

1998 ABDPH ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Diplomates

October 21, 1998
Parc 55 Hotel
San Francisco, CA

- I. Call to Order
 President Corbin called the 48th meeting of diplomates to order and welcomed the 56 members and guests present.
 - A. There were six past presidents in attendance who were introduced and recognized by Dr. Corbin: Dr. Myron Allukian, Dr. Chester Douglass, Dr. Dushanka Kleinman, Dr. Stanley Lotzkar, Dr. Linda Niessen, and Dr. Gary Rozier.
 - B. Dr. Corbin introduced the following diplomates who were certified in 1997 and presented them with their lapel pins: Dr. Sharon Gordon, clinical research associate at the National Institute of Dental Research, and Dr. G. M. Nana Lopez, dental consultant in Dental Public Health in programs of care for the indigent and outreach to underserved populations. New diplomates who were unable to attend the dinner are Dr. Monica Fisher, who works for HCFA in the area of Medicare and quality improvement; Dr. Keith Heller, research investigator in the Program in Dental Public Health at the University of Michigan School of Public Health; and Dr. Nuala Porteous, assistant professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.
 - C. Dr. Corbin called for a moment of silence for Dr. Philip Blackerby, who passed away earlier this year. Dr. Blackerby was one of the founders of the board.
 - D. The minutes of the 1997 meeting of the diplomates as published in the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* were approved.

- II. Report of the Executive Secretary
 Dr. Lotzkar reported on the status of board membership as of October 18, 1998. There were 127 active diplomates, 32 life members, and 22 inactive (retired) members for a total of 181. There was no net gain or loss, 127 diplomates representing the same amount at a comparable time last year.

Although we added five new diplomates, we lost three active diplomates to retirement, one who left dentistry, and one who converted from active to life membership, Dr. Harold Englander. Nine candidates took the certification examination this year, although at one time we had 13.

There are 28 board-eligible candidates, up four from last year. We will lose no board-eligible candidates next year since there were none left over from 1994. However, eligibility has expired for seven board-eligibles

from 1993.

- III. Reports of Officers and Members

- A. Dr. Lotzkar reported that as of October 7, 1997, the board had a total of \$22,175.71 in the checking account. On September 30, 1998, the balance stood at \$25,124.93, representing an increase of \$2,949.22 for the year. This continues the trend of an increasing balance each year. In analyzing the budget, total income for the year increased by \$3,800.00, with application and examination fees and recertification fees showing the largest increase. For fiscal 1997, application and examination fees totaled \$3,000, while in fiscal 1998 these same fees totaled \$6,755, an increase of \$3,755. Recertification fees also increased from \$9,370 last year to \$9,800 this year, without a major increase in the number of active diplomates, increased support from the diplomates accounting for the difference. Other categories remained much the same.

Expenditures also increased this year mainly in the travel category. The meeting in Washington, DC, was over \$3,600 more than the previous meeting in Orlando. Costs for travel to Chicago to meet with the Council on Dental Education were down and expenditures out of the executive secretary's office were up slightly. The honorarium for the executive secretary was increased by \$500 per year. All other categories of expenditures were roughly the same.

A significant new expenditure will occur this year due to Dr. Niessen's completing her term on the board. For the last six years, her university has absorbed the cost of the four to five conference calls a year, as well as taking care of some of our mass printing expenses. These expenses will now fall to the board. In addition, next year's meeting in Honolulu is bound to be more expensive than even the current year in San Francisco.

- B. Dr. Corbin summarized the actions taken by the Board of Directors this year. One of the major decisions was to take final action to establish a recertification program for diplomates of the American Board of Dental Public Health. Effective January 1, 2000, new diplomates will be granted a limited-term, 10-year certificate and will be required to complete certain continuing professional activities to remain active diplomates in good standing. Diplomates boarded prior to January 1, 2000, will not be included in the mandatory recertification since there is no legal basis for us to do

so. Instead, we are establishing a voluntary recertification program. It is our intent that the standards for the mandatory and voluntary program be the same. It is also our intent that 100 percent of diplomates participate. The standards as proposed will require 100 units of credit over a 10-year period and certificates will be 10 years in length. Credits generally can be earned for continuing education relevant to dental public health that can be documented by standard mechanisms such as AGD, ADA meetings, PHS, VA, and others that are relevant to the field of public health practice. In addition, we are considering other categories—published articles, presentations, and reading articles for which there are evaluation methods attached. The smallest unit that will be creditable will be 1/2 hour. Over the 10-year period, no two consecutive years can pass without some creditable activity toward the requirement. There is a need for a record system and judgment as to creditable activities. When Dr. Corbin met with the Executive Committee of the AAPHD, he suggested that they might be in a position to work with the board in terms of record keeping.

In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that some of the language in the document handed out to diplomates could be interpreted in a number of different ways. For example the last sentence in paragraph 2 page 3, "In no case can a diplomate be granted recertification for a period in excess of 10 years, or for pro rata increments of less than 10 years" is confusing.

There are some other instances where the document can be clearer than it is and we need to have

some legal opinion that we are proceeding in a legally defensible way. Dr. Corbin noted that all comments will be taken into consideration.

Because of the increase in expenses expected for this meeting and for the meeting in Honolulu and the shifting of some expenses from the past president's agency to the board, an increase in yearly reregistration fees is needed. In addition, the last increase occurred in 1991. Consequently, the board voted to raise the fee from \$60 to \$80.

The AAPHD is seriously considering a change in its annual meeting off schedule with the American Dental Association starting in 2000. The board has studied the issue and has determined that it would not handicap us financially or administratively to shift our meeting to another time of the calendar year. We would anticipate that if the AAPHD made the change, we would also be changing the site and timing of the board examination.

Dr. Corbin introduced the officers of the board for 1998-99. Dr. Jay Kumar will be the incoming president; Dr. Bob Dumbaugh, vice-president/auditor; and Dr. Brian Burt, treasurer. The new director-elect is Dr. Skip Collins.

Dr. Kumar was then introduced and presented the President's Plaque to Dr. Corbin with appropriate comments directed to his six years of service to the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

—Dr. Stanley Lotzkar DDS, MPH,
Executive Secretary

AMERICAN BOARD OF DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD DIPLOMATES

Dr. Jayanth V. Kumar, president of the American Board of Dental Public Health, announced that the following dentists have passed the board certification examination given in October 1998 and are now diplomates of the board: Dr. Eugenio D. Beltran, Dr. Maria T. Canto, Dr. Gustavo D. Cruz, Dr. Gary C. Martin, Dr. Robert H. Mitton, Dr. David L. Moss and Dr. Susan G. Reed.

Dr. Kumar also announced that the next board examination will be given on October 3-5, 1999, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Beginning in 2000, the board will administer its examination in the three days preceding the joint AAPHD-ASTDD annual session beginning with the Chicago meeting in the spring. Applications are due to the board on September 15, 1999 for the spring 2000 examination, and on the same date for subsequent years. Other details about the new schedule that must be adhered to in applying for and taking the board, as well as application forms and/or information concerning the requirements for board certification may be obtained by writing to Dr. Stanley Lotzkar 1321 NW 47th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32605, or by telephone (352)378-6301 or by e-mail at stanl@atlantic.net.