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Evolutionary Tightrope John J. Coleman, III, M.D., Chair



How much should an organization change in response to the pressures of society; both specialty society and society at large? Should an entity entrusted with the important function of certification of surgery specialty expertise have principles and practices that are eternal, immutable and fundamental or should these characteristics be resonant to the changing world? Will such change vitiate its purpose and function? Certainly my perspective of the Board prior to being elected a director was that of an organization founded in 1937 by the wisdom and foresight of the leaders of a developing specialty given impetus by the recent World War who established principles and methods that changed little up to the present. My perspective now is quite different and I will report on this, emphasizing changes that have occurred during the seven years that I have served.

Knowledge of the mission of the Board is critical to the understanding of these changes with respect to the specialty of Plastic Surgery and the public.

"The mission of the American Board of Plastic Surgery is to promote safe, ethical, efficacious plastic surgery to the public by maintaining high standards for the education, examination, certification and recertification of plastic surgeons as specialists and sub-specialists."

To effect this mission, the Board has four essential purposes:

1. To establish requirements for the qualifications of applicants who request a certificate of their ability in the field of plastic surgery in its broadest sense.
2. To conduct examinations of approved candidates who seek certification by the Board.
3. To issue certificates to those who meet the Board's requirements and pass the respective examinations.
4. To do and engage in any and all lawful activities that may be indicated or reasonably related to any of the foregoing purposes.

Clearly, purposes one to three are intimately linked to the examination process and purpose four is a catchall that facilitates action. I will thus report to you on these two categories.

EXAMINATIONS

The written examination has changed significantly in the last several years. The written examination committee under the leadership of Dr. Bruce L. Cunningham and subsequently Dr. John A. Persing has refined the process greatly. The previous examination question pool has been reviewed entirely and each question validated by the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), a meticulous and time consuming process. New questions from the pool now come from question writing sessions prior to each Board meeting and oral examination in which members of the four advisory councils and others create questions that are again subjected to NBME scrutiny. This laborious process has resulted in marked decrease in the number of questions necessary to create the examination from 900 in the past to 400 presently, while improving the overall accuracy of the questions when validated after the examination by the NBME (this year's examination demonstrating an industry-standard .90 reliability for the total exam score).

Another enormous step forward in the qualifying examination has been the development of a computerized test. The first such examination was administered this year on October 18th at Prometric testing sites throughout the country and was an unqualified success, saving candidates considerable expense and time away from practice while providing a secure and accurate examination. The ease with which it transpired belies the efforts of the written examination committee.

The Oral Examination of the Board is looked upon by the American Board of Medical Specialties as one of the finest examples of its genre. Since the inception of the Board, the scrutiny of the candidates' own cases has been an integral part of the examination. With the increasing recognition of the broad scope of plastic surgery practice, the past method of candidate selection of cases to fit into predetermined categories has given way to the concept of "the practice biopsy" or board selection of cases that represent best the daily behavior of the candidate. This session of the Oral Examination allows the Board not only to assess judgment in patient care and execution of surgical technique, but also application of ethical principles to practice. In response to concern by candidates that they were being prevented from joining managed care panels because of lack of certification,

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the ABPS shortened the case collection period from one year to seven months which, with the move of the written examination to the September after residency graduation, has allowed certification at fourteen months after residency rather than the previous twenty-eight months.

A number of mechanistic changes in the oral examination have improved its quality as well. The case collection method has changed to an Internet based process that greatly facilitates collection by the candidates and review by the Board's oral examination committee. Prior to the two Theory and Practice sessions during the exam, the candidates are given five minutes to review the cases before entering the examination room. According to both candidates and examiners this has decreased the ambient anxiety level and has improved the process of information exchange. In recent oral examinations, candidates have been required to submit critiques of the examination with specific and open-ended questions posed. This feedback has allowed appropriate modification of the process and improvement of the examination.

Although the ABPS was the next to last Board to engage the recertification process, it has rapidly become a leader in the movement toward meaningful recertification and maintenance of certification. The efforts of Dr. Carolyn L. Kerrigan and more recently Dr. Ronald E. Iverson and their committee have created an excellent model that will be used in the first ABPS recertification examination in April of 2003. The modular aspect of the knowledge portion of the examination will recognize subspecialization with each module (comprehensive, hand, cosmetic, craniomaxillofacial) consisting of 150 specialty questions and 50 general questions. The case collection process is similar to that of the oral examination.

