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Good Morning Doctor:

October and November have been quite busy for the Academy. We are continuing our mission and expansion in order to strengthen and enhance chiropractic orthopedics. The last two years have shown an increasing interest in the specialty. This includes colleges/universities that are now either planning post-graduate classes or considering them. By the end of November the orthopedic Coalition of the Academy, American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists and the Council on Chiropractic Orthopedics will have examined over 75 candidates for Diplomate status (DACO) in orthopedics. The next Diplomate examination is set for the campus of Western States Chiropractic College on March 25, 2006. Please contact the Academy at 515-981-9654 for more information.

The public representative to the Academy Board, Mr. John Sanger, has had the opportunity to observe and participate in the pre-examination conference and pre-test preparation on November 18, 2005. Mr. Sanger was able to observe the Diplomate examination process at the NWHSU Campus on November 19, 2005. His technology background will be utilized soon with some positive changes.

A new committee has been formed, Orthopedic Vision 2010, when the task has been completed, it will quite possibly revolutionize our specialty for the 21st century. There will be more information to come in future e-letters about its mission, and the progress being made.

We continually field inquiries about membership, re-credentialing and other issues for the entire orthopedic specialty. These come from state agencies, third party administrators, patients, other chiropractors and other groups. Be sure your membership and re-credentialing is up-to-date.

We are in the process of making some exciting changes in the e-journal. Thank you to the Editor and staff who have put a very good journal together. I have been asked to request some case studies from the membership. If you go to the web page (www.dorthoacademy.com) you will find an outline that can be used for submission. Re-credentialing hours are granted for each published study as noted on the website.

Please help the colleges and universities by attending CCE-approved specialty classes at these institutions. Bring a friend or colleague that is not an orthopedist, it could help the college determine the need to put on a postgraduate orthopedic program. Check with the postgraduate departments if an orthopedics course is being planned or is scheduled for in your area. Distance learning is available with many of the institutions. The Academy supports the new syllabus that has been proposed. This document is designed to be a living document that will be in concert with current trends, ideas and thoughts of the orthopedic specialty.

Orders for the Fellow patient information pamphlets will soon be able to be done on the website. It has been quite a task to complete this service, but it will make it easier for the membership to place orders. Dues and examination fees will also be accepted.

It is truly a time for thanks! We wish you and your family, staff and friends a Happy Thanksgiving.