I am now serving in my seventh year at The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. It seems only recently that I attended my first meeting, which was an emergency meeting to debate and vote The American Board of Plastic Surgery’s position on sub-specialization within the head and neck. After years of discussions within and outside of our specialty and at the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), we eventually came to an understanding with the American Board of Otolaryngology. Because of this experience the Board examined its strengths and weaknesses and is developing a strategy for the future. Out of this has come a number of changes, which are serving us well. One of the most important policy decisions was to hire an Executive Director, and we decided that the Executive Director should be a senior plastic surgeon. Dr. R. Barrett Noone accepted that position in 1997 and has taken the Board in a direction that would never have been possible without him. Along with that we have new staff members, who have turned out to be absolute treasures. All of these changes have led to a very highly functioning Board.

Exam Changes
The time for completing residency to becoming Board Certified was shortened to help plastic surgery graduates deal with current trends in medicine in the United States. This process is being examined once again. The Oral Examination will be moved back a few months in 2003 to allow for a more fruitful case collection time period and additional cases will be reviewed by Board members screening for the Oral Examination. The Oral Examination process will also be improved with a new examiner training video, which will include not only instruction examples for examiners but examinees as well. The Written Examination will be a Computer-Based Test (CBT) beginning in 2002. It will be given at testing centers throughout the country, eliminating the need for travel for most of our candidates. This examination is highly reproducible and remains one of the standards among ABMS exams.

Finances
Examination fees do not cover all of our expenses. Dues paid by diplomates have significantly aided the Board. Consequently, we can spend time and money to defend the use of our logo and the term Board Certified Plastic Surgeon. We have been able to aggressively challenge anyone who uses these inappropriately. This has helped to serve the public and also protect our diplomates. All of our efforts have been quite successful thanks to the effectiveness of our legal counsel. The American Board of Plastic Surgery has been a leader in revoking certificates for those who have had licensing problems or other major issues that interfere with their practice of medicine.

Recertification and Maintenance of Certification®
The recertification process has occupied a great deal of the Board’s time. The Recertification Examination is being made available to all our diplomates. Those with time-dated certificates will need to take this examination, others are encouraged to participate as an educational experience. The ABMS is very interested in the process of Maintenance of Certification® and this is a complex issue with many elements. We are working closely with the ABMS and with our advisory councils. Our approach was to develop a modular exam based on the diplomate’s actual practice. Each of the criteria was developed by the advisory councils, and the Recertification Committee Members, who are also beginning to write questions for this modular examination to be used for Recertification as well as Maintenance of Certification®. Details were sent to diplomates in October 2001.

Education Retreat
The role of The American Board of Plastic Surgery and educational training standards was examined recently in a retreat in Philadelphia. Different pathways of plastic surgery training were reviewed, focusing on the Board’s role in testing and documenting the process. Presentations were made by a medical student, a...
resident, several program directors, representatives from AACPS, the RRC, the Tripartate Committee, and other Boards represented by Wallace P. Ritchie Jr., M.D., Ph.D., Executive Director of the American Board of Surgery. Questions examined were: Should we reinstitute a CORE Surgery examination? Should we use the American Board of Surgery In-Service exam (ABSITE)? Should we establish minimum standards for integrated programs as we do for independent programs? No CORE examination is planned at the present, but we did decide to require uniform standards in the PGY-I-II years for integrated and independent models. This change actually affects only a small number of programs and will not be a major burden on any institution.

Public Member

Senator Liz Figueroa is our first public Board Member, and she attended her first Board meeting this November in Philadelphia. She serves as a State Senator in the California legislature representing the Silicon Valley area. During her years as an Assembly person and Senator, she has authored and backed many bills supported by the California Society of Plastic Surgery. She has supported Board Certification and truth in advertising (only ABMS Boards or equivalents can be used in advertising in California). At our recent Board meeting she made significant contributions in a number of areas. Our mission is to protect the public, so it is very helpful to have a public member's view of what that means. She is also very helpful with focusing our attention on basic issues and how others would see them. She is a terrific addition to the Board.

Summary

The American Board of Plastic Surgery consists of 22 Board Members, an Executive Director, and office staff of 4 people, plus our legal counsel. This small group functions very effectively. Our Executive Director and staff carry out deliberations and decisions of the Board. Each Board Member makes innumerable contributions and is usually an expert in several areas of Board concern. The debates of the Board are excellent, allowing us to usually discern the best path. It is a pleasure and honor working with this terrific group of people who play such an important role in medicine.