At the September 2002 ABMS meeting, the ABPS presented its initial plan for maintenance of certification. This was highly acclaimed by the assembly. There are three basic components to the process. The knowledge assessment component, on a seven to ten year interval, will be similar to the present recertification examination. It will be administered by computer in a secure setting but utilizing questions taken totally from the public domain, including previous In-service examination questions provided by the PSEF and reviewed by the Board. Commitment to lifelong learning will be comparable to present ASPS CME requirements for maintenance of active membership and will probably be assessed at three-year intervals. Professionalism

will be measured in a number of ways not yet completely determined but will review current licensure, practice profile and performance and peer and/or patient evaluation. Recognition of subspecialization after successful recertification or maintenance of certification will be provided by the appropriate specialty society.

... REASONABLY RELATED TO ANY OF THE FOREGOING

Many of the changes in the examinations were directly related to perceived changes in our smaller and larger society, but there have been important other changes in the Board profile as well.

In January 1997, Chair Dr. Martin C. Robson called a special meeting of the Board in Philadelphia which had some far-reaching effects on the Board. This was a particularly divisive time in the specialty with troublesome relationships with other ABMS boards and considerable divisiveness within Plastic Surgery itself. As a result of this meeting, the Board Office was completely reorganized and a new administrator, Mrs. Terry Cullison, RN, MSN hired. The decision was made to create an Executive Director position which led to the subsequent hiring of R. Barrett Noone, MD. This was an enormous step in streamlining the functions and daily activities of the Board office. Also during this meeting, the By-Laws were amended and subsequently approved creating a progression to leadership of three years instead of two and making the Chair year an extra year added to the six-year term. These changes have lengthened the corporate memory of the Board greatly, making it more effective in its dealings with organized medicine and improving its responsiveness to candidates and diplomates.

In July 1998, in response to concerns that the Board was perceived by its diplomates as exclusive, isolated and unrealistic, Chair Dr. Kenna S. Given appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on governance and professional relations, the recommendations of which were debated at a subsequent extra summer meeting in Philadelphia on July 30, 1999. An important result of this meeting was the permanent formation of Advisory Councils to the Board in Hand, Cosmetic, Craniomaxillofacial and Comprehensive Plastic Surgery in May 2000. These Councils, which convene with the Board prior to each meeting, have been invaluable in providing questions for the written and recertification examinations, in improving relationships with the specialty societies and in identifying candidates for subsequent directorship.

The Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations and subsequent implementation by ABPS reaffirmed the Board's commitment to the public good while engaging the full spectrum of subspecialization of Plastic Surgery. At the present, through the directors and Advisory Council Members, every practitioner of the specialty of Plastic Surgery has a voice on the Board.

Other important changes were initiated by Chair Dr. William B. Riley, Jr.'s Ad Hoc Committee on technology, which outlined a case collection process that works in a linear fashion and has served as the template for the current procedural statistics collection by the ASPS, Tracking Outcomes in Plastic Surgery (TOPS).

Responding to the desires of the public and the ASPS program to brand quality in Plastic Surgery with society membership and thus Board certification, the ABPS under the leadership of Chairs Dr. David J. Smith, Jr. and Dr. Bruce M. Achauer has recently taken a much more active role in assessing the ethical behavior of its diplomates and candidates. Prior to 1999, only one ABPS certificate had been revoked. Since then, 22 certificates have been revoked and the Ethics Committee takes an aggressive stance toward deviation from ethical behavior in the practice of Plastic Surgery. Revocation of state licensure is now reinforced by revocation of ABPS certification. The Board Office staff and legal counsel pursue false representation of ABPS certification by other specialists. Concerns over false advertising by candidates for the ABPS have resulted in a screening process of all marketing material for each candidate for the oral examination. This representation is dealt with by postponement of eligibility or more severely, again as determined appropriate by the Ethics Committee and the Board. After the successful completion of the written examination, a list of all candidates for the oral examination is published in the Board's annual newsletter requesting notification from diplomates of any concerns over ethical practice by these individuals. Such scrutiny and action will protect the value of the certificate to the individual diplomate and to the public at large.

I have highlighted the major changes that I have seen in the ABPS during my period as Director. To me, they appear many and meaningful. Although seven years within the framework of Darwinian theory applies more relevantly to protozoans than to complex human organizations, I strongly feel that the ABPS has evolved in this period into an organization that will be fit in the future to survive and to continue to serve.

From The Executive Director

R. Barrett Noone, M.D.



The Annual Newsletter of the Board provides an excellent opportunity for the officers, directors and staff to update the diplomates and our other constituents about the events and activities of the Board over the past year. We are always open to suggestions and comments from readers as we strive to improve our lines of communication.

