I am writing this and watching Hurricane Florence approach the eastern coast, hoping nature’s wrath does not provide an encore performance of recent hurricane damage. Following the devastating hurricane that hit Puerto Rico it came to our attention that the best way to help financially is through the ADA or Red Cross. However, there are many other ways we as College members can help. Some of us have special skills that are needed such as swift water rescue certification, others may be able to help on location if member’s homes or practices have been damaged. But for many of us a simple phone call to check on a co-member’s safety is enough to make a difference. To be able to do this the College needs a way to keep a current member directory. We are currently exploring several options to make this a reality.

The College has had a very successful year as we continue our mission to encourage educationally qualified endodontists to pursue Diplomate status.

It started with the 8th Annual Board Review Course and Scientific Review held in San Antonio. We had record attendance for this well-respected meeting. Attendees enjoyed a mini “Casino night” where vendors, speakers and attendees could mingle. While the starting point for the Board Review Course was to provide a solid evidence-based scientific review of material for those in the process of board certification, the meeting is now becoming the “go-to” course for many active Diplomates preparing for their
recertification. Please read the article in this issue demystifying the recertification process. For information and registration for the 2019 Board Review Course, please visit our website at www.collegeofdiplomates.org. Chapel Hill, NC, will be a lovely setting for another record-breaking course—don’t miss out on this great opportunity to learn the newest information in a no-nonsense setting dedicated to providing the best evidence for our specialty. We will again be offering a limited number of opportunities for candidates to sit for Mock Oral exams.

For those who attended the Summer Conference this past August, I’m sure you would all agree that it was very successful; perhaps one of the most informative meetings to date, not to mention fun. Following a brief introduction concerning the Opioid Crisis by a local DEA agent, James Arnold, Dr. Hal Crossley gave an informative session on Street Drugs Exposed: What Your Kids and Your Patients Don’t Tell You. This was followed by his lecture on Managing Pain in the Era of the Opioid Crisis. In her presentations on Challenging Patients/Challenging Conversations and the Non-Pharmacologic Management of Pain Dr. Leesa Morrow provided an insightful look at the behavioral aspect of individuals who may encounter substance abuse. After these stimulating and informative lectures, Dr’s. Shull and Williamson-Younce put it all together with a plan developed by the Army for better health—that allows each of us to create our own “selfie”, the person we want to be at every level, personal, and professional. It was clear these topics were timely and relevant. If the best review a course can have is the attendees waiving their break time to hear more information from our guest speakers, then by all accounts our meeting was a great success. Then it was off to a Nationals Baseball game where all attendees were able to decompress after serious topics. It was truly a memorable weekend at the iconic Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. The most exciting addition to this meeting was the opportunity for a limited number of candidates to experience Mock Boards or to have their cases reviewed. After speaking with them it appears that it was an overwhelming success and we are actively planning to incorporate this added benefit at future meetings. A very special shout-out to Dr. Law for bringing this idea to the board and to Dr. Chand who organized the examiners and schedule. It would not have been a success without their continuous dedication to the College. As we move forward, we are already looking at possible future locations and topics—so stay tuned. We don’t want any of our members to miss out on such a valuable resource.😊
Highlights from our 2018 Summer Conference at the Willard in Washington D.C.
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Please be sure to bring a laptop or tablet with you to view the handouts.
The COD continues to expand mentoring efforts to help each candidate achieve their goal of board certification. This year we are again close to mentoring 45 candidates for orals and 20 candidates for the Case history portfolios. We are amidst mentoring candidates both internationally and nationally. We would like to share the efforts of providing yet another opportunity for candidates to have on site Mock Orals at the events offered by the College of Diplomates. The Board Review courses and the Summer conference events by the college of diplomats will be providing continued opportunities to have on site mock orals for candidates.

The summer of 2018 saw the first launch of the onsite Mock Orals at the summer conference that was held in DC on August 2, as an added opportunity for candidates along with onsite Case History Portfolio reviews by 2 examiners each. The efforts was to simulate the experience of the real Boards—6 examiners and 3 rooms were set up. Candidates rotated through 3 rooms and 3 different case scenarios. Onsite feedback following each scenario was provided to have a more constructive experience and to give candidates a good perspective of areas they needed to continue to work on. Below are some of the quotes shared by the candidates who availed the opportunity in DC.

