



Welcome to the American Board of Applied Toxicology's 2017 Fall Newsletter

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ABAT news and NACCT information

President's Note from Dr. Mark Winter

Greetings ABAT Membership:

Our 2017 Election cycle has concluded!

- For Board of Directors, Sal Baeza and Stephanie Hon were elected.
- For Secretary-Treasurer, Howard McKinney Jr. was elected.

Congratulations to ALL who placed themselves on the ballot.

Your participation in our ABAT elections is applauded and appreciated.

This is a vital activity to maintain our ABAT.

- The new DABAT description in our Bylaws was APPROVED
- The new ABAT-I description in our Bylaws was APPROVED
- The new ABAT-E description in our Bylaws was APPROVED

The new DABAT, ABAT-I, and ABAT-E Membership Categories for our ABAT Bylaws are as follows:

Diplomate of ABAT (DABAT)

Members in good standing who have been certified by credentials review, examination, and other criteria, as having exceptional knowledge, experience and competence in Clinical Toxicology. Diplomates hold all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of members. This individual continues professional licensure where required, maintains Certification Renewal as required by ABAT, may vote and serve on ABAT committees, may run for and be elected to the ABAT Board and ABAT offices and continues Active Member status in AACT.

ABAT Inactive (ABAT-I)

A member, who fails to submit appropriate and acceptable renewal documents, or is delinquent in dues to either the AACT or the ABAT, shall be considered an inactive member of the ABAT effective at the date of determination as ABAT-I by the ABAT Board. A member may also request to be placed in the category of ABAT-I. An ABAT-I may no longer use the abbreviation of DABAT after their name, the individual's membership status will be changed on all lists, documents and other official notices, and all privileges, rights and benefits of Active membership will be denied. These individuals will no longer be eligible for elected or appointed positions until all delinquent ABAT dues are paid, AACT status and dues are current and ABAT Certification Renewal criteria have been fulfilled. An ABAT-I is no longer an active board certified

Clinical Toxicologist and does not pay dues or renew certification. ABAT-I will continue to receive the ABAT newsletter until they elect not to do so.

Emeritus (ABAT-E)

Effective 1 September 2017, ABAT no longer awards ABAT Emeritus. Those distinguished members who previously received Emeritus status by the ABAT will retain their ABAT Emeritus designated "ABAT-E".

These changes will be amended to our by-laws and uploaded to the AACT site.

ABAT active members are encouraged to pursue AACT Emeritus upon retiring from active Clinical Toxicology practice. *Any DABAT with the honor of FAACT who is retiring from active Clinical Toxicology practice can apply for Emeritus status as defined in the AACT Bylaws.* ABAT Certification Renewals and maintenance of professional licensure are not required for Emeritus members. Emeritus members shall not be eligible to vote in elections or on any question put to the membership for a vote, shall not hold Office or Trusteeship or be elected as Board Member. Emeritus members may still participate on workgroups, committees and ad hoc projects. Emeritus members will remain on email lists and maintain access to the ABAT and AACT member sections of the AACT website. Emeritus members can purchase the journal Clinical Toxicology at the member discount rate and receive discounts on educational programs, NACCT registration and other member benefits. There is no membership fee associated with Emeritus status.

Congratulations again to all who placed themselves on the ballot, and thanks to all who voted. Your active participation in ABAT is greatly appreciated.

Thank You,

Mark Winter PhD, DABAT, FAACT
President, ABAT

ABAT Board Member Introductions

Howard McKinney, Jr. (Secretary-Treasurer 2017-2018)

"I am humbled and honored to be elected Secretary Treasurer of ABAT. Being fascinated with Toxicology all my life, and professionally participating with ABAT and Clinical Toxicology since 1978, I am energized by both the new Clinical Toxicologists with whom my activities in ABAT allow me to become acquainted and my colleagues who have survived many decades in our field of endeavor to still amaze, challenge and delight me.

"They" say the present is but a momentary still shot in a movie that has run for all past, and will continue for all future. But it is our challenge to act in this fleeting moment we call "present". While it only lasts a nano-second (or less....), it is the hinge between past and future. It is a flash point within which we can incorporate all the lessons of past, and, maybe, just actually a tiny little bit, improve our futures. And if we are truly fortunate, we will change ourselves hopefully for the better. So, as I witness these moments of "present" fly by, and once they're gone, they are forever gone.....

In the great song Rio Grande by Dave Alvin (one of my favorites)

"As the sky began to clear
Black mountains up ahead
A red sundown in my mirror
Lost all the border
Tween the future and the past
One fading slowly
And the other comin' fast"

I thoroughly enjoy each and every one of you who have contributed your observations to me.

