The American Board of Endodontics is a proponent for lifelong learning and as such we have implemented the requirement for recertification for our Diplomates. Those candidates who applied for Board Certification on or after January 1, 1997, are required to recertify every 10 years by providing documentation of at least 25 CE credits as defined in our Policy and Procedures manual. This move is in keeping with other specialties within dentistry and medicine. It evolved from the observation that continuing education is essential for health care professionals to continue knowledge and new skills acquisition subsequent to the completion of their formal training. While initially this concept was based on a logical assumption, formal outcomes assessments have confirmed that continuing medical education has a positive effect on clinical outcomes.

The medical literature is replete with clinical outcomes measurements. Examples include blood glucose levels in diabetic patients, blood pressure readings in patients with hypertension or kidney function after transplantation. Outcomes assessments can also include complications after specific treatments such as excessive bleeding after a surgical procedure, graft occlusion after cardiac bypass or a hospital death rate. Yet another outcome evaluated in the medical literature is health-related quality of life. By correlating these outcomes measures with techniques or protocols, and by establishing which of these techniques represent current evidence-based practice, the medical community (and the dental community to a lesser extent) has been able to confirm the importance of staying abreast of current knowledge/skills. Overall the number of encounters with CME as well as exposure to a variety of CME media results in a higher quality of care for patients and better clinical outcomes.

In the dental commercial media we are often seduced by a technique, instrument or material that improves the “comfort” of the dentist. While this is important, our primary goal should be the best outcome for the patient whether it be in specific clinical outcomes measures or the more nebulous health-related quality of life issue. Evidence-based dental practice is designed to meet those goals. It is however, a dynamic issue—the state of the art changes almost daily. The only way to stay informed is to “continue” to train. That is the definition of continuing dental education and the basis for ABE recertification.

This year in San Diego we will welcome 39 qualified individuals to Diplomate status. The exercise that each of them just completed can be viewed as perhaps the most comprehensive continuing dental education ever. They have been required to review all current and classical literature that supports the current practice of endodontics, scrutinize their clinical cases to present the best examples of their clinical acumen and demonstrate an evidence-based underpinning to the way they problem solve in clinical endodontics. In ten years they will show that they have continued to learn and advance their practice so that it represents the current state of the art in endodontics. This is good for dentistry, for endodontics, and most importantly, good for our patients.

The ABE is dedicated to maintaining the integrity and acuity of the examination process at every point. The Written and Oral Examinations are constantly updated to reflect the current standard of practice based on best evidence supported by the literature. This winter the ABE unanimously voted to support the adoption of the diagnostic terminology proposed by the Consensus Conference on Diagnostic Terminology and published in the December special issue of the Journal of Endodontics. We applaud the efforts of the American Association of Endodontists to arrive at terminology supported by best evidence. Investigation into online submission of the Case Portfolio is ongoing in hopes that this will streamline the process while maintaining the intent of that portion of the examination.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Directors past and present for their dedication.

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The Secretary’s Report
by Dr. Stephen J. Clark

The American Board of Endodontics has continued with its mission of conferring Board Certification to members of the specialty who have successfully completed the Certification process. The fall of 2009 marked another round of Case Portfolio submissions as well as the administration of the Oral Examination.

Written Examination
The Written Examination Committee met on August 18 and 19, 2009, to construct the 2010 examination which will be administered June 1- June 4 and June 7, 2010. The Written Examination will be administered at Pearson Vue testing centers. Pearson Vue began accepting registration on March 1 for testing times from Candidates whose applications have been received and approved by the Board.

Case History Portfolio Examination
Thirty-one Candidates participated in the Fall 2009 Case Portfolio Examination. Eight examiners, three skill sets and seven case types were submitted for evaluation. Using a standardized pass point, 27 of the 31 Candidates were successful resulting in an 87% success rate.

A consistent feature of successful Portfolios is careful adherence to the Portfolio Submission Guidelines (www.aae.org/certboard/). The Directors of the American Board of Endodontics have carefully outlined the requirements for case submission. It is also imperative that the Candidate review the Portfolio grading criteria. Criteria are listed that lead to an evaluation of Excellent, Acceptable, Deficient, or Unacceptable for the Categories of 1) Pretreatment, Diagnosis and Treatment Plan, 2) Treatment, Post-treatment, Documentation, and 3) Complexity.

