

May/June 2004

Volume 3, Number 5/6
Academy e-letter May/June 2004

From the Desk of
J. R. Brandt DC, FACO
President, Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists

Good Morning Doctor:

I would like to thank all of the contributors to the e-journal. The next issue is being developed. Please take some time to read the articles and cases.

Please check the website, many changes have taken place over the last 2 months. We have made perhaps the most changes to the site during this period since we have been on line. We are still working on expanding the site for the benefit of the Fellows and for those requesting information about the Academy, Diplomate certification testing and other information. There will soon be an outline of the new orthopedic syllabus on the site (www.dcorthoacademy.com). CCO, ACCO and the Academy are supporting the outline. It has been sent to the colleges and Universities for their input.

Presentation of Examiner Emeritus to Dr. Leonard E. "Gene" Toon was made at the ACCO Conference in Orlando. Dr. Toon has spent 35 years working on behalf of the orthopedic specialty. He has held many positions in all of the chiropractic orthopedic groups. The plaque states:

**The Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists
Recognizes**

Leonard E. Toon DC, FACO

Examiner Emeritus

**For your quiet wisdom,
technological skills and remarkable
diligence, which have been
unselfishly applied, far beyond
your obligation as a member
of this organization**

May 2004

Dr. Toon is leaving the Executive Director position on June, 30 2004. The Board is grateful for all that he has done for the specialty, thanks Gene. Our new ED is Dr. Jerry Wildenauer from West St. Paul, Minnesota. He has been participating in Board work now for over a month. Welcome Jerry.

Dr. Larry Swank received the "Distinguished Fellow" award. He has been pivotal in the development of the Coalition certification examination.

The speakers at the ACCO conference were very good, two Academy Board members were speakers, and Dr. Steve Savoie was sponsored by NCMIC. Steve did a great job. Dr. Larry Swank provided a great program. Two other Fellows presented, Dr. Steve Capps in addition to MUA information brought us up to date on chiropractic and the military. Excellent presentation and Dr. Dennis Skogsbergh had a great presentation on diagnostic imaging of the cervical spine. The Academy Presentation of Papers included information on test item development, and a very interesting paper by Dr. Leonard E. Toon on a new, evolving protocol for the treatment of sarcoidosis. The information provided indicated that the new protocol may have ramifications on the treatment of other (apparently related) diseases such as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis.

The ACCO 2005 conference is in San Antonio, Texas next spring. Mark your calendars for Thursday April 14th through April 17th.

The Academy along with the CCO of ACA and ACCO has completed two Diplomate examinations since the last e-letter. We examined candidates in Toronto, Ontario in April. This group just completed classes from CMCC/NHSU and there was a 75% pass rate. The candidates in Orlando were from many different programs and it resulted in about the same percentage of pass/fail. These doctors have achieved the title Diplomate of the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists (DACO). If you know

someone who has taken the postgraduate orthopedic classes, someone who has not completed the testing process or someone who would like more information about the process have them visit the website. The next examination is being held at Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHSU) October 9, 2004. There is a review class sponsored by Northwestern August 27-29, 2004. Please contact NWHSU at 952-888-4777 and ask for the postgraduate department. Credit hours are given for re-credentialing, check for state license requirements and these 24 hours can be used to apply to the 360 hours needed to take the examination.

The Delphi process is beginning at this time. We have added two more groups in different geographic areas to assist in the process. We had over 20 different Diplomates involved in the first two examinations. This included Delphi Committees, examiners and standardized patients. We would like to continue to add Diplomates to this process. The more understanding by the orthopedic Fellows/Diplomates of the examination process, the Coalition believes will provide more strength to the specialty.

Our lay member, Mr. Robert Keller has had to resign from the Board. This was a corporate decision by his employer. Initially he had their blessing and then the change of heart. We are very fortunate that we have a new member who brings us much more than being the "watchdog" for the public, but he has an extensive background in computers, telecommunication and business. He is Mr. John Sanger, President of Tele-Commuter Resources, Inc. of St. Paul, Minnesota.

If you need to be re-credentialed for your managed care requirements, or to demonstrate in the courtroom that you are current in your specialty, contact the Academy office and ask for the re-credentialing packet from Cheryl.

The Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedics has accepted the curriculum for the College of Forensic Sciences (CFS) courses to apply towards Academy re-credentialing for 2004. Check the links on the website to find out classes and locations.

Have a safe July 4th!