

Academy President Letter
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Greetings Fellows!

Once again, it was a pleasure meeting with many of you at the ACCO Conference in Las Vegas. As a reminder, the CE hours attained at the conference will apply directly towards the Academy's annual Maintenance of Credentials requirement for membership. For those who were unable to attend, we encourage you to consider the ACCO Conference to be held in Las Vegas next year.

The Academy has been consumed with activity these past several months. And it's been a whirlwind!

We now have both Part I and Part II of the certification examination process online. This will be a considerable cost saving for doctors as they do not have to travel to a distant city, stay in a hotel, meals, airfare and other expenses, plus...no time loss from practice. The Academy has been working on this project for the last couple of years.

The entire testing program is being updated and modernized. A heartfelt thank you to Drs. Anthony Nicholson, Matthew Long, Bruce Gundersen, Kurt Olding, Mark Nelson, and other Subject Matter Experts and Item Writers are making this possible. Updated Part I questions are being completed, and new and enhanced Part II questions have been written. The Academy is so appreciative of their dedication and determination. For their efforts, Dr. Bruce Gunderson has been awarded the Academy's Outstanding Achievement award, and Dr. Kurt Olding has received the Distinguished Service award for 2018.

A financial grant from the coffers of the American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedists (ABCO) has been directed at their request for test development. Dr's. Bill Bailey and Chris Bunker presented the check to the Academy in 2018. The grant was specified for Part II development. They were most gracious in the

presentation, and the Academy will fulfill their request. Dr. Bailey serves as an advisor to the Academy Executive Board.

Because the Academy has continually been expanding its footprint regionally and internationally, as well as the increasing volume of candidates, there have been some changes in the Executive Board. We are adding more committees and Alternate Board members. I am asking the specialty to help by volunteering to be part of this growth. The Board has also separated the Executive Director position into a Comptroller and Executive Director. Dr. Jerry Wildenauer is the new Comptroller, and Dr. Jim Brandt will become the new Executive Director. This transition will be complete by January 2020.

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