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ABDPH President's Message



George W. Taylor, DMD, DrPH

As I approach the end of my tenure on the Board, I must express my gratitude and honor to have served under 5 extraordinary Board presidents. I am also grateful for the opportunity to have served with all the wonderfully talented fellow directors over this time. I must also share my deep admiration and appreciation for our Executive Director, Joe Alderman; he is amazingly dedicated and expert in providing the operational fuel and glue to assure a solid foundation upon which the Board can operate. While we are all well aware

of the challenges we have faced this past year, the Board has also been looking in a forward direction to further advance our service to the specialty.

In this regard, early this year (January 25-27) the Board held a most productive retreat in Dallas. The retreat included a one-day workshop to thoroughly evaluate our specialty certifying examination and consider ways in which we could improve it. We also had a discussion of AAPHD-ABDPH linkages (lead by Catherine Hayes), initiated a focused discussion of the status of our dental public health competencies (lead by Ana Karina Mascarenhas), and discussed several other operational and administrative topics (lead by Eugenio Beltran and Don Altman). In the evening on Saturday, January 26th, Linda Niessen and her husband John Lonergan graciously hosted the Board in their home for a lovely dinner and wonderful evening of relaxing conversation after the vigorous and rich discussion during the workshop on our Board examination. The remainder of this message will describe the issues related to examination workshop and the DPH competencies.

The Board engaged a consultant, Patricia S. O'Sullivan, PhD, Director of the Office of Research and Development in Medical Education at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine, to lead the stimulating workshop on the Board examination. The workshop included discussion of the competencies and how they relate to the world-wide competency and maintenance of competency movements, an exercise on matching the current competencies to the current test format, designing and initiating a manual of operations for each section of the examination, and exploring how the Board examination of the future will look. As a result of the workshop the Board determined that it is time to begin work on evolution of the next generation of the certifying examination. Highlights of the Board's considerations for the next generation of the examination include: 1) elimination of the general knowledge questions section (GKQ) and incorporation of the GKQ theme into the other sections of the examination, 2) maintenance of the assigned problem with a revised format, 3) maintenance of project reports in terms of examples of candidates' writing with incorporation of portfolio methodology to also demonstrate candidates' reflections and learning across several dimensions of their projects and 4) a major revision of the written examination guided by contemporary methods of test item construction. The Board is working on the timetable for implementing the revised examination. At this time the one specific change the Board agreed to implement is the elimination of the GKQ section of the examination for 2014.

Update on Results Since Implementation of Policy to Allow Taking the Written Exam-Only Portion of the ABDPH Board Examination

In 2006 the ABDPH approved a policy to allow eligible individuals to take a written examination-only. Thirty-seven candidates took the written exam-only from 2007 to 2012 and 78% passed. This year (2013) seven of the ten candidates taking the full examination have already passed the written exam, having taken advantage of the opportunity to take the written exam-only in a previous year. This year, 20 candidates will take the written examination, including 17 who are taking the written exam-only. These results bode well for the original rationale of offering the written-exam only to increase the pool of candidates for the full examination and, ultimately, the number of diplomates serving the public in our specialty.

ABDPH Invites Nominations Honorary Diplomate: 2014

The American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH) may grant honorary certification to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to dental public health and have demonstrated unusual capability in related areas of endeavor, but who do not possess all of the educational and practice-limiting requirements to be eligible for specialty examination. The awarding of Honorary Diplomate status is considered a significant recognition of an individual's contributions to the field of dental public health. Additional information may be obtained on the American Association of Public Health Dentistry Home Page, www.aaphd.org, link to the ABDPH Web Page under [ABDPH] Honorary Diplomate Policy. Past nominations may be resubmitted. No nominations were submitted by February 1st. Please consider a nomination for 2014.

AAPHD Foundation Notes from Kathryn Atchison, Foundation Chair

The AAPHD Foundation raised over \$30,000 in 2012. The Committee, composed of Joe Alderman, Kathryn Atchison (chair), Diane Brunson (Immediate Past President), Joe Doherty, Alice Horowitz, Candace Jones, Dushanka Kleinman, Georgia Rogers, Woosung Sohn, and Scott Tomar (Vice Chair), thanks all of the ABDPH diplomates for their support in raising this money to support important dental public health causes. And, particularly, we thank the ABDPH Board for contributing \$5000 of the Lotzkar money to support the legal fees associated with the challenge regarding the sponsoring organization for the DPH specialty. Our pledge campaign to raise funds to cover the mission of the DPH specialty, scholarships for young dentists interested in obtaining an MPH and Residency in DPH, small grants to support DPH education and research, and student chapters to develop a robust pipeline of dental students interested in dental public health continues. If you have not yet pledged, I hope that you will take the opportunity to join your leadership in supporting the AAPHD Foundation.