Bruce M. Achauer, M.D. (1942-2002)

The Board, and the entire specialty of plastic surgery, mourn the loss of Dr. Bruce M. Achauer, immediate past Chair of the Board, who died while attending the annual meeting of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons in San Antonio, TX on November 4, 2002. Dr. Achauer served the Board as director and as Chair of the By-Laws and Publications Committee, assuming the responsibility of Chair of the Board in his seventh year, 2001-2002.

A well-known pioneer in plastic surgery, Dr. Achauer served as Professor of Plastic Surgery at the University of California, Irvine, and as director of its burn unit. He completed the editorship of a five-volume textbook of plastic surgery entitled *Plastic Surgery Indications, Operations and Outcomes*, and he was the author of over 125 scientific articles.

Dr. Achauer was very active in plastic surgery education and in international service, leading to his presidency of the Plastic Surgery Educational Foundation (PSEF) in 1999-2000.

A memorial service was held on November 17, 2002, in Long Beach, CA. Dr. Achauer is survived by his wife Tamara and two daughters, Allison and Hillary. Contributions in his memory can be made to Orange County Burn Association (714) 456-6011 or the PSEF (847) 228-3358.

Ethics

The Board has been placing increasing emphasis on assuring the public that candidates for examination and certified diplomates are practicing plastic surgery in an ethical manner. Because of this commitment, the work of the Ethics Committee has increased over the past few years, with particular attention to false and deceptive advertising and restrictions on licensure. As the Recertification Program continues, the Board will have a mechanism in place to continue to review ethical concerns.

The Board has always required candidates and diplomates to adhere to the Code of Ethics of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS). Although the principles of ethical practice are well established, the Board decided to establish a separate Code of Ethics from the ASPS. This decision was based on the different structure and missions of the Board and ASPS. The Board approved the Code of Ethics at the Semi-Annual Meeting in November, 2002. The new Code of Ethics is produced in detail in this Newsletter.

Computer-Based Tests

The Board's venture into the realm of computer based testing was very successful in 2002. The examination for certification and recertification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand in August/September was offered as both a paper and pencil examination in Chicago or a computer-based test at a Prometric Testing Center® near the diplomate's home. The Board received a vote of confidence in its decision to move to computer tests when 77% of the plastic surgeons taking the hand examination selected the computer format. All of the 242 candidates for initial certification who registered for the Written Examination, given on October 18, 2002, were examined by computer at a Prometric Center of their choice. This program proved to be very successful, and the Written Examination continues to increase in quality when compared to previous years. The psychometric evaluation of the 2002 Examination even exceeded the high standards produced in 2001. The candidates appreciated the convenience and other advantages of taking the examination by computer, mainly the cost savings by eliminating travel and hotel expenses and the decreased time required away from practice.

Oral Examination: Change in time and place

In an effort to give candidates for the Oral Examination the opportunity to present more mature case lists for review by the examination committee, the start of the case list collection period has been moved from July 1 to September 1, 2002 for the 2003 Oral Examination. The seven-month period will end on March 31, 2003. This change will allow the recent residency graduate an additional two months to get a practice "up and running" before collecting cases for the examination. Because seven months will still be required for collection, the date of the examination has been moved back from September to November, 2003. There has also been a change in the location for the 2003 Oral Examination, which will be administered in Phoenix, AZ on November 13-15, 2003. Candidates are reminded that they must be in the active practice of plastic surgery throughout the entire seven-month case collection.

Recertification

The first Recertification Examination will be offered as a computer-based test on April 25, 2003 at Prometric Testing Centers located throughout the United States and Canada. This will be the first opportunity for the 200 diplomates who received ten-year timed-limited certificates in 1995 to sit for the examination. Applications were received by the August 30, 2002 deadline from 109 candidates for Recertification, 25 of whom were those with undated certificates. The Board congratulates those "grandfathers" who will be taking the Recertification Examination on a voluntary basis, and has the desire that more diplomates with undated certificates will register for subsequent years.

Assignments to one of the four recertification modules, including comprehensive plastic surgery, cosmetic surgery, craniomaxillofacial surgery and hand surgery, have been based on the six-month case list submitted by the candidates by an internet-based program. Those certified in 1995 who did not elect to register for the 2003 examination will have two more opportunities, in 2004 and 2005, to complete the Recertification Program.

Most of the questions of the 2003 examination will have been produced

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in the public domain as questions in the Plastic Surgery Educational Foundation (PSEF) In-Service Examinations over the past five years. In an effort to make preparation for the examination an educational experience, the PSEF will offer a CD-ROM study guide containing appropriate questions from the previous five years of In-Service Examinations, including explanation of the correct answers in syllabus form.