Candidates should strive to submit cases that are of sufficient complexity and be aware that cases of routine diagnostic and technical difficulty and requiring average skills are graded as Deficient in complexity. Cases in which the knowledge and technical skills are within the scope of the general dentist are graded as Unacceptable in complexity. Candidates should strive to submit cases that require high levels of technical skill and knowledge.

The Portfolio Submission Guidelines were reviewed and updated in January 2010.

The next deadline for Portfolio submission is May 1, 2010.

Oral Examination
The ABE conducted Oral Examinations for 18 Candidates in November 2009 in Chicago. Statistical analysis of the examination results by MRA resulted in 16 of 18 Candidates passing the examination for a pass rate of 89%. The next Oral Examinations will be given in San Diego preceding the Annual Session of the AAE on April 12 & 13, 2010.

Recertification
Applicants making Preliminary Application on or after January 1, 1997, are required to recertify every ten years from the date they are declared Diplomates by the American Board of Endodontics. The Diplomate must earn a minimum of 25 credits, every ten years, to maintain Board Certification. Credits are earned through professional activities that are directed to the scientific and/or clinical scope of the specialty of endodontics and are available on the AAE website.

Each Diplomate, who is required to be recertified, must submit a Credit Verification Form and Credit Tabulation Form. These forms provide for listing the types of activities and the number of credits that have been earned. Although these forms rely on a self-report mechanism of credits earned, Diplomates must be able to produce acceptable documentation. The formal application for recertification shall be made between the seventh and tenth year from the original date of Board Certification. Following approval of the Recertification Application by the Directors of the American Board of Endodontics, the Diplomate will be issued a new ten-year time-limited certificate to date from the tenth anniversary of the initial certificate. Three applications for recertification were received and approved at the November meeting of the ABE.
### Statement of Activities

**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009**

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**Net Income/Loss**

- $15,626
The Board is pleased to announce several special events at this year’s Annual Session in San Diego.

Louis I. Grossman Memorial Luncheon
Dr. Carl W. Newton, featured speaker
Thursday, April 15
11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Manchester Ballroom A, Manchester Grand Hyatt

Sponsored by the College of Diplomates, this luncheon program acknowledges our newest Diplomates.

We encourage all Diplomates attending the Annual Session to join the ABE Directors, Directors of the College of Diplomates, AAE Executive Committee and our new Diplomates’ family members as we join together to honor and recognize them, who through their hard work, sacrifice in personal/professional/family time and dedication to the specialty of endodontics, have reached the pinnacle of our profession – Diplomate status.

Ebtehal A. Al-Rabeah
Fahd Alssalleeh
Brian D. Barnhart
Chad A. Campanelli
Jared W. Cardon
Matthew S. Clegg
Toby L. Comer
Shaun M. Dwosh
Cami E. Ferris
Douglas M. Ferris
Lee A. Fulsasas
Raphael R. Garofalo
Christopher Glass
Alvaro F. Gonzalez
Anthony L. Horalek
Andris Jaunberzins
Michael Joseph
Brian P. Kardon
Blythe M. Kaufman
Mao Lin
Kimberly W. Lindsey
Gary D. Matt
Robin E. McGurkin-Smith
William K. Morgan Jr
Mark A. O’Banion
Tu A Phan
Robert Pileggi
Karan J. Replogle
Melissa Ruff
Craig Shapiro
Suhaila S. Shariff
Sang Y. Shin
Rico D. Short
Gerard L. Simoneaux
Wyatt D. Simons
Peter Z. Tawil
Najia Usman
Derrick B. Wong
Tian Xia
Nicole M. Yingling

ABE Boardwalk
Friday, April 16
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.
Room 4, San Diego Convention Center

As an endodontist, you have already accepted the challenge of a career grounded in advanced science, enhanced patient care and overall excellence. The desire to refine these skills and knowledge is the driving force in pursuing Board Certification. We are always ready to welcome new Diplomates who have accepted our challenges and commitment to excellence. New Candidates gain a deep understanding of the evolution of the field in their preparation for the Board Certification examinations, future Diplomates gain expertise on both classic and current literature – one that serves as the bedrock for lifelong contributions to the specialty.