Update on ADA's Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) Resolution 17

In our October Newsletter we described the history and status of ADA's challenge to the composition and rights of the membership of our sponsoring organization, AAPHD. Briefly, to review the main issue, this challenge was embodied in CDEL's putting forth Resolution 17 for the 2012 ADA House of Delegates (HOD) for consideration. Essentially, Resolution 17 requires that only specialist dentists be allowed to vote and hold office in the sponsoring organization, which for us is AAPHD. Prior to the HOD vote, the Reference Committee on Dental Education, Science and Related Matters held testimony regarding Resolution 17 on October 20, 2012 at the ADA's Annual meeting. Leadership of the AAPHD and ABDPH coordinated testimony with our partners to vigorously oppose passage of Resolution 17. The end result of hearing the testimony was the Reference Committee concluding that CDEL, CAPIR, the Board of Trustees, and AAPHD should be given the opportunity to further explore options in a workgroup. On October 22, 2012, the House of Delegates voted overwhelmingly (88% in favor) to uphold the Reference Committee's recommendation for referral. A Workgroup with representatives from CDEL, CAPIR, AAPHD and the BOT was formed in January 2013 and met in-person in February to address the issues regarding Resolution 17 that arose at the ADA's annual meeting and to work on compromise language for the resolution. An update will be provided at NOHC to all AAPHD members as well as ABDPH diplomates. Further details will follow after those discussions. We appreciate the leadership and participation of Catherine Hayes and Pam Tolson for serving as the AAPHD representatives on this Workgroup.

ABDPH Announces Director-elect, ABDPH 2013



Director-elect, ABDPH 2013

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The ABDPH is pleased to announce that John J. Warren has been elected to the Director-elect, ABDPH position effective April 22, 2013. Since 1991, Dr. Warren has been a scientist and later faculty member in the Department of Preventive & Community Dentistry at the University of Iowa. In these positions, he has participated in numerous research and service activities in dental public health including two state-wide oral health surveys of school children in Iowa, and several large epidemiological studies.

Dr. Warren is director of the graduate program in Dental Public Health at the University of Iowa, and has major teaching responsibilities in the program, including mentoring of MS and PhD students. Dr. Warren also teaches pre-doctoral students, and directs the College of Dentistry's Dental Student Research Program. Dr. Warren's research has focused primarily on early childhood caries, and fluoride, but he has pursued many areas of research in his career, resulting in over 100 peer-reviewed publications.

Congratulations to ABDPH Diplomates Certified in 2012

ABDPH Announces four New Diplomates Certified in 2012. Dr. George Taylor announced that the following dentists have passed the Board certification examination given in 2012 and are now Diplomates of the Board: Mohamed Said Bamashmous, Boston, MA, Paul Colthirst, San Antonio TX, Hiroko Iida, Chapel Hill, NC, and Junhie Oh, Providence, RI.

Remembrance of Diplomates who have died since last Annual Meeting:

Please send Joe Alderman, Executive Director, ABDPH the names of any Diplomates who have died since the 2012 annual meeting. Please see the tribute to Dr. Stanley Lotzkar, past Executive Secretary, ABDPH who died on January 15, 2013 in Gainesville, Florida.

Need Update Current Address: Diplomat(e)s

Dr. Robert E. Davenport, E-mail: roberted@sorewest.net; : Sacramento. Certified: 2003

This is the only information we have on file and it does not allow us to contact Dr. Davenport. Please provide any updated contact information to Joe Alderman (abdph@comcast.net).



ABDPH Executive Director's Corner:

ABDPH Ten-Year Recertification:

Diplomates are responsible for maintaining their own records, including keeping copies, documentation and summaries of their ABDPH Annual Continuing Education Record to document compliance with the Recertification Process. 2012 was the third year that Diplomates (in this instance, those certified in 2002) were required to document completion of an average of ten (10) hours annually (a total of 100 hours) of continuing education from an approved CERP or a public health organization. All three Diplomates certified in 2002 were recertified by the ABDPH. Their time-limited Certificates will expire 12/31/2022.

ABDPH Annual Registration:

As you may remember from our communications and annual meeting last spring, the Directors of the ABDPH recommended an increase in annual registration fees, and late fees. As of 03/18/13 thirty-six (36) Diplomates are late paying 2013 Annual Registration. Please check your records to ensure you will not be required to pay **both** annual registration and late fees.