Advisory Councils

The past two years have witnessed the ever-increasing importance of the Board's four Advisory Councils. The Councils were established in May 2000 to assist the Board's efforts in recognition of subspecialization, preparation for Recertification and Maintenance of Certification®, development of criteria for examination module eligibility, and examination question writing and editing. Members of the Advisory Councils, nominated by plastic surgery organizations and patterned after the four modules of recertification, are listed later in this Newsletter. The Councils meet at the same time as the Semi-Annual and Annual Meetings of the Board. Their work is coordinated through the Chair of each Council, who is a current director of the Board. The Board recognizes and appreciates the assistance and dedication of its Advisory Councils.

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)

In March 2000, the 24 member boards voted unanimously to transition their programs of Recertification to programs of Maintenance of Certification (MOC®). All boards are currently working toward this transition. The American Board of Plastic Surgery was one of seven boards invited to present a draft of its Maintenance of Certification® program at the September 2002 meeting of the ABMS Assembly. Also at that meeting, the Assembly voted to approve the guiding principles for the boards to transition from Recertification to Maintenance of Certification®.

The ABPS and the American Board of Pediatrics, have been invited to present details of the Performance in Practice section of their Maintenance of Certification® programs at the upcoming March, 2003 meeting of the ABMS Assembly. The ABPS Performance in Practice and eventual Self-Assessment section of the Maintenance of Certification® program is based on a diplomate's practice pattern. Case lists submitted through an internet based program will be used to provide feedback to individual diplomates regarding patterns of practice and outcomes based on comparisons to national benchmarks. In addition, candidates will have the

opportunity to contribute data electively through an internet program established by the Board in conjunction with ASPS, entitled Tracking Operations and Outcomes in Plastic Surgery (TOPS). Generic, aggregate data, devoid of patient and physician identification, will then be used by ASPS to provide more accurate procedural statistics and outcomes evaluation.

The ABMS is faced continually with challenges from self-designated boards and from other certifying organizations. Public education efforts by ABMS are underway to increase the profile of the member boards and the ABMS as the "gold standard" in certification and recertification. Diplomates are requested to refer to The American Board of Plastic Surgery as an ABMS member board when the opportunity arises.

Thank You

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.

2002 – 2003 OFFICERS



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CAROLYN L. KERRIGAN, M.D.
SECRETARY-TREASURER



News From The Secretary-Treasurer . . .

CAROLYN L. KERRIGAN, M.D.

Special Recognition

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

Bruce M. Achauer, M.D. 1995 - 2002	David L. Larson, M.D. 1996 - 2002
Chair of the Board 2001 - 2002	Secretary-Treasurer 1998 - 2002
Deceased November 2002	

In Recognition

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. would like to thank and acknowledge the contributions and commitment of those plastic surgeons that served as Question Writers for the Written Examination and Hand Examination and those who served as Examiners and Evaluators for the Oral Examination.

2002 WRITTEN EXAMINATION QUESTION WRITERS

Bernard S. Alpert	Bahman Guyuron	D. Kimit Rai	William M. Swartz
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Alan E. Seyfer

Notification to Diplomates

Our yearly **NEWSLETTER** is intended to keep the Board's diplomates informed about the internal functioning of the Board as well as the Board's response to external factors which impact on all of us. It cannot include all of the business conducted by the Board throughout the year. Rather, its intention is to inform every diplomate of the Board's actions and to provide each with an opportunity to contact the Board Office with any questions this letter may raise or other questions, concerns or suggestions regarding Board action. Please direct all correspondence to the Board Office address.

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. If you would like a copy of the current Booklet of Information, July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003, you may contact the Board Office by telephone, facsimile, e-mail or Website.

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2002 – 2003 Advisory Council Members

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 Surgeons (ASAPS), the American Association of Hand Surgeons (AAHS), the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) and the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons (ASMFS).

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David M. Knize, M.D. (ASAPS)
Scott L. Spear, M.D. (ASPS)

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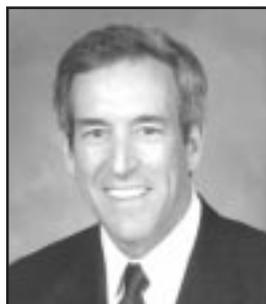
Gregory R. D. Evans, M.D. (ASMS)
Lawrence L. Ketch, M.D. (ABPS)
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Nicholas B. Vedder, M.D. (AAHS)

Congratulations To Our Newly Elected Directors To Serve On The Board From 2002 - 2008

The Board Welcomes the following New Directors elected in May 2002 in Seattle, Washington!