The Boardwalk presentation is given by the Directors of the American Board of Endodontics. It is intended to provide valuable information regarding the Certification Process. The Directors will be introduced to the attendees and a detailed explanation of the examination sequence will be provided. Helpful hints for preparation for the Written, Case History Portfolio and Oral Examinations will be outlined. The current timeline for progression through the Certification Process will be detailed along with current recertification guidelines. At the conclusion of the presentation, the ABE Directors will answer questions from the attendees regarding topics pertaining to Board Certification.
Oasis Information Area
Wednesday, April 14
9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday, April 15
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, April 16
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 17
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Upper Level, San Diego Convention Center

Stop by to speak with an ABE representative at the AAE Oasis, located in the Upper Level of the San Diego Convention Center. Our 2010 CD-ROM, containing the procedural guidelines for Board Certification, examination instructions and schedules, Helpful Hints from recent Diplomates (suggestions for how to study, how best to approach each exam and where to look for additional guidance), is available for all visitors.

2010 Annual Session Recertification Credit Information
As currently stated in the ABE’s Recertification policy, a Diplomate is awarded 2 points for attending the Annual Session and could also earn an additional point by attending the Wednesday course. The AAE’s 2010 Annual Session is now a 4-day meeting format. Because of this change, the current ABE policy has been changed to 3 points being awarded for attending the 2010 Annual Session.

For more information about ABE events at this year’s Annual Session, contact Margie Hannen, ABE executive secretary, at 800/872-3636, ext. 3007, or send an e-mail to abe@aae.org.
Meet the New Diplomates

The main objective of each issue of “The Diplomate” newsletter is truly to honor the incredible achievement of each of our newly Board Certified members -- the newsletter is even named in their honor! In what has become a rite of passage for each newly successful Candidate, the ABE asks them to submit a short bio, a photo, and answers to the following questions: 1) How do you personally feel now that you have received Diplomate status? 2) Why do you think the overall process was worthwhile? 3) How do you think this achievement will affect you as an endodontist in the years ahead? What follows is a profile of each new Diplomate. Congratulations to them all, and may their enlightening, thoughtful, humorous and inspiring words encourage us in all of our challenges.

Ebtehal Al-Rabeah
State of Kuwait
Academics: Assistant Professor, Kuwait University, Restorative Department - Endodontic division
Practice: Teaching Hospital/Kuwait University/Dental clinics
Personal: Married to Dr. AbdulAziz Al-Sanousi with one child, baby Suad born on Valentine's Day 2010!
Hobbies: Reading, playing piano, painting and sports such as horseback riding and squash. Interested in learning new computer/software technologies

1. I can't really describe it, all I can say is that I feel very happy and very proud.
2. High standards and up-to-date practice of endodontics should be the target of every endodontist. The process of Board Certification preserves this concept.
3. Well, as I mentioned earlier, it is a strong motivation to be in an up-to-date status with the current literature and research in the endodontic field. As well as it affects the doctor-patient relationship in the sense that patients have more faith and tend to trust Board Certified clinicians.

Chad Anthony Campanelli
Madison, WI
Education: D.D.S., (2001); Certificate of Endodontics (2007), University of Iowa
Practice: Capital Endodontics, Madison, WI
Hobbies: Golf, fishing, hunting -- also loves watching and attending baseball games.

Matthew S. Clegg
Clarkston, WA
Practice: Clarkston, WA
Personal: Married to Ashlee with three children: Spencer (11 years), Mitch (8 years) and Will (4 years).
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, oudoors

1. A feeling of personal satisfaction similar to how I felt upon completion of dental school and advanced training in endodontics.
2. As I kept up on the literature and science it gave me rationale and a basis for how and why I treat my patients.
3. It gives me motivation to continually learn, and stay current with new information.

