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### ABDPH President's Message:



**Steven M. Levy, DDS**, It is a great honor, pleasure, and responsibility to serve as your Board's president this year! I look forward to working with you and getting to know some of you even better.

It is already a busy year as we work on our normal business of things like planning for the 2012 board examination, while also having several special issues to deal with. So I'd like to update you on a few of these activities, and also ask for your support and guidance.

#### Review of the Dental Specialties

Probably the most important activity for the specialty of Dental Public Health (DPH) this year is the Council on Dental Examination and Licensure's (CDEL) "Periodic Review of the Dental Specialties". The Board worked last year with AAPHD as our sponsoring organization (under then President Scott Tomar's guidance) on the AAPHD's excellent submission of DPH's materials in 2010. Clarifications were requested and provided in February 2011 (under then-President Ana Karina Mascarenhas), and the report was considered and approved unofficially by CDEL in late April 2011. They recommended approval and endorsement of all current ADA specialties by the ADA House of Delegates in October. The full report then was prepared and shared with the ADA Board of Trustees this summer and then approved by the House of Delegates at last month's annual meeting of the ADA. However, the ADA's House of Delegates passed a resolution that directs the Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) to review this year the requirements for specialty sponsoring organizations for the future. One major issue is the fact that the other specialties' sponsoring organizations are composed entirely or almost entirely of specialty-trained dentists, whereas AAPHD (and Dental Public Health) benefits greatly from the diversity of its membership, including dentists, dental hygienists, social scientists, health economists, health educators, non-dental providers, etc. We will continue to work closely with AAPHD and other DPH leaders to monitor this process and ensure appropriate information and responses are provided, should it be necessary.

#### Strategic Budgetary Plan

The Board is beginning extensive work on a strategic, long-term budgetary plan. This is a very important activity because business costs continue to increase, we have a very small number of examination candidates each year, and overall ABDPH membership is small. In addition, the modest honorarium for the Executive Director, Dr. Joe Alderman, needs to be increased to at least partially reflect the substantial workload and help prepare us for a future transition to a new Executive Director.

#### ABDPH Certification Exam

The deadline for candidates to apply to take the full ABDPH certification exam was September 15, 2011 for the examination to be administered Thursday to Saturday, April 26-28, 2012. Also, those applying to take only the written examination, that will be administered on Saturday, April 28, 2012, have until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 to apply.

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## ABDPH President's Message (continued)

### DPH Experience Requirement Modified

The ABDPH "experience requirement" to be eligible to take the full ABDPH exam, in addition to the 2-3 years of required formal advanced education in general and Dental Public Health, has been modified from two years to one year. This now places us more in line with the other dental specialties and also hopefully encourages more people to take the Board Exam. Please let your colleagues who recently completed their advanced DPH training know about this and encourage them to challenge the exam. Thus, those who finished in 2010 or early 2011 and are working full-time in DPH could take the 2012 full exam.

### ABDPH Written Exam Only

The opportunity to take Part I of the ABDPH Certification Exam, the General Knowledge Written Examination, separate from the rest of the examination and prior to completion of the full DPH experiential requirement, has been available for three years and appears to be successful thus far. About four to eight candidates have done so each year this option has been offered. A couple of these individuals have already gone on to successfully complete the full ABDPH certification exam and become Diplomates. Approximately a dozen other individuals have completed the written exam successfully and are eligible to apply to take the full exam in 2013 or thereafter, assuming they meet the (now reduced to) 1-year DPH experience requirement.

Please encourage your colleagues who have completed the written exam to go on to challenge the rest of the exam. Also, please encourage your colleagues who have recently completed their formal DPH specialty educational requirements (or will finish them in 2012) to consider taking the written exam only in 2012. Thanks.

### Annual Re-Registration

When you receive information late in the year about payment of your re-registration fees for 2012, please respond and pay them promptly to help the Board and reduce the need for follow-up efforts.

### Annual Meeting

It is not too early to mark your calendars for the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the ABDPH to be held Monday, April 2, 2012 during the National Oral Health Conference, NOHC (April 2-4, 2012)! The challenges of the 2012 Review of the Dental Public Health and other Dental Specialties will be discussed. I hope to see you at both of these meetings in Milwaukee, WI. Celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AAPHD during the NOHC.



### **ABDPH Board Members 2011-2012:**

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## ABDPH Executive Director's Corner:

### **ABDPH Finance Report: \***

The Board began the fiscal year on January 1st, 2011 with a checking balance of \$18,629 (1/1/10 \$11,739). Total income for 2010 was \$29,402, which consisted of application and examination fees, annual registration fees, receipts for the dinner meeting, and certificates. This was an 11.5% increase when comparing 2010 and 2009. Total expenditures for 2010 were \$26,151 (2009 \$22,662). This was a 15.4% increase when comparing 2010 and 2009. Net Worth: Assets minus liabilities for 2010 were \$63,874 overall net worth. (2009: \$59,612). This was a 7.1% increase when comparing 2010 and 2009. Budget 2010: Income \$26,714 (Actual \$29,402); Expenses \$26,714 changed to balance budget from \$29,993 (Actual \$26,151); Overall Total Projected -\$3,280 deficit (Actual increase in Reserves + \$3,251) to be covered by reserves in the money market account. The projected deficit was due to a one time planned expense for technology upgrades. However, it was not possible to significantly change the current software, so the funds were not expended. Budget 2011: Income \$29,398; Expenses \$27,078; Overall Total Projected +\$2,320 increase in Reserves.