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I am frequently asked to explain the difference between the Recertification Program of The American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS) and the evolving Maintenance of Certification® program being developed at the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS).

Our Board carries out its mission to promote safe, ethical, efficacious plastic surgery to the public by working in cooperation with the other specialties in medicine within the guidelines and framework of the ABMS. The ABMS assists the member Boards in our efforts to develop and utilize professional and educational standards for the evaluation and certification of specialists. The primary responsibility of the ABPS and the other 23 member Boards of the ABMS is to the public. It is important for all plastic surgeons to recognize that the public is demanding more and more from us to assure that our diplomates continue to remain competent in the practice of the specialty.

The ABMS movement for initial or primary certification is widely recognized both within and outside organized medicine as the gold standard to assure the public that physicians are competent at the time of the certifying examinations. To maintain this standard throughout the career of a specialist, the Board movement recognized the need for recertification of specialists. The first medical specialty Boards to institute recertification were the American Board of Family Practice in 1969 and the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1974. Our Board, entering the Recertification Program at a later date, was the next to last Board to require recertification. Neurosurgery followed us. Now our diplomates who became certified in 1995 or later have certificates which expire at the end of a 10-year period, thereby mandating that recertification must be completed before the certificate expires.

About the same time that the ABPS was applying for and receiving approval for the Recertification Program by ABMS, the ABMS Boards were reevaluating the recertification process. The principle of recertifying a diplomate by a cognitive examination every 6 to 10 years was being replaced by the concept of assuring the public that the physician specialist so certified was indeed competent on a continuing basis. This was the genesis of the Maintenance of Certification® (MOC) Program.

Just as policies regarding initial specialty and subspecialty certification have undergone change over the years, the ABMS has continued to refine its views on requirements necessary to maintain certification. The Task Force on Competence, created in March of 1998, has concentrated its efforts on developing standards and methods for member Boards to evaluate physician specialists following initial certification. As a result, the program for the Maintenance of Certification® (MOC) has been proposed, consisting of four essential components.

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• Evidence of professional standing.
• Evidence of commitment to lifelong learning and involvement in a periodic self-assessment process.
• Evidence of cognitive expertise (medical knowledge).
• Evidence of evaluation of performance in practice.

Instead of a cognitive examination every 6 to 10 years after initial certification, diplomates will be required to maintain certification by fulfillment of each of the components contained within the MOC© Program on a continuing basis. The purpose would be to continue to assure the public by regularly assessing the general competencies of a certified physician in the above component areas.

Because the details of the Recertification Program of the ABPS were in the planning process at approximately the same time that the ABMS was developing the MOC© Program, it gave our Board an opportunity to get a “head start” and establish some of the components of our Recertification Program along the guidelines of the up and coming new Maintenance of Certification©. Accordingly, our Recertification Program will address the four essential components.

For example, in addressing the first element, evidence of professional standing, the application for recertification must include evidence of an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the state in which the plastic surgeon currently maintains a practice, as well as evidence of valid hospital appointments. Addressing lifelong learning, the continuing medical education program, which has been in existence, will be the template. The performance in practice section will be determined by assessing practice profiles through surgical case collection over a six-month period. From this case list, modular assignment for the cognitive examination will be determined. The fourth element, evaluation of knowledge, will be determined by the cognitive examination, produced in a computer based test (CBT) format. The examination will be given as a comprehensive plastic surgery examination, or as a subspecialty module, depending on the practice profile of the diplomate. A diplomate may request assignment to a modular examination, but only will be eligible for the module if it fits his or her practice profile as defined by the case list.

Therefore, because our Recertification Program was being developed in parallel with the MOC© Program of the ABMS, our program can exist as a template for us to transform into the MOC© Program when it is finally approved in detail by the ABMS.

To date, the ABMS Assembly has approved elements two and three: (2) evidence of commitment to lifelong learning and involvement of periodic self-assessment, and (3) evidence of cognitive expertise (medical knowledge). Details regarding the demonstration of evidence of professional standing and evidence of performance in practice are still being processed by the working groups at ABMS, which will develop the guidelines to be used by all Boards.