Douglas M. Ferris
Madison, WI
Education: D.M.D., University of Mississippi (1998); Certificate in Endodontics, Oregon Health and Science
Lee A. Fulsaas  
Yorktown, VA

**Education:**  D.D.S., University of Iowa (1990); AEGD-1 (1991); AEGD-2 (1999); Certificate of Endodontics (2006)  
**Military:**  Bolling AFB - AEGD-1; Lajes - Azores, Portugal; Spangdahlem AFB - Germany; Izmir, Turkey; AEGD-2 - Keesler AFB MS; Travis AFB - CA; Anderson AFB - Guam; Luke AFB - AZ; Endodontic Residency - LSU, Keesler AFB, Lackland AFB, TX; Langley AFB, VA  
**Personal:**  Married to Polly with two children: Clara (9) and Abe (7)  
**Hobbies:**  Family, golf, ornithology, running and talk radio.

1. Pretty damn proud. It was an incredibly long process with each step taking more time to become prepared for. I know that I am a MUCH better endodontist now that I have completed it. It's pretty cool knowing that I have a leg up on those who have not completed the Certification process.
2. I do. I also know that I would have done it completely differently if I would have had the opportunity to complete each section sooner. The greatest advice I can give the prospective Candidate is to complete each section as soon as possible. Otherwise, life catches up with you (clinical practice, family, etc) and you lose the motivation.
3. I know that I am a better endodontist than I was previously and more importantly, I know that I will be more adept at maintaining my current knowledge.

Anthony L. Horalek  
Raleigh, NC

**Education:**  D.D.S., University of Nebraska College of Dentistry (1995); M.S., Certificate of Endodontics, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry (2002)  
**Practice:**  North Raleigh Endodontics  
**Hobbies:**  Juggling, cycling, running, drawing, traveling, motorcycling, and recently participating in triathlons.

1. Fantastic, because I have had this goal for some time.
2. I think the process was worthwhile, because studying for the examination improved my knowledge-base on why we do, what we do, as endodontists.
3. It's really difficult to say how it will affect me, however if I have a patient with a non-healed case move to Durango, CO, I know I am in trouble with Boots, so I need to strive to “bat 1000”.

Andris Jaunberzins  
Waunatosa, WI

**Education:**  D.D.S., Medical Academy of Latvia (1994); Certificate of Endodontics, Baylor College of Dentistry (1999)  
**Academics:**  Part-time Marquette University School of Dentistry  
**Practice:**  Andris Jaunberzins, D.D.S., S.C.  
**Personal:**  Married to Ieva with four children: Edvards (8 years), Toms (4), Elna (2), and Emilija (1 year)  
**Hobbies:**  Golf and ice hockey.

1. I feel that I am on top of the “endo mountain”: a Diplomate of ABE. It feels great to know that I am the first Diplomate from Latvia at least in post-Soviet era, if not ever.
2. It was worthwhile to prove it to myself and others that the Diplomate status can be achieved, and that in the process it strengthens our specialty also.
3. This achievement will make me hold myself to even higher standards regardless of what I do in either patient care or everyday activities.
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Brian P. Kardon
Suffern, NY
Academics: Clinical Instructor. General Practice Residency and Jacobi Medical Center Bronx Hospital, Bronx, NY
Practice: Private practice in Suffern, NY.
Personal: Married to Tali with two children: Yair (5 years) and Noah (2 years).
Hobbies: Golf, tennis, running, basketball and reading.

1. Proud and accomplished. It feels like I have reached the culmination of an arduous journey that started the first day of dental school.
2. I feel that Board Certification is a validation and an enhancement to my Certificate in Endodontics. The overall process made me strive to become a better and more knowledgeable endodontist. While it was difficult to find the muster to go through all the steps while balancing family life and private practice, the professional and personal sense of fulfillment makes it all worth it.
3. The process fosters a commitment to staying current to the latest evidence-based developments in the field which will help me stay on the cutting edge. It has instilled a discipline that makes me think more about medical and diagnostic aspects of the patients I treat.