### **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. 2011 was the first year that Diplomates certified in 2000 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 eight Diplomates certified in 2000 were recertified by the ABDPH.

### **ABDPH Annual Registration:**

The American Dental Association requires annual registration fees each year for all active Diplomates. If a Diplomat is not current then he or she is removed from the active and in good standing list of ABDPH Diplomates. **Please send to the Executive Director ([abdph@comcast.net](mailto:abdph@comcast.net)) and copy the AAPHD Membership Chair, Christina Gordon ([cgordon@associationcentral.org](mailto:cgordon@associationcentral.org)), any address changes including e-mails.** We are continuing to follow-up with Diplomates, who have not paid annual registration fees. The Board has approved that Diplomates may pay for annual registration fees for up to five years at once (current plus four years ahead).

### **Board Membership Status: \***

Board Membership Status: As of December 31, 2010, there were 159 certified Active Diplomates, 34 Life Members, and 31 Inactive (retired) Diplomates for a total of 224 living Diplomates. This represents a loss of one Active Diplomates since December 31, 2010. No Diplomat was reported to have died in 2010.

### **Director-Elect Procedure Changes:**

Procedures for Director-Elect nominations: All active Diplomates in good standing are invited to complete demographic data, cv, and indicate that they are willing to serve on the Board. The list will be updated periodically. **Please check changes in Webpage on AAPHD Home Page: [aaphd.org](http://aaphd.org): (Ask the Executive Director for the form for electronic submission for the Director-Elect Nomination. See American Board of Dental Public Health Webpage)**

(\*Source From: 2011 ABDPH Minutes of the 61th Annual Diplomates Meeting and Banquet; April 11th, 2011, Westin Convention Center Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA.)

### **2010 Diplomates Recognized at Diplomates Annual Meeting & Dinner**

Then President Dr. Rebecca King recognized the 2010 new Diplomates and their Residency Directors at the 2011 ABDPH Diplomates 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Business Meeting. She introduced the following Diplomates, and presented them with their Board lapel pins. **Dr. Jennifer S. Holtzman, DDS**, University of Southern California School of Dentistry; MPH, University of California Los Angeles; Residency, University of California San Francisco (Dr. Steven Silverstein and Dr. Jane Weintraub). **Dr. Liang Hong** was not able to attend, but was also recognized. Dr. Hong received his DDS from West China University of Medical Sciences, Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China; MS, PhD, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City, IA; Residency, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City, IA (Dr. John Warren and Dr. Steve Levy)

### **Congratulations to ABDPH Diplomates Certified in 2011**

**ABDPH Announces New Diplomates Certified in 2011.** Dr. King announced that the following dentists have passed the Board certification examination given in 2011 and are now Diplomates of the Board: Dr. Donald C. Chi, Seattle, WA, Dr. Kecia Leary, Nixa, MO and Dr. Scott J. Rankin, San Antonio, TX

## ***Diplomate News Update***

**Congratulations to New ABDPH Life Members** The American Board of Dental Public Health certified that - Dr. David Earl Brumley, Dr. Joseph M. Doherty, and Dr. Robert Franklin Martin were approved for Life Membership in 2010. Dr. John P. Brown, Dr. Thomas Leroy Loudon, and Dr. Robert Ellis Mecklenburg were approved for Life Membership in 2011. As of April 11, 2011 there are 37 Life Members. The life members have completed a distinguished career dedicated to improving the public's oral health and have been elected to "Life Membership". At the Board dinner, Dr. Alderman recognized the new Life Members and suggested going to the ABDPH website to review the Life Membership Categories. He encouraged Diplomates to apply for Life Membership status when they retire, rather than going inactive. Additional information and a listing of current Life members are posted on the ABDPH website.

### ***AAPHD Foundation: Lotzkar Fund***

Please consider contributions to the Lotzkar Foundation Fund. As of 10/18/11 there was ~\$14,500 in the Lotzkar Fund. In 2003, the AAPHD Foundation Committee established the Lotzkar Fund on the occasion of Dr. Stan Lotzkar's retirement as Executive Secretary of the American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH). Dr. Lotzkar served in this capacity for over 20 years. The Fund was established to honor Dr. Lotzkar's legacy and funds will be applied to projects that support the work of the ABDPH. **Funding Criteria:** 1. Support new initiatives, as opposed to funding operations of the Board, 2. Support maintenance of standards and competency in dental public health, and 3. Support curriculum development in dental public health.

**Website:** <http://www.aaphd.org/default.asp?page=contributionMenu.htm>

## ***Attend the ABDPH 62th Dinner & Meeting 4/30/12***

Please plan to attend the **62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diplomates Meeting and Banquet** April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Hilton in Milwaukee, Wisconsin during the National Oral Health Conference (NOHC). Celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry.

