

**July 16, 2021**

## **Outgoing President's Letter**

### **Greetings Fellows,**

This will be my final letter to the Academy membership as the Immediate Past President of the Academy. Dr. Roger Russell has graciously accepted his position and has now started his term as President of the Academy. His background and skills are outstanding, and he has the vision and dedication to advance our specialty in the coming years. I'm looking forward to seeing his leadership guide the Academy as we move forward.

During the past several years, the Academy has undergone several significant changes and improvements. Our online examination process and the IANM Pillars of Practice have set a new benchmark for Chiropractic specialty certification examinations. The recent rebranding of the *Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedics* to the *International Academy of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine* has been overwhelmingly accepted by our membership. It has opened many new doors for the Academy, and the future of our specialty has never looked better. Our new website <https://ianmmedicine.org/> has been long in the making and a much-anticipated upgrade from the old. Several additional projects are in the works and will be announced when they come to fruition. I cannot thank the many talented Academy Board and committee members and Board Advisors enough for their dedication and commitment, not to mention the countless hours spent making the Academy what it is today.

It has been a tremendous pleasure serving on the Academy Board and working with the many talented members of our specialty over the years. As part of the "old guard" who began my career as a Board Certified Specialist in the 1980's, I have had the opportunity to work with some of the most talented certified specialists in our profession. But, I have to say that the current generation of board-certified doctors has once again raised the bar! The Academy has also had the opportunity to speak to and hear from the many student groups starting their journey into our specialty. There has been a tremendous resurgence in interest, and the enthusiasm of these up-and-coming specialists is something worth mentioning! With an admittedly strong bias, we have become the premier specialty in Chiropractic.

I want to thank everyone in our specialty, the members of the Council on Chiropractic Orthopedists and the American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists, and with great affection, the Board and Committee members of the Academy for all that you have given and sacrificed for our specialty. I also want to thank Dr. Jim Lehman for his vision and development of the Post-Graduate Neuromusculoskeletal Program at the University of Bridgeport and his unwavering support of the Academy. Thank you all!

With great personal and professional admiration, I want to personally thank Dr. Jim Brandt for his decades of service to the Academy. He has been an enormous help during my tenure as President, and his work behind the scenes is immeasurable. The Academy owes you a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. Thank you, Jim!

“...Where your achievements matter.”

Stay Safe, be well, and best wishes to all,

Kim Skibsted, DC, FIANM