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Robin McGurkin-Smith
Winston-Salem, NC
Education: D.D.S., (1998); M.S., Certificate of Endodontics (2003), University of North Carolina
Practice: Private practice since 2003
Personal: Married Jeff Smith with one child, Sam (1 year)
Hobbies: Spending time with family, hiking, running and travel.

1. Happy and relieved. I knew I wanted to go through the Board process when I was a resident in my endodontic program. My professors felt it was important to go through the Board process. I knew it would be a challenge but hoped it would help me personally to be a more informed endodontist. Once I started, I just kept plugging along. It was a lot of work and took some time, but I reached a goal I set for myself years ago when I was younger and with less grey hair.
2. The Board process helps to keep you up-to-date with the latest endodontic research and endodontic practices. This is directly related to the treatment you provide patients in your office.
3. What I learned while studying for the Board is a stepping stone to my path to continued endodontic learning and practice.

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William Kenneth Morgan, Jr.
Greensboro, NC
Practice: Private practice in Greensboro, NC (2001 - present).
Personal: Married to Joy Morgan with three children: Will (25 years), Elizabeth (23 years), and Kirkland (20 years).
Hobbies: Sailing, running, cycling, golf, UNC Basketball, spending time with family.

1. I am grateful to my wife, Joy, and our children for their patience with me throughout the process. I appreciate all of the mentors and colleagues who encouraged me to pursue Board Certification: Dr. Paul Eleazer, Dr. Steve Clark, Dr. William Rousseau, Dr. Chris Scheaffer, Dr. John Dominici, Dr. John Olmsted, Dr. Dennis Torney, Dr. Hal Mohorn, Dr. Steve Mohorn, Dr. Matt Baird, and Dr. Wayne Mohorn.
2. The Certification process forced me to examine my clinical practices and justify the treatment I provide to my patients based on the evidence cited in the literature. The critique of one's own cases, followed by having the cases reviewed by a mentor, confirms the standard that should be expected by a specialist. The academic review of the literature gives one confidence that you are providing for your patients at the highest level.
3. It has motivated me to continue to learn as an humble student of our profession. I hope I can motivate others to share this passion for life-long learning. When I think I know it all is the day I should quit.

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Mark Alan O'Banion
South Elgin, IL
Education: D.M.D., Southern Illinois University (1998), G.P.R., Cleveland Clinic (1999); Certificate of Endodontics, University of Illinois at Chicago (2001)
Practice: Premier Endodontics in
South Elgin, IL

Personal: Married to Jean O'Banion with three children: Grace (9 years), Ellie (6 years) and Joey (4 years)

Hobbies: Bike racing, running, skiing, drawing, painting, spending time with family.

1. I feel proud a great sense of accomplishment. A large weight has been lifted from my shoulders after passing the Oral Exam!
2. The process is very challenging and made me a better endodontist. After reviewing my own cases and the literature, I have modified the way that I approach cases. Nothing in life is static. This process has allowed me to grow as a professional and become the best I can be.
3. I feel that I am able to offer to my patients and my referring dentists, the highest level of endodontic care. I've always been a perfectionist, and now I feel that I am at the pinnacle of my profession.

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Suhaila Shariff
Elgin, IL


Practice: Private practice in Elgin, IL

Personal: Married to Mattew Davis with one child: Eva Davis (18 months)

Hobbies: Travel, photography and spending time with family.

1. I feel a true sense of accomplishment and I am honored and proud to be a Board Certified endodontist.
2. The process of pursuing Board Certification has rejuvenated my interest in both the science and the practice of endodontics.
3. It will provide me with the confidence and the knowledge to provide evidence-based care to patients. Achieving Board Certification can only affect my career in positive ways.

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Wyatt D. Simons
San Clemente, CA


Academics: Adjunct/Associate Professor at UOP

Practice: Signature Specialists in San Clemente, CA; founded in 2004

Personal: Married to Tara Simms with one child James Wyatt Simons (One and a half years old)

Hobbies: Family, surfing, beach living and endodontics.

1. Honored.
2. Going through the process demonstrates one’s commitment to the profession and one’s desire to strive for the highest levels possible.
3. Hopefully the experience will have strengthened my knowledge to enable me to continue on this wonderful journey.

