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President's Message

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By Dr. Jan O'Dell

President, College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics

As your incoming President, it is my privilege to work with a phenomenal Board of Directors and Executive Secretary to serve you, our members, the ABE and the AAE. It is the hard work of all that makes our specialty unique, and I might add the envy of many other specialties. To that end it is crucial that we continue to build upon the strong foundation laid down by the College.

The mission of the CoD is three-fold:

1 Encouraging and mentoring candidates who are pursuing board certification. Dr. Priya Chand has continued to do an outstanding job in recruiting mentors and then matching mentors with candidates at the various stages of board certification. A testament to her dedication and efforts is the steady increase in the number of candidates who are successful in their pursuit of Diplomat status. Our mentors

repeatedly comment they are proud as any parent when the candidate they mentored walks up to the podium to receive their pin. Mentoring is a golden opportunity to “pay it forward.” The newly pinned candidates have so much information to share with those going through the process, and the more seasoned Diplomates can offer input that only experience can provide. Both are necessary and both are welcome. So come join us and help a colleague through the certification process. You may contact Dr. Chand at endodont2002@gmail.com for more information. We can never have too many mentor volunteers.

2 Providing educational opportunities for candidates pursuing board certification. Each year the College sponsors a Board Review Course. 2019 will mark the 9th Annual Board Review hosted by University of

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North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Dr. Alan Law has been instrumental in assembling another world-class schedule of speakers who will cover topics essential to the art and science of endodontics. The last Review Course was hosted in conjunction with University of Texas San Antonio and had the highest number of attendees in our history. This is truly becoming a “go-to” course for those in the process of board certification, as well as Diplomates interested in a solid update of endodontic topics. For information regarding this course and to review past courses, visit the College website at www.collegeofdiplomates.org.

3 In addition to mentoring candidates, the College provides continuing education for Diplomates. Every other year, the College sponsors a Summer Conference for Diplomates and candidates in the process of board certification. In addition to some of the best locations in the country, this course provides an opportunity for CE and more importantly, an opportunity for individuals to experience a level of professional camaraderie seldom seen today. Mark your calendar for August 3-4, 2018. The meeting will be held at the iconic Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. In addition to the courses, there will be time for family-friendly social activities. An extra bonus is the ability to make this an inexpensive summer vacation. The Willard has agreed to extend the special room rate both before and after

Willard Hotel Washington, D.C.



the meeting. Washington, D.C. is a must-visit destination with many free venues including the National museums, the White House, the Mint (Bureau of Engraving and Printing), and the many monuments and parks. Multiple airports service the area and the Metro is a great way to get around town. To register, go the College website. New to this meeting is the ability to sit for a “Mock Oral” exam with immediate feedback. This will be a limited opportunity extended to early registrants.

I would like to welcome and introduce our new Board members, Dr. Sonia Chopra and Dr. Angelia Noguera. I can't imagine working with a better team. It is always nice to look back on our accomplishments, and I must thank Dr. Kirk Coury for his service and commitment to the College and AAE. Dr. Coury will continue his involvement, serving as the Immediate Past President before retiring from the Board. ☺

2018 Summer Conference August 2–4 Washington D.C.

at the historic Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The focus of the education sessions will be the topic of the **Opioid Crisis**, and it's impact on the Endodontic Profession and Practice, and this year's speakers include: **Harold Crossley, D.D.S., PhD;** and **Leesa Morrow, PhD, JD, LP.**

Register online today for early rates until July 15, 2018 at www.collegeofdiplomates.org.

EARN
10 CE
CREDITS!



Willard Hotel

1401 Pennsylvania Ave Nw
Washington, DC 20004
844-247-8654

Rates:

209/per night. The group rate will be available 3 nights prior to the meeting and 3 nights following the meeting, subject to availability at the time of reservation. A room block has been reserved for meeting attendees. Please call the number above and be sure to mention "College of Diplomates" or go to www.collegeofdiplomates.org for more info.

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Online Registration

Go to www.collegeofdiplomates.org and click on the meeting name under "Online Event Registration" on the right. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover cards accepted. A downloadable registration form is also available on the website for those wishing to mail in their registration.

Payment and Confirmation

Registration without complete payment cannot be processed. If you provide an email address when you register, you will receive an electronic confirmation. If you have not received a confirmation within two weeks of submitting your registration, please email the COD at info@collegeofdiplomates.org.

Registration Packages and Fees

Registration package includes all breaks, Thursday Welcome Reception and Friday Dinner Reception.

Active COD Member	early rate \$575	late \$650
Full-Time Educator COD Member	early rate \$425	late \$450
New Diplomates (Earned in 2017/2018)	early rate \$425	late \$450

Cancellation Policy

Email refund requests received by the College at info@collegeofdiplomates.org before July 15, will be refunded in full less \$100 processing fee. Refund requests received after July 15 will not be granted.

Registration Deadlines

Early registration fee will be granted for registrations received by July 15, 2018. After this date, the standard fee will apply.



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How Can I Help?

