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Good Morning Doctor,

There have been many developments and changes since the last Academy President's letter. Many of you have seen the great job done in development of the Academy web site. Resident Tech webmasters have been very helpful. We are not done with the improvements! An easier way to look up members and where they practice will be introduced soon. We listen to what you say.

I'm pleased to announce that the Academy gave its 10th Diplomate examination in Chicago in November 2009. You can welcome 12 new D.A.C.O.'s to orthopedics. The next Diplomate examination is scheduled for October 16, 2010 at NWHSU in Bloomington, MN. A review class at NWHSU will be the first week-end of August 2010. Applications have been received. This is a great opportunity for you to recommend a colleague to sit the Board. Contact the web site www.dorthoacademy for further details.

Currently there are two active Diplomate classes, NUHS at the Chicago campus and PCC at the Davenport campus.

The Academy no longer uses FCER for its day to day activity. FCER closed its doors last summer. It did cause a few problems for a few months, but we are getting things back to normal and it is running much smoother. We are very fortunate to have an Executive Director like Dr. Jerry Wildenauer. I think you will agree that Jerry has quarterbacked things very well for the Board and the membership.

We are expanding the Academy's footprint around the globe. We now have international contacts for Australia and Oceania, Europe, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America. They have an important function in expanding orthopedics to these areas.

The Master of Science: Clinical Chiropractic Orthopedics, MSc: CCO (name change from physical medicine and rehabilitation) is now waiting its review from NWHSU's credentialing body. The North Central Accreditation (NCA) group's inspection of NWHSU will take place May 10-12, 2010. Sometime after that date we will find out the status of the program. Dr. Wildenauer and I have been meeting with NWHSU's team anywhere from monthly to twice per month since shortly after NWHSU's announcement to the specialty in April 2008. This is not including all the e-mails and phone calls. It's been awhile, but I am beginning to remember how one feels as an expectant father! I will send an announcement out as soon as the Academy hears from NWHSU on this matter. If the inquiries we have received have been any indication of the interest, NWHSU will be busy. Interest has been from 2 different countries as well as multiple states. I will give more details within the next month or so. Thanks go to Dr. Steve Capps and his work as President the last two years. He is now in Vilseck, Germany taking care of our military men and women. We are truly fortunate to have doctors like him to serve in this capacity. He has some very important work to do for the Academy and has accepted the assignment.

I would like to welcome two new members to the Board of the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists, Dr. Loren Miller of Spokane, Washington and Mr. Steve Wells from Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Loren has been working as Chairman of our Advertising committee. Steve, our new lay member, is a retired police chief from a metropolitan city of 70,000 people. He has a Masters degree in Management and Administration.

The American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists (ACCO) symposium in Lake Tahoe was a success. Great speakers led by Dr. Scott Banks. He had a great lecture on nutrition and neuromusculoskeletal presentations that we see in our offices every day. Dr. Mario Fucinari had an interesting presentation on in office rehabilitation. Dr. Michael Freeman had a very informative presentation of "Sensitization in Whiplash Injury". A radiology presentation by Dr. Dennis Skogsberg was presented in his typical informative format. The Congress of Diplomates had a paper presentation on an unusual case of a L3 spondylolysis. Ms. Anna Allen RN, MSN, CLNC closed the proceedings with 'Risk Management and Professional Boundaries".

The ACCO will be making some announcements about next year's conference. The next venue will be at the Tropicana in Las Vegas. The dates will be April 28-30, 2011. The ACCO is making some positive changes for the symposium. I'll talk more about that in future e-letters. Mark your calendars to be at the conference, attendance is helpful in your re-certification process.

There is so much more to tell you, but the letter is already quite long. I'll tell you more in the May letter.

I look forward to hearing from you. This is your Academy; let's make it the best we can!

Life is always at some turning point - Irwin Edman

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