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Najia Usman
Medina, OH


Practice: Self-employed; Visage Endodontics

Personal: Married to Faisal Quereshy with four children: Humzah (14 years), Alyzah (13 years), Zakariyah (6 years) and Rezah (4 years)

Hobbies: Home decor, sewing, interior design, cooking, exercise and skiing.

1. This is something that I have aspired toward since completing my residency. I feel proud and accomplished in the area of endodontics. I also feel confident to teach and mentor in the endodontic residency program in my city.
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2. Though this is an arduous and lengthy process, I feel that it was worth every bit of effort. I feel that because I took my time, I really grew as an endodontist before attaining this final step.

3. There is no question that this process has changed how I approach endodontics altogether. I am more scrutinizing as I review literature. My knowledge and understanding of a patient’s complex medical history has improved. I make my clinical decisions on the basis of evidence-based literature. Moreover I feel compelled to be up-to-date on current topics including those outside my area (ie, periodontics, restorative, implants, etc).

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Nicole M. Yingling
Gettysburg, PA
Education: D.M.D., University of Connecticut (1992); Certificate of Endodontics, Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of Virginia (2001)
Practice: Solo practitioner: Mason-Dixon Endodontics with two offices: Gettysburg, PA and Chambersburg, PA
Personal: Married to Jeff with three children: Adam (12 years), Matthew (10 years), and Maddie (1 year)
Hobbies: Travel, skiing, yoga, reading and walking our yellow Lab, Dash.

1. Relieved and proud.
2. I proved to myself that I could achieve the highest academic goal of my profession.
and hard work. Their tireless work has contributed to a meaningful certification process that ensures the very existence of our specialty. This spring completes my six-year term on the ABE and it has been one of the most meaningful experiences in my professional life. Dr. Donna Mattscheck will begin her first term in San Diego and I wish her well.

I especially want to thank our executive secretary Ms. Margie Hannen. Her extraordinary dedication to the ABE is nothing short of amazing. She is an advocate for every Candidate and the central cog in our daily operations. Her selfless dedication to the ABE is reflected in her work and in how she represents the Board on so many fronts. Thank you Margie for all that you do and for your commitment to our organization.

The program for the AAE in San Diego is exciting. It offers a plethora of subjects cogent to the practice of our specialty. Included in the lineup is the “Boardwalk” presentation given by the ABE Directors. This presentation is a great venue for Candidates and mentors to interact directly with the Directors. The College of Diplomates will once again sponsor the Grossman Luncheon to recognize our new Diplomates. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you there.
Information for Board Eligible Candidates

**Case History Portfolio Preparation**
The Case History Examination portion of your journey toward Diplomate status is a demanding step where attention to detail is crucial. Carefully following all of the instructions, while compiling and proofing your Portfolio, is mandatory in the achievement of a passing grade. This part of the process is completely under your control. Submitting a successful Portfolio does not require any additional time in the preparation, it simply requires understanding and following the instructions contained in the guidelines.

**Guidelines**
The Case History Report Submission Guidelines were created to give you a well-illustrated easy to follow roadmap while you are creating your Portfolio. We urge you to read it cover to cover before you begin and then use it as a reference as you treat patients, collect your cases, record your data and check your work.

Everything from the preparation of each case to assembling the Portfolio is detailed within this document. There is also an important section on completion of the Case History Report Form. It is essential that all the required information be included in the form and that the form itself (upon completion) has retained the original format.

**Helpful Hints**
The Guidelines begin with “Helpful Hints” collected from newly certified Diplomates who share their experience and advice.

**Pet Peeves**
Next are the “Pet Peeves” which were written by Directors of the Board to point out common errors to avoid while putting your Portfolio together. The Directors spend considerable time evaluating each Portfolio. Candidates put in a great deal of time putting them together. Rushing to meet a deadline will often lead to technical errors, such as failure to date radiographs or using the incorrect tooth number for a case. These technical errors reduce the score of the Portfolio and are easily avoidable by simply using the check list that is supplied.

