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Good Morning Doctor,

The year 2004 is nearly completed, what a year! Your new Academy is almost 4 years old and so much has been accomplished. More work to do and projects to complete for 2005.

I'm pleased to announce Dr. Dave Leone from Cleveland, Ohio has accepted the position of Original Articles Editor for the Academy e-Journal. Dave is one of the new Diplomates of the Academy. He works in a multi-disciplinary clinic and will bring ideas to the e-Journal. Check the December 2004 e-Journal; it should be on line when you get this letter.

The growth and success of the Academy could not take place in the manner that it has if it wasn't for so many good people that contribute to its success. Thanks to the Academy Board who have spent a great deal of time and energy developing a business plan and goals for the organization. This year we have added a lay Board member who represents the consumers of health care...the public.

The Academy encourages you to use the brochures developed by the Academy for patient, employer or insurance company education. The cost has been reduced to just \$10 per 50 brochures, plus s/h. Place your order at 515-981-9654.

Thank you for the strong relationships that have developed with the American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists (ACCO) and the Council of Chiropractic Orthopedists (CCO). This relationship has been instrumental in driving the new syllabus and Diplomate examination. All organizations have partnered to some extent in these endeavors.

Three Diplomate examinations are scheduled for 2005. The examination committee that gave the Diplomate examination in Minneapolis in October 2004 had the pleasure of meeting with Northwestern's orthopedic class at that time. Their class week-end coincided with the examination. I have met with Western State's class in Portland in October and National's class in Columbus in November. This past week I was in Toronto meeting with CMCC setting up the framework for the April 2, 2005 examination. This will be held on their new and beautiful campus. I again had the opportunity to meet with several candidates at that time.

The Academy placed several grants this past year. It is part of the Academy mission to support education and research. Grants were awarded to ACCO for the Lipe Scholarship, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research, Northwestern Health Sciences University and the Canadian Chiropractic Orthopedic Society.

Thank you to all of the Fellows who participated in the Delphi committee work and question writing. Your time and effort are appreciated.

Thanks to the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research (FCER) for their assistance and participation in helping us grow and strengthen chiropractic orthopedics.

Thank you to all of the department editors and contributors that have made the e-Journal a success.

Mark your calendars for April 15-17 and attend the ACCO symposium in San Antonio, Texas. I would like to meet as many members as I can. I would like to talk to all of you and get ideas and suggestions. Check our website at www.dorthoacademy.com and you can link to the ACCO website for information.

Special thanks to all of you for your e-mails of encouragement, suggestions and ideas for the Academy are appreciated. With your help 2005 will be bigger and better!

Merry Christmas/Happy Hanukkah to all of you. May your Holiday season be peaceful and joyous.