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American Board of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ABVO) Annual Report, Sept 26, 2018

Annual Credentialing Summary

Thirty-one Examination Applications were approved; 18 were first-time applicants (with 65 supporting Supervising Diplomate forms) and 13 were repeat applicants.

Eighteen of 28 (64.3%) of all candidates, including 13 of 16 (81.3%) first time candidates and 5 of 12 (41.7%) 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 Candidates	Written	16	13	81.3%
	Image Recognition	16	15	93.8%
	Practical	16	14	87.5%
Repeat Candidates	Written	6	1	16.7%
	Image Recognition	5	3	60%
	Practical	10	6	60%

ABVO Policy Changes and Activities, 2017-2018

Credentials Committee: The Credentials Committee reviewed and approved 31 Exam Applications for the 2018 exam cycle. Twenty-two provisional resident applications were reviewed and accepted between Nov 4, 2017 and June 21, 2018.

No credentialing policy changes were made in 2018. The Credentials Committee continues to work toward integrating the remainder of the credentialing process into the online database.

Residency Committee: The ABVO RC continues overseeing 70+ residency training programs (RTPs). Programs starting in 2018 have minimum requirements for surgical experiences and minimum requirements for case examinations. Program start times are now limited to Jan 1-Feb 1 and July 1-Aug 1. RC will sponsor an education meeting for mentors at ACVO meetings beginning this year. Supervising Diplomate requirements will be changing again in 2019 to better reflect the multiple aspects of residency training. Details regarding these requirements are listed on the ABVO Residency Training Application Form available at www.ABVO.US.

Examination Committee: In July 2018, the exam committee administered all components of the ABVO certifying exam at NC State University, using Examsoft for the first time for the written and IR portions. This change went smoothly, and the results were posted one week after the practical exam was finished. 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. The committee approved an SOP for submission and review of applications, and received 34 voluntary applications in 2018. 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 an examination candidate and from an examination candidate's mentors/colleagues, both of whom failed to register for the ABVO certifying examination during the 2-month period of open enrollment; both appeals were denied. 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 2018 conference, this was combined with the diplomate meeting with the ABVO board. The chairs of the ABVO committees will attend and update mentors and diplomates. Please plan to attend this annual meeting if you are, or plan to become, a Supervising Diplomate for an ABVO resident, and all diplomates are welcome. 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 and board items: At its Fall 2018 meeting, the ABVO will welcome Dr. Susan Nelms to her 4-year term on the ABVO Board and farewell and thank Dr. Ian Herring as he finishes his term on the Board. Please look for a call for nominations and a subsequent election between May and June of 2019. The Board thanks Mr. Doug Jack for his continued dedicated service as the ABVO's public member. Member terms were increased to 4 years to allow staggering so that no more than one board member left per year. The ABVO policies and procedures were amended so that major changes in processes will be posted on the ABVO website for comment prior to accepting or rejecting the proposed changes.

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 (Chair), Michael Davidson, Ian Herring, Robert Munger and Mr. Douglas Jack (Public Member)