**Scoring**
Measurement Research Associates, Inc., the firm that evaluates all aspects of the examination process, the Written, the Case History Portfolios and the Oral Examination, confirm that the evaluations are fair and without bias. Each Portfolio is examined by three Directors. Each case has the three areas listed below that are graded.

1. Clinical Evaluation
2. Diagnosis
3. Treatment Plan
4. Treatment, Post Treatment Evaluation
5. Complexity

That means that each Portfolio receives a total of 135 grades (45 per examiner). This makes it highly unlikely that any one single case that is deficient or unacceptable could fail the entire Portfolio.

**Complexity**
Now that the road to Board Certification can be completed in a faster timeframe, there may be a tendency to rush the Portfolio submissions. Cases that might make up the majority of your Portfolio may come from cases done during your residency. There is nothing wrong with that, but keep in mind that cases that are deemed too difficult for dental students and are referred to postgraduate endodontics are not necessarily too difficult for general dentists. The submission guidelines clearly state that cases must “demonstrate a broad spectrum of diagnostic, treatment and evaluative procedures, and the ability to manage complex clinical problems at a specialist’s level. The diversity and complexity of the cases must thoroughly document exceptional knowledge, skill and expertise in the specialty of endodontics.”

**Grading Chart and Checklist**
In order to help you understand the process used in grading Portfolios, we have included a grading chart with an explanation of how the various grades are determined. This is the very criteria the Directors use as they examine your Portfolio case by case.
Finally, we have included a thorough checklist. We cannot stress enough that you must review each and every one of your cases to ensure that you have all the required information and that it is properly presented. Also, be sure to give this checklist to whoever will be critically reviewing your notebook.

**Website**
The Case History Report Submission Guidelines can be downloaded from the website http://www.aae.org/certboard/examinations/abecasehistory.htm. They were created to assist you in your journey.

**Mentors**
Successful Candidates have stated that having a mentor who thoroughly reviewed their notebook provided them with invaluable help. The central mission of the College of Diplomates is to mentor Candidates in achieving Diplomate status. Please contact the College at codaabe96@comcast.net.

The entire Board wishes you success in achieving this meaningful goal in your career.

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Information for Students

Written Examination Test Dates: June 1 – June 4 and June 7, 2010
Applications are still being accepted for the examination, however processing of your authorization letter will take approximately seven – ten working days after the paperwork is received. Applications may be down-loaded from the ABE website (http://www.aae.org/certboard/abeapplicationinfo.htm).

The exam is a four-hour morning or afternoon session offered Tuesday through Monday. Candidates will be sent a registration authorization letter upon approval of the Prospective Board Candidate application. Registering for the Written Examination, including choosing date and location, is done through Pearson Vue, the company administering the examination. Detailed information is available in the ABE Written Examination Guidelines, which is available for downloading from the ABE website.

Prospective Board Candidate Fee/Written Exam Fee
Please submit a check totaling $420 with the application. This covers the application fee of $250 and the Written Exam fee of $170.

Pearson Vue Testing Centers
In association with Measurement Research Associates, Inc. and Pearson Vue, the ABE Written Examination is administered as a computer-based examination at Pearson Vue testing centers. There are 230 Pearson Professional Test Centers located around the world. All of Pearson’s testing centers are uniform in size, equipment, appearance and procedures, ensuring a consistent and secure examination experience for all Candidates.

Visit www.pearsonvue.com/abe to search for testing centers and learn more about the computerized testing system used for the Written Examination.

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Prospective Board Candidates need to be mindful that the results of the examination are mailed to the current address as listed with the AAE (results will not be sent via email). Please keep your address up-to-date.

The results of the Written Examination are considered null and void if a Preliminary Application is not submitted by December 31st of the graduation year.
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## Case Submission Date

- May 1st and October 1st

Case History Portfolios are accepted for review twice a year – May 1 and October 1 (portfolios must be received in the Central Office on or before the current submission date to be included in the examination review cycle). Notebooks received after the current submission date will not be reviewed until the next submission date provided that the Case History Eligibility period is current.

## Oral Examination

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