Annual Registration Fees (ARF) 2013 (ABDPH Approved: 2013)

- 12/31/12-01/31/13: Annual Registration Fees (ARF) Due Payment received; Diplomate ARF-\$150 (or Voluntary Contribution Categories: Voluntary Contributing Silver-\$180, Voluntary Contributing Gold-\$225, and Voluntary Contributing Diamond-\$300)
- 02/01/13 to 03/31/13: Late Payment received \$150 ARF + \$35 late fee (i.e., \$185)
- 04/01/13 to 6/30/13: Late Payment received \$150 ARF + \$75 late fee (i.e., \$225)
- **07/01/13, Diplomate will no longer be in good standing.** The ADA requires us to remove your name from the "active in good standing" list of Diplomates we send annually to ADA's CDEL, and requests for verification on your status as a Board Diplomate will include "not in good standing" in the reply.
- 07/01/13 until 12/31/13: Payment received \$150 ARF + \$75 late fee+ \$100 reinstatement fee (i.e., \$325)
- After 12/31/13: For calendar year 2013: Payment received \$150 ARF + \$75 late fee+ \$200 reinstatement fee (i.e., \$425)

So, please pay attention to the fees payment request when it first comes and help us avoid the hassle and expense of additional follow-up and fees.

Director-Elect Procedure Changes:

Procedures for Director-Elect nominations: All active Diplomates in good standing are invited to complete demographic data, submit their CV, and indicate that they are willing to serve on the Board. The list is updated annually. See the "Ask the Executive Director" for the form for electronic submission for the Director-Elect Nomination. Congratulations to **John J. Warren, DDS, MS** who was elected as Director-elect, ABDPH 2013.

ABDPH 63rd Annual Diplomates Meeting and Banquet

Please plan to attend the ABDPH 63rd Annual Diplomates Meeting and Banquet to be held Monday, April 22nd, 2013 in Van Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama Room: Room SH BR 1. Update on ADA's Res. 17, changes in the ABDPH full examination, attendance and voting on the proposed AAPHD bylaws at the AAPHD Annual Meeting are some of the major topics to be discussed at the Diplomates Meeting.

ABDPH-Director-Elect Nominee-Application

The ABDPH is giving the opportunity to Diplomates to submit their names in the list of candidates for Director-Elect. Their names will remain in the list for as long as the Diplomate wishes. The Board selects the Director-Elect from the list.

The Board must reflect the scope of dental public health. A balance of talents and competencies across the four main areas of dental public health—administration, service delivery, health promotion, and research—are necessary. As the balance of the Board changes, so will the requirements for the Director-elect. Therefore, the following are considered in choosing a Director-Elect: 1. Employment history (*e.g.*, Federal, state, or local health agency; government; academia; private sector), 2. Type(s) of job responsibilities (*e.g.*, administration, teaching, consulting, research, patient care), 3. Educational background (*e.g.*, institutions from which the candidate earned his or her dental and public health training and where the candidate completed his or her residency program), and 4. Demographic information (*e.g.*, gender, race/ethnicity, current geographic location).

I wish to be considered for the Director Elect Position: Include a short CV.

Attach Recent Picture
before saving as pdf file:

By entering this information, I understand that my name will be included in the selection of Director-Elect of the American Board of Dental Public Health for as long as the information remains in the data base. I understand that I can withdraw my name from the selection process. In order to do so, I will notify the Executive-Director, ABDPH no later than January 1, of the year I do not want to be considered and my name and information will be eliminated from the dataset. If conditions change, notify the Executive Director. ***It is your responsibility to inform the Executive Director, ABDPH, Dr. Joe Alderman, of any changes in contact information, including preferred address, phone, and e-mail.***

1. Preferred Contact Information:

- a. **Name** [please print /type]: _____
(Last) (MI) (First)
- b. **Position Title:** _____
- c. **Degrees/Certifications:** _____
- d. **Preferred Mailing Address:**

- e. **City/State/Zip:** _____ **Country (if not USA):** _____
- f. **Preferred Phone:** _____ **Cell:** _____
- g. **Preferred Email:** _____

2. Year of Birth: _____ (yyyy)

3. Sex: Male (); Female ()

4. Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (please check):

a. Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Race (please check all that apply):

1. White	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Black, African Am	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. American Indian/Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Please Specify

6. Indicate the year of completion of the following landmarks in your professional life.

	Year Completed (yyyy)
Dental School	
MPH	
Residency	
Diplomate First Certified	
Diplomate Recertified	