BERNARD S. ALPERT, M.D.
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Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery, Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, University of California at San Francisco, Immediate Past President, Medical Board of California, Board of Directors, Susan G. Komen Foundation.



VINCENT R. HENTZ, M.D.
PALO ALTO, CA

Dr. Hentz received his Medical Degree from the University of Florida in 1968. He became Board Certified in Plastic Surgery in 1977. He has served on the faculty of Stanford University since 1974 and is currently Professor of Surgery (Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery) and Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery (by courtesy.) He serves as Chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery at Stanford University and Chief of the Hand and Upper Limb Service at Stanford University Hospital and the VA Palo Alto HCS. He is a past-president of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand.



JAMES M. STUZIN, M.D.
MIAMI, FL

Assistant Professor of Surgery (Plastic) Voluntary, University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, Florida. Senior Attending Physician Mercy Hospital, Miami, Florida. Treasurer, American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and Secretary, Plastic Surgery Educational Foundation.



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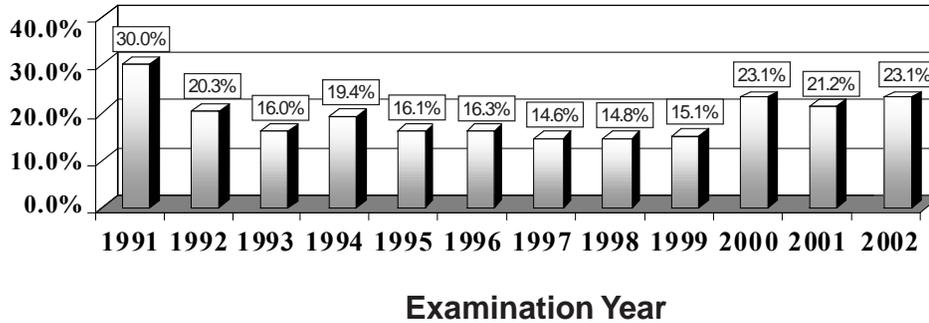
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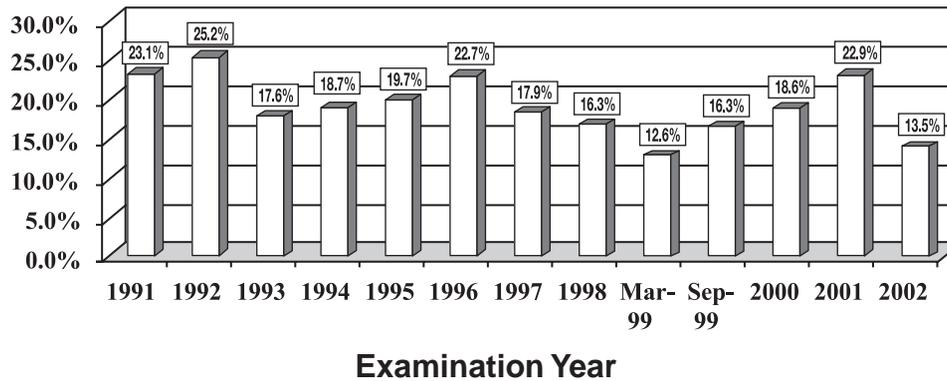
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EXAMINATION STATISTICS

Written Examination Failure Rates 1991-2002



Oral Examination Failure Rates 1991-2002



WRITTEN EXAMINATION

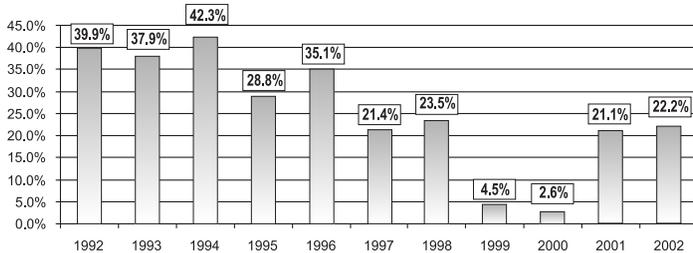
YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
1991	283	198	85	30.0%
1992	281	224	57	20.3%
1993	257	216	41	16.0%
1994	252	203	49	19.4%
1995	254	213	41	16.1%
1996	282	236	46	16.3%
1997	260	222	38	14.6%
1998	420	358	62	14.8%
1999	265	225	40	15.1%
2000	242	186	56	23.1%
2001	241	190	51	21.2%
2002	242	186	56	23.1%

