

# DABT NEWS

WINTER 2020

## ABT Annual Mixer Meeting At Society of Toxicology

Monday, March 16, 2020  
4:45-6:15 pm  
Anaheim Marriott  
Grand Ballroom F

Below is a picture from last year's mixer featuring 2018 new Diplomates. 2019 New Diplomates- be sure to come to be in this year's picture!



Come See Us in Booth 504!



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# THE DOSE



The ABT Board of Directors has accomplished much in the past year. This was the third year of the new exam format, and the post-exam metrics confirmed that it was both challenging and fair. As in past years, the exam was administered in Asia, India, Europe and two sites in the US. The exam reflects current thinking and practice in toxicology and as such requires constant review and updating. The Question Writing Committee, composed of Board members and non-Board Diplomates, continues to add new and revised questions to the database. The practice app is a popular approach in preparation for the certification examination and new questions are being added to this database as well. Most importantly, the Board welcomed three new Board members, all of whom bring expertise, energy, and new ideas with them.

In 2019, the ABT welcomed 142 new Diplomates and recertified 367 Diplomates. The new recertification process of reading current papers in toxicology continues to be well accepted, and updates to the recertification manual have expanded opportunities for diplomates to receive credit for CE and professional activities. Financially, the ABT is in excellent shape, the new website is fully functioning and the Board is preparing to undertake several major initiatives, one of which is a new practice analysis survey. Remember, it is from the results of the practice analysis that future exam specifications are developed.

The ABT is the benchmark credentialing body in toxicology and the Board is up to the challenges of maintaining that status. If you ever want to see what a “working board” looks like, just view the Board roster on the website! It has been an honor to be a part of this working board for the past four years and my distinct privilege to serve as Board president this past year. I thank the past and present Board members who have been on this journey with me for their time, dedication and service to the profession of toxicology. I leave the Board knowing the ABT has a bright future and is in excellent hands.

*Anthony Kiorpes*  
*President, 2019-20*

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Did you know that every Tuesday is Tuesday Trivia on Twitter? Follow us and see if you know the answer each week.

# Treasurer's Report

The ABT had a very good financial year in 2019. Total revenue for the year was \$279,307 and expenses were \$239,442. Compared to 2018, revenue was 6.3% higher and expenses were 16.2% higher. The primary drivers of the higher revenue were a 12.2% increase in recertification fees and a 200% increase in job listing fees. On the expense side the increase was driven by expenses related to the development of the new website. The net income for 2019 was \$39,866.



Thanks to a very strong year for the stock market and our investment advisors, Lynx Investment Advisory, LLC, our investment account had a 20.2% return last year. On December 31, 2019, the investment account had a value of \$656,485. Since Lynx became the investment advisor for ABT in September 2016, our investment account has had an annualized rate of return of 8.53% and has increased in value by \$158,495. While we cannot expect to repeat the 2019 rate of return in 2020, based on my quarterly calls with Lynx and their past performance, I am confident that our portfolio is being effectively managed to maximize returns while at the same time limiting risk.

The Board has approved the 2019 ABT budget of \$283,840 in revenue and \$273,779 in expenses, with an anticipated surplus of \$10,061. The budgeted revenue represents a slight increase over 2019, while expenses are expected to be 13.7% higher than in 2019. Although most expenses will be similar to last year, we will incur a few higher expenses in 2020. The two main areas for increased expenditure are consulting fees and higher management fees. These higher expenses will be partially offset by reduced fees for the website. The higher consultant fees will be used to help us prepare for our next jobs analysis survey. At the beginning of this year, we entered into a new 5-year agreement with our long-time management group, Masten Management LLC. The higher management fee in the new contract is consistent with our revenue growth and the effort required to manage the organization. In addition, the board is confident that we are getting excellent value from Susie Masten and Laurie Wood. They have been and will continue to be key contributors to the success of ABT.

The Board continuously monitors revenue and expenses to ensure that we are being good stewards of the organization's finances.

Respectfully submitted,

*Don Stump*  
Treasurer

## Outgoing Board Members

It is time to bid a sad farewell to members of the ABT Board of Directors who will complete their terms on April 1. It has been a long four years, yet it went by in the blink of an eye! The retiring Board Members have made a significant contribution to the American Board of Toxicology. The remaining Directors on the Board wish to express their appreciation and commend their colleagues for a job well done.



**Robinan Gentry, Matt Reed, and  
Andy Kiorpes**

# Recertification Reminder

## Classes of 1981/86/1991/1996/2001/2006/2011/2016

Diplomates in the above classes will begin the recertification process this year. The schedule for this year is as follows:

Letters mailed, Email notice sent	January 27, 2020
Completed application and fee due	March 31, 2020*
Literature Review Info Emailed	May 11, 2020
Literature Review Answers Due	July 10, 2020
Committee Review	Summer 2020
Results sent to Diplomates	Fall 2020
Corrected Deficiencies Due	June 1, 2021
Recertification Letters/Stickers Sent	December 1, 2021

\*After March 31, 2020, a late penalty of \$150 is assessed. ABT is not accountable for any lost or undelivered mail. All fees are non-refundable.