With regard to evidence of professional standing, the ABPS has taken a strong stance in the past two years regarding restrictions on licenses of its diplomates, with the view that a plastic surgeon must hold a license to practice in order to maintain diplomate status. Accordingly, through searches of the restrictions placed on licenses by various state medical boards, it has come to the attention of the Board that a number of licenses of our diplomates have been revoked or voluntarily surrendered in order to satisfy court requirements. Those diplomates with revoked licenses have, after due process, undergone revocation of their Board certificates. Before 2000, the Board revoked only three certificates of diplomates since 1937. When the Board adopted a more aggressive approach to the principle that an unrevoked medical license was absolutely necessary for continued recognition as a diplomate, 12 certificates were revoked in November of 2000, one in May of 2001 and three in November 2001. These measures have been taken to assure the public that diplomates convicted of felonies or other egregious actions will no longer hold certification. The ABPS is one of the leaders in specialty medicine in enforcing the need for an unrestricted license for maintaining certification. Our administrative and legal efforts in this effect have been largely supported by the annual dues of diplomates.

Once the other essential elements of the MOC© Program are approved by the ABMS, the ABPS will modify its Recertification Program to one of continuing certification. This program will then be submitted to the ABMS for approval, and eventually implemented and phased in to replace the Recertification Program as it currently exists.

Although we are a small specialty, plastic surgery has excellent representation in the structure of the American Board of Medical Specialties. Representing the ABPS are:

- R. Barrett Noone, M.D. - ABMS Executive Committee and Risk Management Committee
- William B. Riley, Jr., M.D. - ABMS Committee on Certification and Recertification
- Bruce M. Achauer, M.D. - Voting Representative for ABPS
- Dennis J. Lynch, M.D. - Voting Representative for ABPS
- John J. Coleman, III, M.D. - Alternate Representative for ABPS
- Bruce L. Cunningham, M.D. - Alternate Representative for ABPS
- Carolyn L. Kerrigan, M.D. - ABMS Task Force on Competence
- David L. Larson, M.D. - ABMS Task Force on Competence

2002 Diplomate Annual Dues

Enclosed is the 2002 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, 2002.
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 for the Board’s examination and certification requirements.

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 2001 - 2002 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.

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.
News From
The Secretary-Treasurer . . .
DAVID L. LARSON, 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:

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   Deceased January 11, 2001
   Chair-Elect ..............................2000-2001

   Secretary-Treasurer .................1996-1998
   Chair of the Board .................2000-2001

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

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The members listed below were nominated from the American Association of Plastic Surgeons (AAPS), 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 (ASMS).
Congratulations To Our Newly Elected Directors To Serve On The Board From 2001 - 2007

The Board Welcomes the following New Directors elected in May 2001 in Charleston, SC

Congratulations to the Board’s first public member to serve on the Board from 2001 – 2003!

LINDA G. PHILLIPS, M.D.
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Senator Liz Figueroa

Sacramento, California

A Democrat, was elected to the California State Senate in November of 1998 to represent the 10th Senate District. Prior to her election she served two terms in the California State Assembly; she is the first Northern California Latina to be elected to the Legislature.
Chair of the Senate Committee on Business and Professions and a member of the Senate Committees on Transportation, Health and Human Services, Insurance, Environmental Quality, and Industrial Relations. Leader in the high profile fight to reform managed care in California.

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**EXAMINATION STATISTICS**

Written Examination Failure Rates 1991-2001

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Examination Year
**EXAMINATION STATISTICS**

**2002 EXAMINATION DATES & LOCATIONS**

**Hand Surgery Examination**
- Monday, August 26, 2002
- Chicago, Illinois and at Computer-Based Testing Centers throughout the United States

**Hand Surgery Recertification Examination**
- Monday, August 26, 2002
- Chicago, Illinois and at Computer-Based Testing Centers throughout the United States on any day from and including August 26 through September 21, 2002

**Written Examination Computer Based Test**
- Computer-Based Testing Centers throughout the United States
- Friday, October 18, 2002

**Oral Examination**
- Thursday, Friday & Saturday, September 12, 13 & 14, 2002
- Houston, Texas

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Congratulations To Our New Board Diplomates
The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 182 plastic surgeons in September 2001. To date, the Board has certified 6,307 plastic surgeons.

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