ORAL EXAMINATION

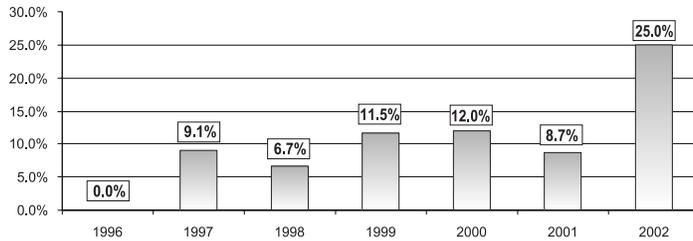
YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
1991	234	180	54	23.1%
1992	230	172	58	25.2%
1993	261	215	46	17.6%
1994	257	209	48	18.7%
1995	249	200	49	19.7%
1996	251	194	57	22.7%
1997	268	220	48	17.9%
1998	245	205	40	16.3%
Mar-99	215	188	27	12.6%
Sep-99	203	170	33	16.3%
2000	279	227	52	18.6%
2001	236	182	54	22.9%
2002	222	192	30	13.5%

EXAMINATION STATISTICS

Certification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand Failure Rates



Recertification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand Failure Rates



2003 EXAMINATION DATES & LOCATIONS

Recertification Program – Computer Based Test

Friday, April 25, 2003

at Prometric computer testing centers throughout the United States and Canada

Hand Surgery Examination and Hand Surgery Recertification Examination – Computer Based Test

August 11, 2003 to September 20, 2003

at Prometric computer testing centers throughout the United States and Canada

Written Examination - Computer Based Test

Monday, October 20, 2003

at Prometric computer testing centers throughout the United States and Canada

Oral Examination

Thursday, Friday & Saturday,
November 13, 14, 15, 2003

in Phoenix, Arizona

Certification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand

YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
1992	153	92	61	39.9%
1993	79	49	30	37.9%
1994	111	64	47	42.3%
1995	52	37	15	28.8%
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	28	1	2.6%
2001	19	15	4	21.1%
2002	18	13	4	22.2%

Recertification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand

YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
1996	3	3	0	0.0%
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%

Congratulations To Our New Board Diplomates

The American Board of Plastic Surgery certified 192 in September 2002.

To date the Board has certified 6,499 plastic surgeons.

Certified in September 2002

Arturo Aguillon-Bouche
Gregory David Albert
Pia Elena Ali-Salaam
Ravi Kumar Aloor
Troy James Andreasen
Balvantray Parashram Arora
Stephen Bradley Baker
John Dryden Bauer
Loren John Borud
Diana Marie Breister-Ghosh
David Lawrence Brown
Elisa Anneli Burgess
Peter Nielsen Butler
Michael Young Byun
Jay Wynn Calvert
Holly Dawn Casey
Mauricio Jose Castellon
Stanley Asbury Castor
Eric Kyungwoo Cha
Carolyn Chieng-Lin Chang
Michael Francis Chiaramonte
Douglas Howard C. L. Chin
James Ming Chui
Stanley Joseph Ciletti
Adam Craig Cohen
Andrew Todd Cohen
Jana Klepac Cole
Michael Leslie Cooper
Brian Allen Cox
Guy Gerald Crevecoeur
Courtney Heather Crombie
Shain Arnold Cuber
William Thomas Cullen
Athanasios Thomas Dalagiannis
Frank Joseph DellaCroce
Rosa Lisa Dell'Oca
Mark Andrew Deuber
Paul Christopher Dillon
Tue Anh Dinh
Ryan Edward Dodde, II

William George Doubek, III
Themistocles Peter Economou
John Morton Eggleston, III
Brian Jeffrey Eichenberg
Dina Areti Eliopoulos
Marc Jeffrey Elkowitz
Dean Joseph Fardo
Kenneth Allen Fischer
Daniel James Freet
Marthe Ann Gabey
Miguel Lorenzo Gallegos
Pedramine Ganchi
Juan Carlos Garcia
Todd Marcus Gerlach
Bahram Ghaderi
Steven Andrew Goldman
Cynthia Marie Goodman
Wendy Ruth Gottlieb
Scott Douglas Green
Sanjay Grover
Helena Maria Guarda
Russell Scott Haupt
William James Hedden
Brian Vassar Heil
William Hilbrandt Holmes
Jeffrey Donald Hopkins
Barbara Elaine Howard
Cheryl Huang
Christopher Jacques Hussussian
Louis Michael Iorio
Mark Anthony Jabor
Jon Ryan Jackson
Ellen Amanda Janetzke
Michael Allen Janitch
Michael Amin Jazayeri
Kelland Keith Jeffords, Jr.
Sandeep Subhash Jejurikar
Francis Regis Johns
Melissa Ann Johnson
Brian Patrick Joseph

