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### **Dr. Valmy P. Kulbersh Installed as Secretary/Treasurer of The American Board of Orthodontics**

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) installed **Valmy P. Kulbersh, D.D.S., M.S.**, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., as 2018-2019 secretary/treasurer. The installation ceremony was held at the ABO President's Dinner on May 8 during the 2018 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) in Washington, D.C. The other 2018-2019 officers of the ABO are Dr. Larry P. Tadlock of Colleyville, Texas, president; and Dr. Nicholas D. Barone of Lincoln, R.I., president-elect. Dr. Chun-Hsi Chung of Bryn Mawr, Pa., is the immediate past president.

The ABO is the only orthodontic specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association and in affiliation with the AAO. Board certification is a process by which an individual orthodontist is voluntarily examined by his/her peers as to orthodontic knowledge and clinical skills. The passage of the examination process is a demonstration to the dental profession and the general public of the orthodontist's pursuit of continued proficiency and excellence in orthodontics.

Each ABO director represents one of the eight constituent organizations of the AAO and serves an eight-year term, which culminates in the position of the president. The ABO directors are responsible for establishing policy with regard to the board certification of specialists in orthodontics. During her tenure as an ABO director, Dr. Kulbersh has represented the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists (GLAO). Dr. Kulbersh is chair of the ABO Written Examination Committee, is a member of the ABO Certification Committee, and is liaison to the AAO/ABO Communication Committee.

Dr. Kulbersh is a professor and director of the Orthognathic Surgery and Early Treatment Clinics at the University of Detroit Mercy's Graduate Orthodontic Program. She was also affiliated with the Detroit Medical Center, where she was a member of the Craniofacial Anomaly and Cleft Lip and Palate Treatment Team.

A graduate of the University of Asuncion, Paraguay, she received her master's degree in orthodontics from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1977. She is a member of the American Dental Association, the AAO and many other national and international dental organizations. She became certified by the ABO in 1988 and is a member of the College of Diplomates of the ABO. A fellow of the American College of Dentists, she has published numerous scientific articles and lectured extensively to national and international audiences on orthodontic techniques and treatments.

## **About the ABO**

The ABO is the global leader in orthodontic board certification and sets the standards of care for excellence in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. The ABO's mission is to elevate the quality of orthodontic care for the public by promoting excellence through certification, education and professional collaboration.

Founded in 1929, the ABO was the first specialty board in dentistry. It is the only orthodontic specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association and in affiliation with the American Association of Orthodontists.

The certificate issued by the ABO signifies a certification of attainment. It does not confer any legal qualification, privilege, or license to practice orthodontics. It is not a professional or academic degree. In essence, board certification is a process by which an individual orthodontist is voluntarily examined by his/her peers as to orthodontic knowledge and clinical skills. The passage of the examination process is a demonstration to the dental profession and the general public of the orthodontist's pursuit of continued proficiency and excellence in orthodontics.

To learn more about the ABO, visit the website [www.AmericanBoardOrtho.com](http://www.AmericanBoardOrtho.com). The ABO's office and exam center are located in St. Louis, Mo.

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