**Dr. Ernest Rillman** “I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the people involved in the mock boards organized by the College of Diplomates for preparation for the American Board of Endodontics. It was very well organized. All the endodontists involved in the process were extremely helpful during the entire event. The examiners gave me excellent feedback and constructive criticism. I encourage everyone in the board certification process to attend the next mock board examination. It is well worth your effort to attend.”

**Dr. Amanda Ngan** “The mock oral exam was a wake up call for me since I graduated almost 10 years ago. The exam was simulated to be the real thing; the examiners were so supportive and informative. It was great to get their feedback and insight on the way to answer the questions. They gave me the push and motivation to try harder and keep pursuing the path to board certification.”

**Dr. Dabiri Darya** “The ABE mock-oral preparation through the College of Diplomates of endodontics has been an extremely valuable resource for me. The preparation principle is based on a mentorship model—aring philosophy. The mentors are truly dedicated in their role in providing formal and informal guiding, coaching, teaching, supporting, role modeling, advocating and sharing. As a candidate, these qualities are what I needed the most to succeed. The mock-examination is treated just like the actual exam, which by itself took the fear of unknown away. In addition to that, after each of the three examination set-ups. The examiners are very helpful in providing honest and constructive feedbacks. I have also been very fortunate to receive frequent guidance from my assigned mentor whom understood the challenges one face when there is more than one commitment in life for an endodontic graduate. My mentor’s continues support has been...”
Don’t Wait—Know Your ABE Recertification Policy

By Josanne M. O’Dell, DDS, MFS, JD
President

Recertification of Diplomates is critical to the sustainability of our specialty. According to the American Board of Endodontics, the purpose of recertification is to ensure that Diplomates are current in the science and clinical practice of the specialty of endodontics. The following information is provided from the ABE for those Diplomates that are required to recertify.

Applicants who made their Preliminary application for Board Certification on or after January 1, 1997, are required to recertify every ten years from the date they are declared Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics. Those Diplomates who submitted Preliminary Applications prior to January 1, 1997 and successfully completed the examination process without having to make a second Preliminary Application after January 1, 1997, are not subject to recertification. However, all Diplomates are encouraged to seek and maintain the highest level of knowledge of technical skills in the specialty of endodontics.

Once a Candidate (having submitted their preliminary Application on or after January 1, 1997) has successfully completed the comprehensive process of Board Certification, it is then time to start working toward recertification. If taken seriously, this task can be accomplished conveniently over the ten years. While Diplomates may begin to accumulate credits following their initial certification date, the formal application for recertification shall be made between the seventh and tenth year from the original date of Board certification.

Diplomates must earn 25 credits every ten years to successfully maintain recertification. Credits may be earned in a variety of ways and must be directed to the scientific and/or clinical scope of the specialty of endodontics. A Credit Verification Form and Credit Tabulation Form must be submitted providing the types of activities and credits earned. Examples of activities that may provide credit toward recertification include: 1) Attendance at the AAE Annual Session, 2) Attendance at CE courses for endodontists approved by AAE, state or regional affiliated endodontic associations, 3) Primary authorship in a peer reviewed journal or book chapter on an endodontic topic, 4) Full-time teaching endodontics, and 5) Part-time teaching endodontics. Please contact the ABE to find out how credits in each of these categories are determined to avoid losing your ability to remain a Diplomate in good standing. If you have any questions regarding the recertification process, please contact the ABE at (847) 947-8619 or email: staff@amboardendo.org.

beyond and above and I am very thankful for that. I highly recommend every board eligible candidate to use this amazing service to be able to successfully pass the examination process and support the specialty as a while.”

The next opportunity for on site mock orals will be on Thursday February 14, 2019 at the Board Review course in North Carolina. We have 6 slots open for the Mock Orals. If you are interested in signing up for the on site mock orals or for a mentor through the year for Orals or Cases, please email Dr. Priya S. Chand at endodent2002@gmail.com. Thank you.
See inside for details....

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