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Good Morning Doctor,
Seasons Greetings!

The "new" Academy, Inc. is completing its 5th full year in operation. Each year has shown growth in our mission to the membership and the specialty. This could not have been done without the tireless work of so many Diplomates. Thanks!

2007 produced a significant number of Academy activities and events.

- Development and initial funding of the Dr. Carl Nixon Advanced degree Scholarship.
- Expansion of the orthopedic Diplomate re-credentialing committee.
- Presented the 2010 document to the chiropractic institutions Post-Graduate departments at the ACC/RAC conference.
- Developing a cadre of Graduate instructors to offer any institution(s) that have a Master of Science: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation program.
- Completed the 9th Academy Orthopedic Diplomate examination.
- Presentation of Papers at the American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists (ACCO) annual conference in Phoenix, AZ.
- Formation of a new sub-committee to the 2010 Project. This committee procured 13 content chairmen to develop the syllabus for content of the topics.
- The Academy e-journal has been indexed.
- Developed of the 2008 Diplomate examination at Texas College of Chiropractic May 2008.
- The Academy provided \$2600 in restricted grants and \$2000 in unrestricted grants.
- Completed work on our 501 (c)(3) non-profit status.
- Contact and discussions with an institution developing the Masters program.

Next year there are a number of projects that will be guided by Academy Committees. Time is always in the mix to try and get things done; some take a lower priority. We would like to change the look of the web site and add new features. One of the projects will be coming to conclusion and that will take time and effort. That is the review of the material obtained from the 2010 content chairmen. Subject material will be collated and placed in the proper subject category. There will be some duplication of material in the topics, but the committee felt that would be a good thing, since it will serve to strengthen and make this a more robust curriculum. Two other large projects are still on the drawing board at this time.

The College of Forensic Sciences has the new AMA Guides for sale. They have asked us to notify the membership of this ordering opportunity. The cost is \$40 off the AMA suggested list price. Please go to <http://www.forensic-sciences.org> and click on the products button for ordering information.

The Texas Council of Chiropractic Orthopedists has scheduled a review class for the Academy Diplomate examination. This class is January 25-27, 2008. You will get a CD with approximately 1000 pages of material and many video clips of the orthopedic tests that can be viewed on the CD. It will be a great study guide. The web site is www.texasCouncilofChiropracticOrthopedist.org. These hours will be accepted for Academy re-credentialing. To get further information, please contact Texas College at 800-533-9822. The Academy Diplomate examination will be on the TCC campus May 3, 2008.

I hope to see many of you at the ACCO conference in San Diego. Mark your calendar for April 12-14, 2008.

The Academy Board thanks you for your help in many of these projects. Your membership, e-mails, phone calls and recommendations are all appreciated very much.

I hope you have a very happy and joyous season and 2008 will be the best year for you and your family.

In the realm of ideas, everything depends on enthusiasm; in the real world, all rests on perseverance.
~Johann von Goethe