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American Board of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ABVO) Annual Report, Oct 15, 2019

Annual Credentialing Summary

Thirty-six Examination Applications were approved; 21 were first-time applicants (with 69 supporting Supervising Diplomate forms) and 15 were repeat applicants.

Sixteen of thirty four (47.1%) of all candidates, including 6 of 21 (28.6%) first time candidates and 10 of 13 (76.9%) 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	21	10	47.6%
	Image Recognition	21	16	76.2%
	Practical	21	14	66.7%
Repeat Candidates	Written	9	6	66.7%
	Image Recognition	4	3	75%
	Practical	9	7	77.8%

ABVO Policy Changes and Activities, 2018-2019

Credentials Committee: The Credentials Committee reviewed and approved 36 Exam Applications for the 2019 exam cycle. Twenty-eight provisional resident applications were reviewed for residencies starting in 2019, 2 were reviewed for residencies starting in 2020, and all were accepted between Oct, 2018 to present. No credentialing policy changes were made in 2019.

Residency Committee: The ABVO RC continues overseeing 70+ residency training programs (RTPs). There are 20 residents finishing in 2020, 25 residents finishing in 2021, 28 residents finishing in 2022, and 8 programs are approved for 2023 completion to date. Supervising Diplomates definitions and mentor guidelines have been further refined to better capture the role of Supervising Diplomates in all aspects of residency training, and the terminology of Associate Mentor was eliminated. Single mentor programs are no longer approved, however, mechanisms for collaborative programs have been developed. Resident 6 month evaluations are now via a combination of the online ABVO portal and Google spreadsheets to help tracking of case and surgical minimums. Clarification of how to classify cases for these logs have been posted on the ABVO website and will continue to be updated as questions arise

with this new process. Details regarding these requirements are listed on the ABVO Residency Training Application Form available at www.ABVO.US.

Examination Committee: In July 2019, the exam committee administered all components of the ABVO certifying exam at NC State University, using Examsoft for the written and IR portions. The results were posted two weeks 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. Forty-five applications were received in 2019. Seven applications were withdrawn for various reasons, and the remaining 38 passed. 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 did not review any appeals. 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).

Diplomate meeting with ABVO board and chairs: Please plan to attend this annual meeting immediately after the business meeting on Friday Nov 8 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 2019 meeting, the ABVO will welcome Dr. Steve Hollingsworth to his 4-year term on the ABVO Board and bid farewell and thank Dr. Michael Davidson as he finishes his term on the Board. Please look for a call for nominations and a subsequent election between May and June of 2020. 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 (Chair), Michael Davidson, Susan Nelms, Bob Munger and Mr. Douglas Jack (Public Member)