Meanwhile back at home in the California west-side Sierra foothills, I continue to enjoy hikes alongside the American River branches, watching the local C. oregonus, listening to wonderful musicians that roll through this area, even making a bit of noise I mean ... music myself. and continuing my Clinical Toxicologist life here in the hills.

Thank All of You for your wonderful interactions in my life and may I serve you well as Secretary Treasurer of ABAT."

Stephanie Hon (Board Member – first term, 2017-2020)

"Stephanie Hon was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA. She graduated from Duquesne University School of Pharmacy in 2006. She completed a pharmacy residency at The Brooklyn Hospital Center in 2007, followed by a toxicology fellowship with the Georgia Poison Center in 2008. Post-fellowship, Stephanie was hired by the GPC as the Assistant Director. She serves as adjunct faculty to 2 local universities, Mercer and Emory. Steph achieved toxicology board-certified status by the American Board of Applied Toxicology in 2013. She is a current member of ASHP, ACCP, AAPCC and AACT, and was the recipient of The United States Public Health Service Award in 2006. She currently resides in Atlanta, GA with her supportive husband, Jeffrey, her rambunctious toddler, Weston, and the sweetest pit in the world, Anna. Her hobbies include photography, avidly cheering for the Pittsburgh Steelers, and is not shy when it comes to singing at karaoke bars. Stephanie can't wait to serve alongside her ABAT board members. She believes that ABATs are an extremely valued resource within the care team. Growth within clinical toxicology is depended on strong recruitment into fellowship as

well as continued collaboration with our partners in emergency medicine, critical care, and public health. Steph is ready to take charge and looking forward to serve her fellow ABAT diplomats starting this Fall.”

Sal Baeza (Board Member – second term, 2017-2020)

Sal is Director of the West Texas Regional Poison Center. “Being the first and only DABAT at our small poison center, I have enjoyed the challenge in developing or becoming involved in various "extracurricular" activities related to Toxicology in addition to the day-to-day operations and administration of our center. I benefitted tremendously from the generosity and assistance of other ABAT members and colleagues from throughout the country on my path to becoming a Diplomat of ABAT. I now see it as my duty to encourage and assist others that may also be contemplating taking that leap in seeking to join our organization. Whether I'm interacting with others who reach out to me as co-chair of the ABAT Credentialing Committee, speaking with SPIs at NACCT or at our toxicology review course, or even just informally via emails or in conversation with other healthcare professionals with an interest in toxicology, I have attempted to reinforce that becoming a Diplomat is not impossible and that the difficult journey is extremely rewarding and self-fulfilling if nothing else. As a board member I would like to continue to find ways to grow the ABAT/AACT footprint, not only within poison centers, but especially with our colleagues in the EDs, ICUs, academia, and on other clinical services with which we interact with in caring for our patients. My staff and I have enjoyed the ABAT/AACT Journal Club Webinars and I see that as a potential avenue for growth by introducing non-toxicologists to AACT and ABAT. We must proactively foster the continued growth and development of our organizations and the practice of clinical toxicology. I look forward to continuing to work for you, the ABAT Diplomates, with our elected board members, and officers to achieve our shared goals of excellence.”

ABAT Symposium at NACCT

The ABAT Scientific Symposium will occur on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 3:30 pm. This year there are two topics and speakers:

1. “Cannabis Conundrums; from Simple Smokes to Sinister Synthesis”
Presented by Kathi Meier, PharmD, DABAT.
2. “The Dark Web: Cyberspace Marketplace”
Presented by Shawn Varney, MD, FACEP, FACMT.

Each presentation is scheduled for 25 minutes with 5 minutes for questions. We look forward to these inspiring and insightful presentations. Hope to see each of you in Vancouver for NACCT 2017!

ABAT Symposium at NACCT

The ABAT Business Meeting & Reception at NACCT this year will be held Friday, October 13th starting at 7pm located in the conference hotel, Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, room A/B Junior Ballroom located on the 3rd floor North Tower. The reception will immediately follow the business meeting around 8pm with food and beverage service and time to mix, mingle and meet. One beverage ticket will be provided per person, and more beverages will be available for purchase. Unfortunately, due to the compact scheduling of NACCT, and constraints that disallow meetings during CE activities, the business meeting will overlap with the AAPCC SPI Quiz Bowl. An Evite was sent to all members on August 29. If you do not see your invitation in your inbox, check your junk email folder. If you still have not received it, please contact Kathi Meier (kmeier@calpoison.org) Please RSVP by Friday September 15th. Thank you most kindly!