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Good morning,

I will occasionally be asked “why should I have an advanced degree, I already have a DC degree?” I recently received a copy of “Minnesota Physician”, a business publication for Minnesota Physicians. It had an interesting article titled “100 Influential Health Care Leaders” regarding Minnesota health care. It was a mixed group of doctors, including Marc Ziegler DC, President of NWHSU, legislators, nurses, lawyers and business leaders.

Out of 100 people 63 were MD's. There were 28 advanced degrees or advanced educational accomplishments among this group.

MBA - 7

MPH - 1

MS - 7

MA - 1

PhD - 3

JD - 1

Fellows – 8

Advanced degrees can open up avenues of involvement and employment outside of general practice. Having an accredited advanced degree program that is recognized out side of the profession is just that, it will place us on equal ground when a Masters or PhD would be helpful.

Solidifying the 2010 syllabus and advancing the education of the advanced degree student is part of this plan. It begins with the advanced syllabus through the Masters program. Should the clinician elect not to pursue the advanced degree, a strengthened Diplomate program will be essential as we move into the next decade. Palmer College, NWHSU and possibly two other institutions (more on this later) are considering the new Diplomate process. Not all are geared for the Masters of Science; Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation degree (MSc: PM&R).

Let us not forget the AMA resolution 814. The resolution is a wake-up call. This information can be found on the website.

To further strengthen our specialty, an advanced re-credentialing program is a must. The Academy is reviewing various options under its 2011 program.

We are close to getting a website listing of the Academy membership. There are still some details to work out, but the team at FCER have been working on the final product. Look for a roll out of this addition in the next month or so. We keep working to improve the site. We have other changes in mind that will be necessary as we move forward.

Please mark your calendars for May 2009. The ACCO conference is in San Antonio, Texas. It will be a great educational program in a splendid venue. It is a fantastic opportunity to mingle with members of the Academy, ACCO, Council on Chiropractic Orthopedics (CCO) and the Texas Council of Chiropractic Orthopedists (TCCO). This is a great opportunity to talk about, exchange ideas and implement changes. Many of the ongoing activities in orthopedics were discussed at this venue. The CCO has its annual membership meeting at this conference. Come and join us!

You will start to notice some transitions and other visible changes in the Academy beginning in October.

Get your yard work done for the winter!

Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do! Johann von Goethe