By Priya S. Chand
Chair of Mentoring



2017 was a successful, rewarding and an insightful year. Not only did we gain many new mentors, we also built upon our experience mentoring candidates nationwide

and internationally. As we continue to be productive in our mentoring, we overcome challenges while endeavoring to be effective amidst distances.

Some Questions in mentorees' minds before contacting or seeking a mentor generally include:

Q1. What methods will we use to communicate (phone, email, Skype, possible FaceTime)?

A. Both phone and Skype have been used for conducting oral mock exams, and have proven effective. On site mock orals are also a common provision, and have been opted by some candidates should they wish to travel over shorter distances. Both modes have been highly successful.

Q2. Does that really help when we do not have a direct face to face?

A. Yes, the entire effort is focused on mimicking an overall experience of what the real boards would simulate. For conducting mock orals over the phone, a time is scheduled and the candidate calls at the scheduled time. The case is then sent securely and the exam is conducted following that. This format has been followed successfully now for well over 6 years.

Q3. What structure will we use when we meet? For example, will the mentoree have an agenda, or will we meet and discuss whatever is critical at that time?

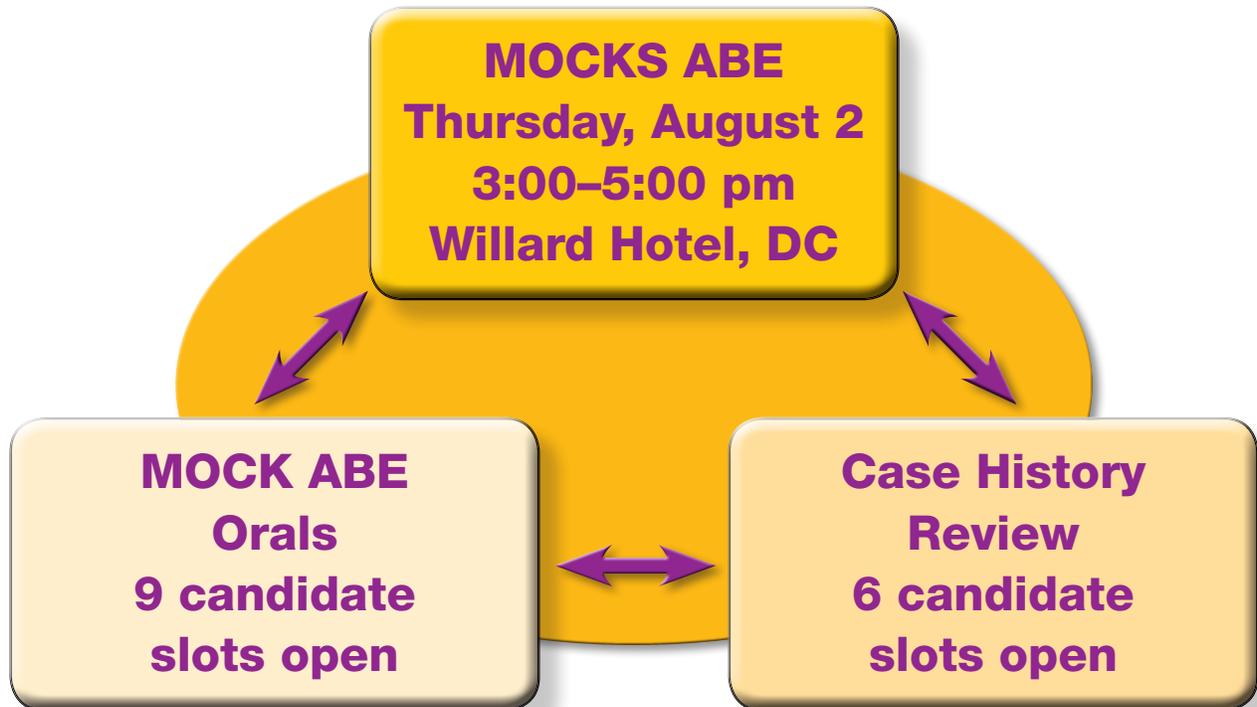
A. Some people prefer a direct approach where questions and queries through the preparations phase are posed to mentors. Communication continues before and after administering mocks that involve questions on study material covered. Feedback is provided following the mock orals. Same goes for the Case Portfolio review.

Q4. Specifically, how will we address concerns that we are having with one another?

A. A mentoree can contact Dr. Priya Chand and request or share if they would like to switch mentors and or add an additional mentor, both options will be made available, provided additional mentors are available to take on another candidate. We will continue to work with you to make sure that you are getting the help you need.

Q5. Is anything open for discussion or are there certain limits? For example, can I discuss possibly reconsidering the date of the orals and case portfolio submission? And if that would impact my chances for success?

A. The questions we have had in this area are candidates requesting to possibly change their scheduled times for Orals or Cases to attend to personal matters, and how it would impact their preparation and completion of the ABE



exam. Our mentors do provide guidance and advice to help identify the best time to take the exam, the level of preparedness and help in meeting their goals.

As we continue our steadfast efforts in mentoring, we have another opportunity to experience face to face Mock Orals and Case Portfolio review at the upcoming Summer Conference held in DC at the Willard hotel on Thursday August 2nd.

