

## **ACPV Exam Committee Report August 6, 2020**

**Exam Chair: Kate Hayes**

### **1. New Exam Grading Timeline**

- a. 2020 - BOG approved EC's recommendation to delay completion of grading until after annual AAAP conference to allow for more time to grade in light of growing number of exam candidates.
- b. See specifics below (\*\*\*)

### **2. Exam 2020 Postponement**

- a. Following a survey to exam candidates in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter '20, BOG approved EC's recommendation to announce exam delay.
- b. With continued Covid-19 global impact, BOG approved EC's recommendation to postpone the exam until 2021 and approved for exam candidates to take a non-penalized deferment until 2021.
- c. Postponement Justifications Review
  - i. Continued uncertainty surrounding the impact of Covid-19
  - ii. No certainty that a delay to Fall 2020 would not result in exam cancellation at a later date
  - iii. Continued travel restrictions, domestically & internationally
  - iv. Online exam concerns including uncertainty, proctor concerns, cheating concerns & current pool of available exam questions, and concerns about additional variables for EC to manage

### **3. Remote Exam Update**

- a. The BOG tasking EC to investigate giving the exam remotely in the future
- b. Plan for investigating a remote plan
  - i. Schedule call with EC in September/October '20 with Rob M to review remote exam option further
  - ii. EC to review options & delegate follow up actions November/December '20
- c. Issues the committee feels would need to be overcome in order to give the exam remotely:
  - i. Proctor options
  - ii. Cheating concerns
  - iii. Larger pool of exam questions

### **4. Exam Committee Member Updates**

- a. New EC Members
  - i. Agnes Agunos [agnesagunos@gmail.com](mailto:agnesagunos@gmail.com)
  - ii. Eric Shepherd [shep54@uga.edu](mailto:shep54@uga.edu)

### **5. Additional Items for Exam Committee**

- a. There are a few other items that exam committee needs to work on that have come up as a result of the work of the Ad Hoc Credentials Review task force.
  - i. Exam portion of the Procedure Manual needs to be updated.
  - ii. Exam committee needs to review and update the ADA statement. (The ABVS has guidelines on special accommodations in their document in Appendix 11.)

- iii. Permission slip signed by the exam candidate that allows the committee to send their exam results to their Primary Sponsor.
  - iv. The Credentials Review task force is making a candidate handbook & EC support requested
  - v. Fall 2020
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**\*\*\* Exam Committee Proposal to Change Grading Schedule**

Kate Hayes, Exam Committee chair, presented the proposal.

The Exam Committee proposed a change in the timetable for the committee to grade the exam. Currently there are 43 candidates eligible to sit for the exam. Last year when 36 sat for the exam, the task of grading the exam in time for the new Diplomates to receive their diplomas at the ACPV Annual Meeting was overwhelming. The committee stayed up until 6:00 am. The committee felt that some of the grading was rushed. The committee is proposing a new grading schedule because the current practice is now very problematic. This year, as last, there will be a practice exam the day before the exam. The practice exam is on July 29<sup>th</sup> and the exam is on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The committee plans to grade all the portions except the practical portion on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The practical section will be graded on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at two sites: one at Aviagen in Alabama and the second at Hyline in Iowa. The committee will also be in communication electronically and with Rob Malinowski the consultant electronically. Question: How will the committee deal with a situation where a third grader is needed? Answer: they plan to divide the questions/graders so that a third grader would be at the location. Question: What is the timeline for grading for other colleges? Answer: Most other colleges have several weeks before exam results are announced. In fact, the short turnaround time for ACPV has been a concern of the ABVS. It was suggested that ACPV communicate that when telling candidates about the new plan. The Exam Committee will target a two-week turnaround from the exam to candidate notification. This will give returning candidates plenty of time before they need to reapply by October 1. An announcement to all ACPV Diplomates should be sent after exam results are announced. New Diplomates can also be announced in the AAAP Fall newsletter. New Diplomates will continue to receive their diplomas at the ACPV Annual Meeting. Any candidate not present will be mailed his/her diploma.

**Action Item:** Motion from committee to approve the new plan.

Motion passed.

**Action Item:** Post new policy on the ACPV website.

**Action Item:** Update procedures manual.