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Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
Maryland Trade Center #3
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Attention: Dort S. Bigg, JD, Executive Director

Dear ACAOM Commissioners:

It is with pleasure that I write to you following our December 14, 2009 AAAOM Board meeting. With a great deal of thought and consideration for all the issues involved with the First Professional Doctorate, we have voted to support ACAOM's ongoing process as detailed in the motion included below.

“MOTION by Shane Burras, seconded by Jeannie Kang that the AAAOM endorse and support the ongoing process of the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) to establish educational standards for the First Professional Doctorate (FPD) based upon AAAOM membership input, namely the FPD Survey (June 30, 2009), as well as previous task force representation and participation of both lineages of the unified AAAOM--the AAOM and the AOM Alliance. There were no abstentions or objections. The motion carried by general consent.”

I look forward to the future and the next steps ahead for our profession. If you have questions or are in need of our assistance in any other way, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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President AAAOM Board of Directors