Mark your Calendars! August 2 Thursday and Sign Up Now! Open seats for On Site Mock Orals and Case portfolio review. DEADLINE July 26.

Please email Dr. Priya S. Chand directly at endodent2002@gmail.com to Sign up or for any questions.

Mock ABE Orals / Feedback—9 candidates. Each candidate will get 2, 30 minute sessions with 2 examiners per session.

ABE Case History portfolio review/Feedback—6 candidates.

Each candidate will get 40 minute to review cases with the examiners.

More information on collegeofdiplomates.org website, under Summer Conference.

Thank you. ☺

AAE Governance Shines Again

By Kenneth J. Frick, DDS, MS

Director, Advanced Education Program in Endodontics

Diplomate, American Board of Endodontics

Assistant Clinical Professor, UMCK School of Dentistry

Previously I had reported about the request Dr. Rob Roda made at the General Assembly during AAE17 in New Orleans for the Knowledge-Based Governance Letter regarding proposed changes to the AAE Bylaws requiring membership in the AAE. The letter was distributed to all AAE members about 90 days before the meeting in Denver at AAE18. With all the membership fully informed, the proposed changes, being in two parts, were presented at the General Assembly of AAE18 for a formal vote. Fortunately, due to the insight of prior leaders Dr. Sandy Madison, Dr. Chip Simon, and others, it was suggested that the vote be split into two parts. Rather than have one vote for both parts of the bylaws, a separate vote on each was proposed. As it turns out, this was a brilliant move, as it appeased the membership who were on “both sides of the fence” regarding the membership requirement in the ADA.

So to review, if I have not already lost you on this, the two parts were thus: one, strike the requirement to be an ADA member at the initial application time for membership in the AAE, and two, strike the requirement that you maintain your membership in the ADA to renew your membership in the AAE. It was argued that initial membership in the ADA is of minimal cost, being prorated over five years. The AAE wanted to be supportive of initial membership in the ADA as a result. But many

members argued that to have the AAE require continued membership in the ADA to renew membership in the AAE was unacceptable. Thus the vote: the first part was maintained and not removed by a large majority. The second part was voted to be removed from the bylaws, by a very large margin, thus not requiring continued membership in the ADA to be a member of the AAE. This was a brilliant move.

As an ADA member I have always supported membership and was initially against the proposal. I however found the compromise quite acceptable. The ADA represents dentistry in a way no other organization can. Having it be required that you are a member of the ADA to join the AAE was the right thing to do. But once you are a member of the AAE, it will not be concerned with your status with the ADA when it comes time to renew. You have the choice to be a member of the ADA independent of your AAE membership. I would expect that a majority of our AAE membership will continue to be members of the ADA, because they understand the importance of organized dentistry and its role in protecting their profession. Please keep this in mind when you make your choice! 🌟

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Congratulations New Diplomates!

Farnoosh Abbasi
 Ruaa Alamoudi
 Abdullah Albassam
 Mohammed Alharbi
 Ferdous Ali
 Bassem Alkatib
 Mona Alsulaiman
 Ahmed Alzubaidi
 B. Anderson
 Farah Assadipour
 Florence Au
 Hashim Bajawi
 David Baker
 Joao Barbizam
 Patrick Battista
 Bryan Behm
 Logan Bell
 Julie Berkhoff
 Spencer Bjarnason
 Kittima Boonsirisermsook
 Keith Boyer
 Chalbourne Brasington
 Andrew Brassler
 Emanouela Carlson
 Prasad Challagulla
 David Christianson
 Vivian Click

Harold Coe
 Joseph deGuzman
 Alexander Desta
 Matthew Detar
 Kavita Doddamane
 David Dow
 Ryan Duval
 Michael Dyriv
 Abigail Edds
 Sara Fayazi
 Denise Foran
 Christopher Friedl
 Katherine Fry
 Michael Gengo
 Lilley Gharavi
 John Goertemiller
 Paul Goforth
 Thomas Graham
 Ian Grayson
 Eddie Halasa
 Gerald Halk
 Jesse Hemsath
 Jeffrey Hilley
 Charles Hine
 Audrey Hsin
 Ahmad Jabali
 Thomas Karn

Saehee Kim
 Kevin Kunz
 Jason Latham
 Sean Lawson
 Kelly Leong
 Paul Ley
 Kuo-Wei Lin
 Jocelyn Magahis
 Mahshid Majlessi Koopaei
 Louis Marconyak
 Katia Mattos
 Brian McCormack
 Paula Mendez-Montalvo
 Matthew Miller
 Bertram Moldauer
 Natasha Mulko
 Samin Nawaz
 Kathleen Neiva
 Andrew Nerness
 Enrique Oltra Esplugues
 Jeffrey Parker
 Pejman Parsa
 Derek Peek
 Matthew Phillips
 Lindsay Posner
 Rebekah Pryles
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 Prathibha Rugmini Pillai
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Celebrating our new Diplomates!



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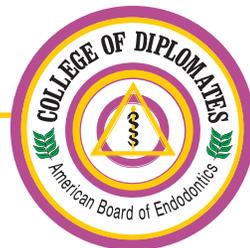
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College of Diplomates Summer Conference



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