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Good Morning Doctor,

I owe an apology to Drs. Matt Kowalski and Dennis Skogsbergh for not getting their announcement out in time last spring about orthopedic classes they were putting on for the Florida Chiropractic Orthopedic Society. They put on a first class program and I would encourage orthopedists in the Florida area to be aware of their upcoming seminar on November 1st and 2nd. It will be on trauma to the sacroiliac and lumbar spine. It will be held at the Hawthorn Suites in Orlando. You can contact Dr. Kowalski at (781) 767-5555 for more details.

We have had a favorable response regarding the upcoming certifying examination in May 2004. A large number of candidates have already sent information to the registrar. I have received several calls from doctors willing to help in the process. This is one of the goals of the inter-organizational group (CCO, ACCO and Academy) to get more Diplomates involved in the process of development and delivery of the examination.

Colleges and Universities have also been in contact with the coalition. We are working to involve the institutions by using the post-graduate instructors teaching orthopedics for a source of material for the examination. This is good news for the candidates as they are assured of representative input from their post-graduate instructors.

This month you should be getting a mailing from CPS, our purchasing agent about chiropractic supplies. The service is through K-Med. Instructions will be provided by CPS on how to purchase supplies. Thanks for participating! I received a call this week from a doctor and he told me that his office manager had saved nearly \$25 dollars on their first purchase of office supplies! If you don't have a current catalog from Corporate Express, please call them at 1-800-888-8709. Tell them you are an Academy member and would like a copy of the current catalog.

I am pleased to tell you that the Academy Board met earlier this month and there will be no dues increase for 2004.

If you have any suggestions regarding our FACO pamphlet, please contact me. We have sold 2/3 of our stock and before we make another printing, I would like to hear from you about some suggested changes. A committee of Fellows will be appointed to review the information and make recommendations for the new printing. Thanks for using this patient information tract.

This is a call for papers to be presented at the ACCO symposium at Disney World this coming May 2004. This can include case studies or research work. The papers can be sent on disc or copy to:

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I'm sure that you all have had some interesting cases in the not to distant past. The Academy would appreciate if you could write a short case history that can be put on the website. This can include digital photos of X-rays or of the patient. Remember HIPPA and privacy rules. You will need to get the patients permission for the photos. I also suggest that the photos be such that the patient can't be recognized. If you are interested in helping, contact me and I will send you a case outline to follow. It makes the project very easy and quick.

The Academy Board is not complacent with where we are today; additional goals have been set to improve the organization and to benefit the membership. We are grateful for your participation. Membership helps advance the Chiropractic Orthopedic specialty.

Watch out for the little spooks and goblins later this month!