

AMERICAN BOARD OF VETERINARY OPHTHALMOLOGY

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American Board of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ABVO) Annual Report, October 2, 2017

Annual Credentialing Summary

38 Examination Applications were approved; 19 were first-time applicants (with 57 supporting Supervising Diplomat forms) and 19 were repeat applicants. Of these, 33 (19 first-time and 14 repeat) candidates elected to take at least one portion of the certification examination.

Sixteen of 33(48.5%) of all candidates, including 8 of 19 (42.1%) first time candidates and 8 of 14 (57.1%) repeat candidates, passed all required portions of the ABVO Examination and were conferred ACVO Diplomat 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 Candidates | Written | 19 | 13 | 68.4% |
| | Image Recognition | 19 | 14 | 73.7% |
| | Practical | 19 | 10 | 52.6% |
| Repeat Candidates | Written | 6 | 4 | 66.7% |
| | Image Recognition | 5 | 4 | 80% |
| | Practical | 10 | 5 | 50% |

ABVO Policy Changes and Activities, 2016-2017

Credentials Committee: The Credentials Committee reviewed and approved 38 Exam Applications for the 2017 exam cycle. Reviewed and approved 23 provisional ABVO resident applications between November, 2016 and August, 2017. No credentialing policy changes were made in 2017. 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 RC is currently overseeing 65 residency training programs (RTPs). Policy changes occurring during this period include establishing minimum requirements for surgical experiences and minimum requirements for case examinations during the course of an ABVO RTP. Minimum requirements for clinical supervision time in order to attain designation of Supervising Diplomat (SD) and policies governing joint mentorship of residents across two or more institutions/practices were also established. Details regarding these requirements are listed on the ABVO Residency Training Application Form available at www.ABVO.US.

Examination Committee: In April 2017, the ABVO formally eliminated the Animal Exam station from the ABVO Certifying Examination. In July/August 2017, the exam committee administered the written and IR components of the ABVO certifying exam in regional testing centers and the practical components at NC State University. 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 Committee: The ABVO Appeals Committee reviewed appeals from 3 unsuccessful ABVO Exam candidates; all 3 appeals were denied. The Appeals Committee appointed a temporary replacement member to call upon in the event of conflict of interest on the part of a standing member of the committee. A detailed description of the current appeals process is available in the ABVO Policies and Procedures document available on the ABVO website (www.ABVO.US).

Current and Future Supervising Diplomate Lunch: During the 2017 ACVO conference in Baltimore, the Residency, Credentials, and Examination Committees will host the 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 can be found at www.ACVOconference.org.

ABVO Website: The ABVO continues to maintain and update its website www.ABVO.US. 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, Appeals and Maintenance of Certification Committees in maintaining and updating the ABVO website.

ABVO Elections: At its Fall 2017 meeting, the ABVO will welcome Dr. Bob Munger to his 3-year term on the ABVO Board and farewell and thank Dr. David Maggs as he finishes his second term on the Board. Dr. Ian Herring (current Chair) will complete his term as ABVO Board member in Fall 2018. Please look for a call for nominations and a subsequent election between May and June of 2018. 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, Michael Davidson, Ian Herring (Chair), & David Maggs, and Mr. Douglas Jack (Public Member)