. to date has revoked the following 34 certificates. State of residence and year of revocation is listed.

Nicholas M. Azzato, M.D.  MD 1990
Robert Bierenbaum, M.D.  PA 2001
James Benjamin Burke, M.D.  AL 2003
Paul Edward Cenac, M.D.  OR 2000
Norman Leslie Clark, M.D.  NJ 2002
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