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American Board of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ABVO) Annual Report, October 10, 2016

Annual Credentialing Summary

All 44 examination applications received in 2016 were approved; 20 were first-time and 24 were repeat candidates. Of these, 43 (20 first-time and 23 repeat) candidates elected to take at least one portion of the certification examination. Twenty-five of 43(58%) of all candidates (being 12 (60%) of the 20 first-time candidates and 13 (57%) of the 23 repeat candidates) passed all required portions of the ABVO Examination and were conferred ACVO Diplomate status. A breakdown of exam performance by exam section and candidate type is provided in the following table.

	Portion of the Exam	# Taking Exam	# Passing Exam	% Successful
First-time Applicants	Written	20	17	85%
	Image Recognition	20	19	95%
	Practical	20	13	65%
Repeat Applicants	Written	12	8	67%
	Image Recognition	17	11	65%
	Practical	15	8	53%

ABVO Policy Changes and Activities, 2015-2016

Credentials Committee: The Credentials Committee approved 20 new ABVO residents during this period. No credentialing policy changes were made in 2016. During this cycle, all exam applications were submitted to the Credentials Committee via the online database. The Credentials Committee continues to work toward integrating the remainder of the credentialing process into the online database.

Residency Committee: The ABVO currently has 60 approved residency programs. Only one policy change occurred in this period. This related to solo Supervising Diplomates (SD) and it states: “In addition to meeting all other requirements for SDs, a solo SD shall have trained (either as a solo SD or as one of multiple SDs in a residency training program) at least one (1) ABVO Resident to board certification within the five (5) years immediately prior to submission of the application.”

Examination Committee: In July/August 2016, the exam committee administered the written and IR components of the ABVO certifying exam in regional testing centers and the practical components at the University of Minnesota. The exam results are outlined in the table above.

Maintenance of Certification (MOC): Compliance with MOC is mandatory for all ACVO Diplomates certified during and after 2015. Persons obtaining their ACVO Diplomate status prior to 2015 are encouraged but not required to participate. Full details of the MOC policies are available in the ABVO Policies and Procedures document available on the ABVO website (www.ABVO.US).

Appeals Procedure: The ABVO has recently appointed a standing Appeals Committee with David Ramsey as Chair. That committee is defining its Policies and Procedures now and these will be instituted shortly. A detailed description of the current appeals process is always available in the ABVO Policies and Procedures document available on the ABVO website (www.ABVO.US). There were no appeals during the 2015-16 credentials cycle.

Current and Future Supervising Diplomate Lunch: During the 2016 ACVO conference in Monterey, the Residency, Credentials, and Examination Committees will host its annual luncheon for current and prospective residency program mentors to discuss residency training issues. Please plan to attend this annual meeting if you are, or plan to become, a Supervising Diplomate for an ABVO resident. Specifics are located at www.ACVOconference.org.

ABVO Website: The ABVO has continued to maintain and update its website www.ABVO.US, which was launched in 2014. Here, ACVO Diplomates, prospective residents, residents in training, and members of the public can access all ABVO documents, including its Charter from the ACVO, Policies and Procedures, all resident and program application materials, policy statements, certification requirements, maintenance of certification requirements, a list of all ACVO Diplomates, and important credentialing deadlines. The ABVO Board acknowledges the excellent work of Stacey Daniel and the ABVO/ACVO Office staff, and the ABVO Credentials, Residency, Examination, and Maintenance of Certification Committees in maintaining and updating the ABVO website.

ABVO Elections: At its Fall 2016 meeting, the ABVO will welcome Dr. Mike Davidson to his 3-year term on the ABVO Board and farewell and thank Dr. Cindy Cook as she finishes her second term on the ABVO Board. Dr. David Maggs (current Chair) will complete his term as ABVO Board member in Fall 2017. Please look for a call for nominations and a subsequent election between May and June of 2016. The Board thanks Mr. Doug Jack for his continued dedicated service as the ABVO's public member.

As always, the ABVO Board encourages ACVO Diplomates with questions or feedback related to our credentialing program to contact the Board at any time.

Submitted by,

The ABVO Board

Drs. Ellison Bentley, Cynthia Cook, Ian Herring, & David Maggs (Chair), and Mr. Douglas Jack (Public Member)