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Hello Doctors,

I hope this finds your new year off to a good start. It has been a very active month since we last communicated.

### ***IANM Website***

The Academy has spent considerable time updating and improving the website. It is still a work in progress. Check it out and note new links and information. There will be more updates, expansions, and clarifications coming periodically over the next several weeks.

### ***Student Scholarship***

You will note a "Student Scholarship" link on the site. There are currently 6 schools that have orthopedic clubs with two more expressing an interest in hosting a club. They will be able to participate in the scholarship process. We are in the process of putting a link there for field doctors to donate towards the students obtaining a scholarship to pursue board specialization. More details will be forthcoming.

### ***Policy Change***

The IANM Board has made a policy change for board-certified specialists. Beginning immediately, we are asking DABCO, DACO, and DIANM certificant's to discontinue the use of "Fellow International Academy of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (FIANM) after the signature line. The designation Fellow Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists (FACO) was previously discontinued. Please use your earned board certification. We have been receiving a number of inquiries (and complaints) from 3<sup>rd</sup> party credentialing bodies and government entities that need your board certification, not that you are a member of a fraternal group. They could care less about that, it's what you have earned that's important to them. This only delays the credentialing process you may have with the certifying agency. Thank you for your understanding.

**MOTION:** The “unearned” FIANM in its current state will not be recognized by the IANM after March 1, 2022. In the future, “Fellowship” will have to come from a scholarlay or advanced practice event. To earn a Fellowship it will become an earned foundation for its utilization and recognition.

***ACCO Conference***

The American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists (ACCO) is having their spring conference in Las Vegas at the Tropicana on April 22-23, 2022.

***The Academy needs your help***

We are working to expand our social media presence, but need at least two more savvy doctors to help the committee. Please send a note of your willingness to help to [admin@ianmmedicine.org](mailto:admin@ianmmedicine.org)

Thank you for your support of the specialty.

“...Where your achievements matter”

Roger Russell DC, MS, DIANM

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