7. Mark your primary area of employment?

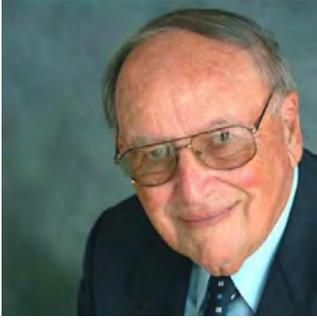
a. Federal Gov't <input type="checkbox"/>
b. State Gov't <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Local Gov't <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Academia <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Private industry <input type="checkbox"/>
f. Consulting <input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other ; Specify _____

8. Please indicate approximately the percentage of your current dental public health practice allocated to the following different areas

Practice	% of Effort
a. Providing clinical care	%
b. Administration of Dental Public Health (DPH) program	%
c. Training of DPH residents	%
d. Training of dental students	%
e. Teaching dental/hygiene students	%
f. Research/Surveillance	%
g. Consulting	%
h. Private Industry	%
i. Other: Specify	%
Total: (% Effort should equal 100%) →	

Comments or Reasons for Nomination Director-elect:

The American Board of Dental Public Health appreciates you completing the application to be considered for the Director-Elect position.



Recognition of Stanley Lotzka Executive Secretary, ABDPH

Stanley Lotzkar, D.D.S., MPH died on January 15, 2013 in Gainesville, Florida. He was 88. Dr. Lotzkar, a public health dentist, earned his undergraduate degree from City College, New York in 1944, his dental degree from New York University in 1950 and the Master of Public Health degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1965. He was certified as a Diplomate in Dental Public Health in 1965, served as the Executive Secretary of the American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH) from 1982 until 2003. He was a Past-President and a life member of the ABDPH.

Upon graduation from dental school, Dr. Lotzkar entered the United States Public Health Service where he served, first attached to the U.S. Coast Guard in Alaska and Maryland, followed by research and administration in dental public health until his retirement in 1971.

Following his military career, Dr. Lotzkar was a professor of Community Dentistry at the University of Florida College of Dentistry. He served as Chairman of the Department of Community Dentistry from 1976-82. After his retirement in 1989 he was appointed professor emeritus. He was a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the American Public Health Association and a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honorary Dental Society and in 1969 was awarded the New York University College of Dentistry Alumni Lecture Award.

Dr. Lotzkar enjoyed growing orchids, photography, Gator sports, and travel, and was a devoted and loving father, grandfather and husband and especially enjoyed traveling with his wife to many parts of the world. He was a long time member of Congregation B'nai Israel in Gainesville.

Born October 15, 1924 in New York, New York to Miriam and Morris Lotzkar, he spent his early years in the Bronx, New York. He is predeceased by a son, Michael David Lotzkar (2006) and is survived by his wife of 62 years, Phyllis Gassman Lotzkar; sister, Francis; children, Robert Steven Lotzkar, Richard Alan Lotzkar and grandchildren, Jessica and Benjamin.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make memorials to Congregation B'nai Israel, 3830 NW 16th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32605. Others may consider a donation to the AAPHD Foundation Lotzkar's Fund, AAPHD Foundation's Lotzkar Fund, 3085 Stevenson Drive, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62703. Tel: 217-529-6941.

ABDPH Foundation's Lotzkar Fund

On April 28, 2003, at the 53rd Annual American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH) Diplomates Meeting and Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, ABDPH President Caswell Evans noted that this year was one of significant transition in that Dr. Stanley Lotzkar had decided to retire after completing his 21 years of exemplary service as Executive Secretary, ABDPH. He praised Dr. Lotzkar as a competent leader and educator who guided many diplomates and Directors along their path to the Presidency of the Board. Dr. Evans presented Dr. Lotzkar with a signed certificate from the Board, recognizing him for his many years of service. Dr. Evans announced the creation of the Lotzkar Fund, honoring Stanley Lotzkar's 21 years of untiring and dedicated service to the ABDPH, and also in recognition of Phyllis Lotzkar's support over those many years. This unique fund was established under the auspices of The American Association of Public Health Dentistry Foundation; in order to provide a lasting memorial and tribute to individuals who have served the Board and its membership in such an efficient and effective manner for so many years. All donations to the Lotzkar Fund can be made to the Foundation and will be used solely to advance the missions and objectives of the American Board of Dental Public Health. Dr. Evans then took the privilege of making the first donation to the Fund.

The Lotzkar Fund proceeds are to be applied to projects that support the work of the ABDPH. Funding criteria for projects are: (1) to support development of new initiatives, as opposed to funding operations of the Board, (2) to support maintenance of standards and competency in dental public health, and (3) to support curriculum development in dental public health.