

Editorial Comments:

We Get Letters!

The ACCO has many members; all of whom are important to us for the health of our group. Many attendees will often graciously relate various comments and criticisms to the board. As a board, we are more than willing to listen and hopefully, improve on the quality of the conferences that we sponsor to continue to give our members the highest quality, cutting edge research and technology available to our profession. Please feel free to contact the editor, Deanna O'Dwyer, DC at dosdc@aol.com

Comments for the Good of the Society:

It is certainly important that ACCO continue its dominance in chiropractic orthopedic specialty education. However, ACCO must continue to serve the Diplomate population first, since that population has great difficulty finding/attending suitable courses useful for their specialized interests. To remain relevant for the Diplomates, ACCO must:

- 1) Engage only recognized authorities for topics presented in a conference.
- 2) Speakers must present the material at an “honors” level, stimulating the educational process of advanced learners.
- 3) Speakers must allow ACCO to record the audio and video of presentations for post conference release of the material to both those in attendance, and those searching evidence based data/presentations for reference sourcing.

- 4) Speakers must disclose all conflicts of interest that can impact on the material presented; i.e., financial interest, support, sponsorship, vested developmental interests, and proprietary information.
- 5) Speakers must not be engaged in promoting proprietary, not-widely adopted information, methodology, other than for introductory or awareness purposes. The ACCO forum and class presentations cannot be used as promotion for the speaker's own more robust classes.
- 6) All information presented under the ACCO banner must be referenced with the latest citations available.
- 7) Information regarding procedures/methods for diagnosis and especially treatment must have met all standards for human uses (IRB reviews).

Overall, ACCO is the keeper of the educational flame for chiropractic orthopedics. These conclaves must be ACCO's best possible effort at advancing the specialty knowledge base.

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Planes, Trains and Automobiles

The last ACCO conference I attended was in La Jolla, CA and it was great. The most recent one had a special theme to it because I was trying to locate the ACCO membership and was not able to do so. In addition, when I contacted LACC but no one responded to my emails.

As far as the conference is concerned, it was nice to see my old classmates and those whom I interned with. Everyone was welcoming and it was nice to catch up on what everyone has done in the last ten years or so.

I came across the ACCO website as I was searching the Internet for the postgraduate chiropractic orthopedics. After surfing for various chiropractic colleges and organization, somehow I got a link for upcoming ACCO convection in Carlsbad, CA. I was so excited exiting and sent my registration to the ACCO and Dr. Swonson responded saying I am

registered for the convention. To be honest with you I didn't really pay any attention to the name. Saudi Arabia is not an easy task, all Americans are required to get an exit/re-entry visa is issued by the Department of Immigration. This took few days. Once I have my exist visa, I was ready to come to the USA. My intinary included Riyadh, Kuwait, Washington/Dallas and then San Diego.

When I arrived in Kuwait City, few hours after my arrival all passengers were notified of the delay of our flight going to the US because of the FAA grounding all Boeing 777. I had to stay over one night in Kuwait City and then catch the next flight at midnight. When I arrived in Washington, DC, my the flight to San Diego was full, but I could get a flight a few hours later thru Chicago or miss Fridays meeting. I choose to go thru Chicago, O'Hare airport and arrived in San Diego, midnight Pacific time. Once I was at the conference with all the presenters and colleagues I almost forgot what I went thru. The rest was history.

I did enjoy the conference and learned few things and very much enjoyed my time in Carlsbad. All clinical cases were relevant with the exception of few. The atmosphere and location was excellent. The ACCO officers were working diligently to make sure everything was on schedule. I hope that I don't have to go thru this again, to get my diplomate in orthopedics, (just kidding).

I hope you will find my story interesting.

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