Loree Kathleen Kalliainen
Robert H Kang
Garo Kassabian
John Warren Keller
Eric William Khairalla
Brian Kiesnowski
David Edwin Kim
Michael John Klebuc
James Knoetgen, III
Albert Edward Ko
Steven Jerome Kronowitz
Jeffery Keith Krueger
Donna Marie Krummen
David Shean-Guang Kung
Anthony Nunzio LaBruna
James Douglas Lacey
Michael Morris Law
Ernest Gaston Layton, Jr.
Charles Sung-Chull Lee
Shinji Susan Lee
Jamie Peter Levine
Linda Jian-Yuh Li
Mark Ian Lidagoster
Joan Elizabeth Lipa
Andrew John Livingston
Tor Martin Ljung
Anthony Stephen Lombardi
Kimlyn Charmaine Long
Edward Joiner Love
Jay Hathaway Lucas
Robert Curtis Lyons
Eric Scott Mager
Wojciech Tomasz Majewski
Marcel Maan Malek
Marc Edward Mani
Mahesh Hari Mankani
Gregory Allen Mantooth
Sandra Lee Margoles
Scot Anthony Martin
Tracy Evelyn McCall

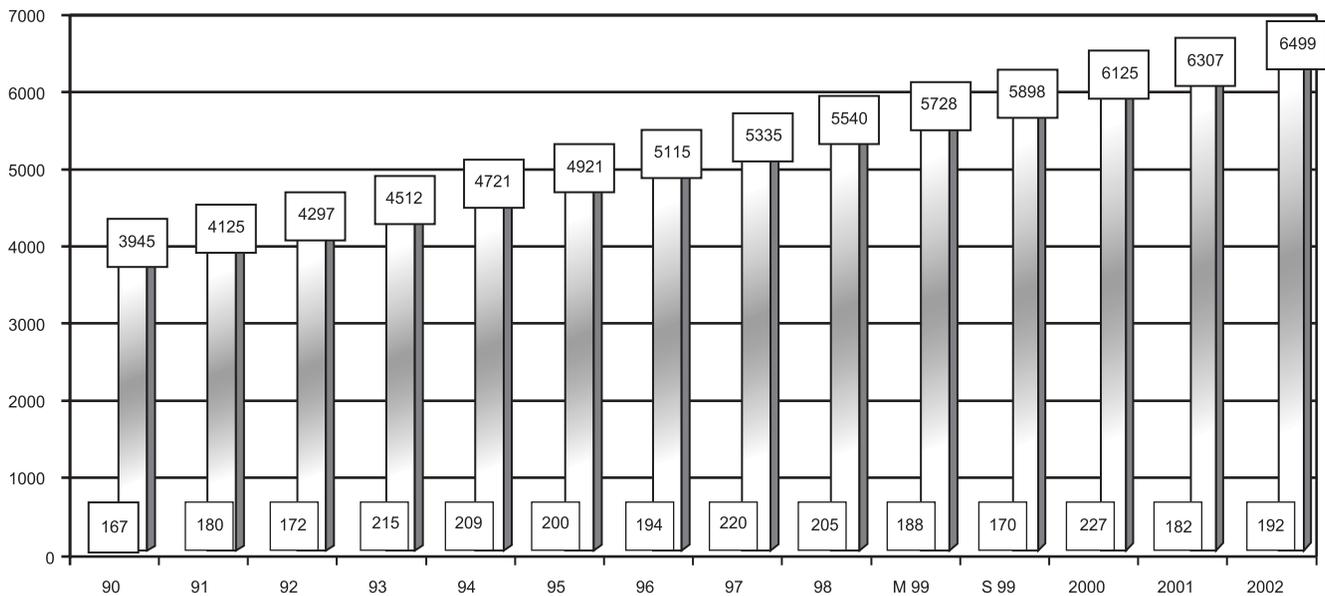
Certified in September 2002

Sharon Theresa McLaughlin
 William Maynor Meadows, Jr.
 Pedro Guillermo Meneses
 Stephen Marc Miller
 Moriah Rebekah Moffitt
 Michael Kirk Moore, Jr.
 David Evan Morales
 W. Michael Morrissey, Jr.
 Todd Andrew Morton
 James Rastgar Motlagh
 Delora Louise Mount
 Sanjay Mukerji
 Margaret Napolitano
 Gregory Christopher Neil
 George William Newton
 Seung-Jun O
 Wendy-Ann Michelle Olivier
 Kitti Kiattikunvivat Outlaw
 Kerry Elizabeth Owens
 Zubin Jal Panthaki
 Gregory Harold Pastrick
 James Francis Paul
 Richard Emil Peck
 Galen Perdikis
 Kenneth Owen Phillips