AAPHD [ABDPH] and ASTDD are pleased to invite you to register for the 2011 NOHC, April 30-May 02, 2012, in Milwaukee, WI. All information will soon be available at this website:

[www.nationaloralhealthconference.com](http://www.nationaloralhealthconference.com) where you may also register. As last year, you must register for the NOHC in order to make your hotel reservation at the Hilton Hotel. The complete registration brochure is also posted.

## Nominations for Honorary Diplomate



### **Past President Invites Nominations Honorary Diplomate: Deadline: February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

The American Board of Dental Public Health's (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](http://www.aaphd.org), link to the **ABDPH Web Page** under [\[ABDPH\] Honorary Diplomate Policy](#). Past nominations may be resubmitted.

Please forward your letter of nomination indicating how the individual meets the award criteria as well as the nominee's current curriculum vitae to:

Address: **Rebecca S. King, DDS, MPH– 2011, Immediate Past-President ABDPH**, Chair, Nominating Committee; Section Chief, Oral Health Section, Mail: 1910 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1910, Fed-Ex/UPS: 5505 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27609, Office 919-707-5487, Fax 919-870-4805, [rebecca.king@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:rebecca.king@dhhs.nc.gov)

Nominations may be submitted electronically to: [rebecca.king@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:rebecca.king@dhhs.nc.gov). Nominations must be received no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>, for consideration prior to the ABDPH Annual Dinner and Business Meeting to be held Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 during the National Oral Health Conference at the Hilton in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

## Ronald Billings, DDS, MSC 2011 ABDPH Honorary Diplomate



### **Catherine Hayes, DMD, DrMedSc Announces Ronald Billings, DDS, MSC 2011 Honorary Diplomate**

Dr. Ronald Billings, D.D.S., M.S.D. Professor of Dentistry, Eastman Dental Center, was recognized as an Honorary Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health at the annual meeting at the 2011 NOHC in April, 2011. Dr. Billings received his B.A. in Zoology D.D.S. -and M.S.D. in Preventive Dentistry all from Indiana University. Dr. Billings has had a remarkable academic career inspiring students and colleagues alike throughout his distinguished career. While serving as the fourth Director of the Eastman Dental Center from 1994-1999, the Center became one of the foremost oral health institutions known worldwide for contributions in oral health care, dental post-graduate education, and dental research. He was named Director Emeritus in 1999 and continues to be active in the Center's educational and research activities.

A well-known oral epidemiologist, his work has targeted the entire lifespan, resulting in numerous published articles in peer viewed journals. He has served as reviewer for several journals as well as NIH Review Panels. Dr. Billings has been active in numerous professional organizations, federal, state and local agencies consistently working to improve the oral health of the public. His expertise was instrumental in participating in the formulation of the New York State Oral Health Plan and the first official guidelines in the United States for delivering oral health care during pregnancy by the New York State Department of Health. He currently serves on the ADA/CDC expert panel work group to establish evidence-based guidelines for non-fluoride anticaries agents. He continues to inspire his students and colleagues.



## Recognition of John P. Rossetti:

**Dr. John P. Rossetti** passed away on August 9, 2011, after a brief illness. John received a dental degree from West Virginia University, a Master of Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley, and after his dental residency, became a **Diplomate** of the American Board of Dental Public Health in 1986. He led a distinguished and lifelong career in the field of dental public health. John served in the U.S. Air Force in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Conflict, the Peace Corps in **Puerto Rico** and Panama, and in the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) with the Indian Health Service.

In 1989 John began working at the Health Resources and Services Administration (**HRSA**) as chief dental officer for the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (**MCHB**). John with **MCHB** funding, helped establish the first oral health systems development grant program for states and communities, a school-based/school linked dental sealant grant program, and a state-fluoridation grant program. His efforts led to the sponsorship of national meetings such as the National Oral Health Conference, and numerous national, regional, and state oral health meetings. John retired from **HRSA** in 2002. He continued to serve **MCHB** for several years as the national Head Start oral health consultant that established a network of regional Head Start oral health consultants to promote oral health services for the Head Start population. John was recognized by many national organizations for his commitment to excellence and contributions to public health. Examples are the **ASTDD's** Distinguished Service Award (1995) and the John W. **Knutson** Distinguished Service Award in Dental Public Health from the American Public Health Association, Oral Health Section (2008). In 2011, in memory of John's insight and guidance, the **USPHS** Chief Dental Officer and Dental Professional Advisory Committee established The John P. Rossetti Mentor of the Year Award. The award was created to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of an oral health professional serving in an exemplary mentoring role to a less experienced dentist.

John will be remembered for his generous nature, willingness to help others, quick wit, and his ever-present desire to make the world a better place. John practiced our specialty, dental public health (DPH) in all of his activities and assignments. He was an exceedingly competent DPH practitioner and was never arrogant about it. Our specialty, dentistry, public health, our nation and our world will all miss him. Thanks to Reg Louie for helping write this recognition of John P. Rossetti.

Joe Alderman