## Dear Auntie Dote

Dear Auntie Dote:

I have been a loyal, devoted Diplomat since 2001. I am recertifying this year. My current certification period is through December 31, 2021. I can't understand why the years I am providing CE for are 2015-2019. Can you please explain this?

*Disconcerted Diplomat*

Dear DD:

I know, it can be confusing. It is described at length in the ABT Recertification Manual online and summarized below. Remember, the friendly ABT office lady is happy to answer your questions when you call!

### Years Relevant for the Performance Criteria in the Recertification Application

The time frame of the performance criteria in the recertification process begins in the fourth year of certification (i.e., years to be covered are five years since the last application was received). Because the recertification application is done in the fourth year of the five-year cycle, a Diplomat's **first** recertification only covers 3 years of performance criteria. Thereafter, the years relevant for performance criteria are the five years prior to the year of application. Examples are below.

#### **Diplomate originally certified in 2001**

- Last recertification good through 12/31/16
- The application was submitted 3/2015
- Current certification is 1/1/17 – 12/31/21
- Next application due 3/31/20.
- Performance criteria years covered: 2015 – 2019

#### **Diplomates Recertifying for the First Time**

*Those recertifying for the 1<sup>st</sup> time will cover 3 years.*

- Diplomate passed certification fall 2016
- Certification active through 12/31/21.
- First recertification application due 3/31/20
- Performance criteria years covered 2017 – 2019 (3 full calendar years since passing the exam)

# 2019 Certification Exam Update

The ABT Certification Examination was administered in five locations across the globe on October 12, 2019. Appreciation is extended to all of our proctors for ensuring the exam administration occurred with no problems. After the exam, the Board worked again with a consultant to equate the passing score to that of the 2017 and 2018 exams, keeping with best practices in the certification industry. Congratulations to the 142 new Diplomates!

## 2019 Proctors

### Scotland Proctors

Ailsa Jackson, Adam Woolley

### Korea Proctors

Jack Snyder & Shin-Young Park

### California Proctors

Jill Ryer-Powder and Robinan Gentry

### NC Exam Proctors

Dan Kemp, Michelle Hooth, Rob Mitkus and Susie Masten

### India Exam Proctors

MR Srinivasan & KS Rao

## CERTIFICATION EXAM 2020

**October 10, 2020**

**Application Deadline:  
April 30, 2020**

### Locations

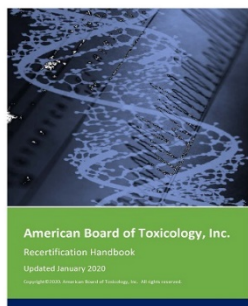
**Research Triangle Park, NC  
Santa Clara, CA  
Edinburgh, Scotland  
Seoul, South Korea  
Chennai, India**

## ABT Diplomate Directory and Privacy Policy Reminder

The 2020 Directory of Diplomates is now available on the Diplomate portion of the website. There is a downloadable directory as well as the ability to search for Diplomates by name. The Board would like to remind Diplomates of the ABT Privacy policy which is intended to protect both the Board and Diplomates. The Board is sensitive to Internet privacy laws, especially the EU's General Data Protection Regulation. Please note that the policy prohibits the use of the directory by any individual or organization other than the ABT Board of Directors for purposes such as mass communications, including e-mailing and telephone soliciting. In addition, Diplomates must not distribute the directory or other Diplomate contact information to non-Diplomates.

The full policy can be found in the Recertification Handbook on the ABT website.

## Recertification Manual: New Version Available



In an ongoing effort to refine the recertification process while balancing best practices with Diplomate needs, the Board has released an updated version of the Recertification Handbook. New CE opportunities have been added and points for some of the previous activities have been adjusted. In addition, a section has been added regarding unapproved applications, clearly outlining the process for addressing and making up deficiencies. Be sure to download the new Handbook from the ABT website!

# Welcome New Board Members

The following Diplomates were elected to the Board of Directors and began four-year terms on April 1, 2019:



Michelle Hooth



Jill Ryer-Powder



Nicole Soucy

## Email Address Problems

Candidates and Diplomates in Asian countries often use email addresses that consist of a string of numbers with endings such as @163.com and qq.com. These email addresses do not allow for ABT emails to be delivered. We don't want anyone to miss out on any important communications from ABT. Please use an alternate email such as a work email or gmail/yahoo account. Thank you for your understanding.

## Fun Facts

130

Total Board members since 1979

2552

Total active Diplomates

Countries where ABT exam has been administered.

10

3685

Total Candidates that have passed the exam

29

Countries with active Diplomates

# Thanks to the Question Writing Committee

The Board would like to acknowledge the Herculean efforts of the ABT Question Writing Committee members. Over the past 3 years, these volunteers have devoted countless hours to ABT's efforts to redesign the certification examination.