Mary Ann Dunn Piskun
 Charles George Polsen
 Alain Polynice
 Francisco Javier Rafols
 Elsa Maria Raskin
 Brian Joseph Reagan
 Daniel Jay Remmler
 Donna Carol Rich
 James Andrew Rieger
 Stephen John Ronan
 James Douglas Saar
 Arya Peter Salas
 John Michael Sarbak
 Joel Lorne Shanklin
 Alissa Marie Shulman
 Nicholas Erik Sieveking
 Roderick John Simonds
 Paul David Smith
 Raluan Gerardo Soltero
 Eiler John Sommerhaug
 David Habin Song
 Aldona Jedrysiak Spiegel
 Robert Lee Steely
 Michael Stephanides
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 Samir Mohammed Sukkar
 Patrick Swier
 Raad Mehdi Taki
 Mia Talmor
 Michael David Thompson
 Rudolf Carl Thompson
 Aras Donatas Tijunelis
 Jess Ting
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 Victoria Thuy-Lam Tran
 Hugh Lai Vu
 Simeon Heninger Wall, Jr.
 Brian Robert West
 Mark David Wigod
 Jonathan Michael Winograd
 Jamal Yousefi
 Peirong Yu
 James Maurice Zasuly
 John William Zinsser
 Michelle Joan Zweifler

Diplomates 1990-2002



Total Number of Diplomates and Number Certified by Year

Congratulations To Our Diplomates Who Now Hold The Hand Surgery Certificate

In 2002 The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 13 diplomates in Hand Surgery and 21 diplomates in the Hand Surgery Recertification Examination. To date the Board has certified 542 diplomates and has recertified 117 diplomates in Hand Surgery.

Diplomates Certified In Hand Surgery In 2002

Semira Bayati
James Chang
Christine Cho-Jen Cheng
Lisa Jeanne Gould
Joseph Lewis Haber

Vincent Rodney Hentz
Ramotsumi M. Makhene
Kathleen Marie Meyer
Philip Paul Narini
Patrick Joseph O'Neill

Aamir Siddiqui
Joel Stuart Solomon
Bradon Jay Wilhelmi

Diplomates Recertified In Hand Surgery In 2002

Mohammad Ansari Ansari
Woodward Leslie Coleman
Lee Henry Colony
Thomas Morgan Dreyer
Doreen Lynn Ganos
Ronald Mark Gemberling
Michael John Halls

Curtis Norman Harris
Douglas Lester Hendricks
Philip Edward Higgs
Blayne Lynn Hirsche
Norbert Louis Ming
William Ivey Owen, Jr.
Ralph Paul Pennino

Ignatius Daniel Roger
William Everett Starr
Bradley Wayne Storm
David Patton Taylor
Fredrick Augustus Valauri
Norman Weinzwieg
Lawrence Samuel Zachary

2003 DIPLOMATE ANNUAL DUES

Enclosed is the 2003 Diplomat 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, 2003**.

BOOKLET OF INFORMATION

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. If you would like a copy of the current Booklet of Information, July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003, you may contact the Board Office by telephone, facsimile, e-mail or Website.

INTERNET WEBSITE

The Board's Internet Website was launched in May 1998. Approximately 110 to 170 people visit the site daily. Please visit our Internet site at WWW:[http:// www.abplsurg.org](http://www.abplsurg.org) for the Board's examination and certification requirements.

ITEM WRITING WORKSHOP

The Board requires attendance at an Item Writing Workshop as mandatory for Nominees, with attendance set at a two time minimum for a maximum benefit to be obtained for item writing quality and content. The Board's workshop will be offered annually at the ASPS' meeting as well as the ASAPS' meeting.

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. We would also request that the Board's requirements be described as set forth in the 2002 - 2003 publication. If you have any doubts about the Board's requirements, we encourage you to consult the current Booklet of Information, which can be obtained by contacting the Board Office by telephone, facsimile or e-mail or Website request form. Consider the Booklet of Information your reference source for training, examination and certification requirements.

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