

**American Board of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ABVO)
Annual Report, October 14, 2014**

Annual Credentialing Summary

The ABVO currently has 62 approved residency programs. Twenty eight of 28 (100%) of Examination Applications were approved in 2014, with 13 being first-time and 15 repeat candidates. Of these, 25 candidates took the certification examination; 13 sat for all portions for the first time and 12 were repeating one or more portions of the examination. Twelve candidates (48%) passed all required portions of the ABVO Examination and were conferred ACVO Diplomate status. Five (38.5%) of 13 new candidates and 7 (58.3%) of 12 repeat candidates passed the examination. A comparison of exam performance between new and repeat candidates is summarized in the following table.

	Portion of the Exam	# Taking Exam	# Passing Exam	% Successful
New Candidates	Written	13	10	77
	Image Recognition	13	9	69
	Practical	13	6	46
Repeat Candidates	Written	3	1	33
	Image Recognition	4	2	50
	Practical	8	4	50

ABVO Policies Changes in 2014/Notable ABVO Activities

Credentials Committee: No credentialing policy changes were made in 2014. The Credentials Committee continues to work toward integrating the credentialing process into the online database. It is the ABVO's intention to have the online database available for use in credentialing by December, 2015.

Residency Committee: The Requirements for Residency Training Programs (RTPs) were edited in October 2014 to specify that from here forward a practice must be operating full time for at least 1 year prior to submitting an application to take a resident, and open full time for 2 years prior to the resident starting the program. These changes were made to ensure that approved programs have adequate case volume for resident training. The Residency Committee and ABVO Board continue to examine the question of whether a minimum of 2 Supervising Diplomates should be required to train residents.

Examination Committee: No examination policy changes were made in 2014. The Examination Committee is currently exploring options for more objectively setting the cut score for the practical portion of the examination.

Appeals Procedure: Appeals to adverse credentialing decisions continue to be handled by an ad hoc appeals committee that operates completely independently from the ABVO Board and ABVO Committees. A detailed description of the appeals process is provided in the ABVO Policies and Procedures available on the ABVO website.

Maintenance of Certification (MOC): In October 2014 the ABVO Board approved the Policies and Procedures of the ABVO Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Committee. Compliance with MOC is mandatory for all ACVO Diplomates certified after 2014. Persons obtaining their ACVO Diplomate status prior to 2015 are encouraged

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but not required to participate. Full details of the MOC policies are available in the ABVO Policies and Procedures.

ABVO Website: In 2014 the ABVO launched its website ABVO.US. At ABVO.US, ACVO Diplomates, prospective residents, residents in training, and members of the public can access all ABVO documents, including our Charter from the ACVO, our 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 ACVO Office staff, and the ABVO Credentials, Residency and Examination Committees in organizing and launching the ABVO website.

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

Sincerely,

The ABVO Board

Drs. Ellison Bentley, Cynthia Cook, David Maggs, Mark Nasisse (Chair), and Mr. Douglas Jack (Public Member)