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New York State Licensing Update (January 2007)

Dear O and P Professionals,

Our efforts to obtain licensing in New York are finally starting to move along. We are hopeful the bill will pass in one year but we need to plan for two years just in case. A Timeline, which is enclosed, has been drawn up by our lobbyist Jim McCulley.

Mr. McCulley's estimated costs are approximately \$36,000 per year which have been funded with capital from the seminars and donations that have been received to date. Unfortunately, our last meeting was not well attended and the Chapter has ended up with a net loss going into the New Year. The NYSAAOP Board is asking for your cooperation and support. You can do this by becoming a member of the chapter, attending our future meetings as well as by donating to the Licensure fund.

In order to reach our monetary goals, the Board is proposing that every O and P professional donate \$100. Just fill out the membership form and include it with your dues. The membership form is in this packet. Our projections will become a reality if practices donate \$300 and manufacturers/ distributors donate \$1000. The Board realizes that this is a substantial request but if we all contribute we will meet this goal. Your donations will fund the licensure effort for the next two years and keep our lobbyist on retainer to monitor any new bills that might be introduced that try to encroach on our field. We are optimistically anticipating raising \$100,000 towards this cause.

We are currently arranging our next meeting to be held in Cooperstown since we had and have requests from our members and exhibitors to return to the Otesaga. Your attendance will help this worthy and significant endeavor.

*Without all of our support Licensure will not happen!
Thank you in advance for your support.*

Sincerely,

Marty Mandelbaum CPO

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