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Greetings AAAOM Members and Colleagues:

From the unity of yin and yang comes the wholeness of the Tao. Of all people, we know this. And now, thanks to the contributions of many, we have a national professional organization that will reflect that wholeness.

I am honored to be the first president of the new AAAOM. My goal is to bring the best of our community together to form a unique and influential association that is empowered to create the social change that is necessary for America and the profession. Doing this will require effort and care, but I believe it is within our reach.

My heartfelt thanks go to the members of the previous organizations for their support and to the respective boards for their hard work and dedication. We have all learned from each other, stretched and grown, and done our best to keep the greater good in mind. Particular thanks go to Michael Schroeder and Phil Stump of the American Acupuncture Council for their vision and support on our journey toward re-unification.

Now it's time to come together to build the AAAOM into an organization that incorporates the best of our traditions and brings new visibility and leadership to acupuncture and Oriental medicine. Join us in fulfilling our vision of a unified field where practitioners succeed, all of us, with each represented in their own unique way.

My hope is that we create an organization that inspires and benefits our members, educates the public, informs the institutions of our society, and secures the role of Oriental medicine in the United States.

Please join us and let's make this happen. The future of our profession, the success of our practitioners, and the health of the nation depend on it.

Sincerely,

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