Robert Mitkus, Chair  
Carol Wood, Co-Chair  
Alma Feldpausch  
Greg Finch  
Dan Kemp  
Elaina Kenyon

Lewis Kinter  
Yafan Li  
Denise Rodeheaver  
Jill Ryer-Powder  
Jack Snyder  
Nicole Soucy

## ABT Practice App: Volunteer Opportunity

As you may know, the Board has a practice app available for both iOS and Android devices, with a web version as well. The purpose of the app is to provide a practice experience that models the style and format of the certifying exam. The questions are designed to test a candidate's knowledge of a general topic in toxicology and provide an opportunity for Diplomates to review toxicology knowledge as part of continuing education. The Board is seeking volunteers to serve on the Practice App Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to maintain and update the app and questions. CE credit is given for serving on this important Committee and a 2-year commitment is requested. If you are interested, please submit a CV to the Board of Directors in care of the Executive Director at [info@abtox.org](mailto:info@abtox.org).

## All in the Family

Last year we published a picture of father and son DABTs, Adam and David Woolley. We didn't realize they weren't the first. It should be noted that the true original old gangster (OG) father son DABTs are James Rasmuson, who became a DABT in 1996 and Eric Rasmuson who followed in his father's footsteps by earning his DABT in 2017.



James and Eric Rasmuson

## In Memoriam

We are sad to convey the loss of the following Diplomates, former Diplomates and one of the original Board members:

- Joseph F. Costa, Class of 1985
- Joyce Goldstein, Class of 1980
- Rebecca Head, Class of 1989
- David McGee, III, Class of 1985
- Kenneth Norbury, Class of 1985
- Thomas H. Snider, Class of 1990
- James E. Swauger, Jr., Class of 1994
- William Rinehart (original Board member, but never certified)

# DIPLOMATES OF 2019

One hundred forty-two candidates passed the 2019 Certification Examination and were granted Diplomate status. The Board would like to congratulate them all.

Satya Achanta	Elizabeth G. Fesl	Jonghwan Lim	Shelby L. Steele
Sherleen Adamson	Matthias Festag	David L. MacIntosh	Meredith A. Steeves
Manoj Aggarwal	Adam Filgo	Xavier Manciaux	Bin Sun
Muhammad Ahsan	Jessica Fortin	Jason Manton	Kristy J. Szretter
Manuj Ahuja	Evan Frank	Kotrappa Y Mathur	Daniel C. Tanner
Lisa Anderson-Wyman	Kelle M. Franklin	Michael J. McCoy	Renee L. Tourdot
Devon K. Andres	Renjun Gao	Vishwajeet Mohan	Nancy Judd
Nagaraju Anreddy	David Garcia Tapia	Sunil Mohire	Priyanka Trivedi
John H. Ansede	Yichen Ge	Laine P. Myers	Min Tseng
Andrea Simone Baechler	Krista K. Greenwood	Rohan Nagavally	Kiritkumar K. Vekariya
Charlene F. Barroga	Vanessa E. Haase	Alexis V. Nathanail	Vanessa Viegas
Christopher A. Bates	Joseph Hampel	Osemwegie Odia	René Viñas
David Belair	Natalya Hanlon	Etsuko Ohta	Saurabh G. Vispute
Malay Bhowmik	Elizabeth J. Hoekstra	Stefanie L. O'Neal	Quentin Walker
Marie Bockenstedt	Christine Hoffmaster	Kofi Opong-Mensah	Brent E. Walling
Ashley Brinkman	Heidi Hsieh	Rory C. O'Rourke	Fuyuan Wang
Ginger Watts Brown	Bowen Huang	Osahon O. Osadolor	Jun Wang
Lauren Brown	Huakun Huang	Ruiqin Pan	Lei Wang
Tracey Brown	Chibueze A. Ihunnah	Shahid Parvez	Lei Wang
Samuel Buxton	Swetha Inturi	Katherine L Peterson	Wanyi Wang
Jillian A. Campbell	Matthew R. Jorgensen	Francesca Pretto	Tanja M. Wildemann
Ryan Canatsey	Min-Soo Kang	V. Ramachandran Nair Vasanthakumari	Qinghao (Howard) Xu
Natasha Catlin	Dijana Katan	Siva Ramoju	Yong Xu
Wei Chen	Keith A. Koistinen	James T. Raymond	Kristin E Yamada
Myeongjin Choi	Pavlo Kovalenko	Emily D. Rogers	Polung Yang
Katherine Clark	Kevin M. Kransler	Brante P. Sampey	Tian Jian Yang
Travis J. Cook	Mohan K	Vasudev Seeram	Xinyu Yang
Christine Crincoli	Adam J. Kuhl	Chunli Shao	KaYiu Yip
Melissa Czajkowski	Pushkar Kulkarni	Amy Sharma	Tetsuya Yoshikawa
Mo Dan	Victoria A. Laast	Kelly A. Shipkowski	Yi Yu Rice
Kiran Dhakal	Greg M. Landry	Jessica Simmons	Fengjiao Zhang
Eric J. Ditzel	Penny Leavitt-Misura	Daniel J. Smart	Mingyu Zhang
Aling Dong	Miao Li	Aaron T. Smith	Lu Zhao
Gary Dotson	Na Li	Douglas B. Snider	Liqiang Zhou
Hongqing Du	Yinghua Li	Katie Sokolowski	
Lijin Feng	Kristin Lichti-Kaiser	Brad Stanard	