



The George Arvidson Award for Meritorious Service to
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Presented by Dr. Lawrence O'Connor, FCLB President

The George Arvidson Award for Meritorious Service to Chiropractic Regulation was created by the Federation in 1992.

This award is the Federation's highest individual honor.

Named for FCLB Past President Dr. George Arvidson of Minnesota, it recognizes integrity, service, sacrifice, vision, and commitment in the arena of chiropractic licensure.



The selection of the recipient is made thoughtfully and with joy as we continue to keep alive the dreams of George Arvidson, the gentle man with the great heart, the radiant smile, and the deep love for chiropractic and regulation.

Each year, a right choice clearly emerges to uphold the honor represented by this prestigious award. This year is no exception.

Before we talk about greatness, let's talk about averages.

On average, people change homes every 11.9 years.

The average marriage now lasts 8.7 years.

Employees stick with a job for an average 4.4 years.

The average goodfella does 3.6 years.

This is where commitment stands today.

When we pledge ourselves to courses of action, changes in our lives, or causes that matter to us, we are devoting ourselves short-term.

When we sign on the line or make a promise, statistically, we're saying "for as long as it holds my interest." In a generation of sound bytes and tweets, that isn't very long.

More and more, we're seeing that it takes a special kind of person to stick it out. To not just affiliate himself with a purpose or a cause, but to actually dedicate himself with the kind of commitment that takes passion and persistence.

Dedication isn't just adding your name to the committee list or getting in line for the breakfast buffet.

It isn't getting your head in the game a few days a year or ducking out when the work gets hard or dull.

Dedication is persistence. It's effort. It's pitching in to keep the engine running, committing to slog through the hard work and reinventing so it never gets dull.

Dedication doesn't run from changing ideas, needs, or perspectives. It doesn't waiver with moods or fashion. Dedication is the man - the regulator - who doesn't always know if he will make a difference, but is determined to try.

In a world, at a time, when averages seem sadder than ever, when the numbers tell us we aren't sticking with anything, it's hard to envision a level of commitment that encompasses decades. Today, a 20-year career is impressive.

A 25-year volunteer is almost unheard of.

With 29 years of service on his licensing board, 7 of those as chair, This year's winner is no stranger to the FCLB.

As he rose in the leadership ranks on the Federation's board, he never lost sight of the importance of succession planning.

His remarkable mentoring has given both his own board and the FCLB an impressive list of dedicated and capable board members.

Graduation from Palmer in 1973 was only the beginning of his fascination with chiropractic.

With 38 years in practice, he is both a lifelong learner and much sought after teacher.

He has studied orthopedics at both the Mayo Clinic and Harvard Medical School, and shares this knowledge freely with his peers and through service to young athletes.

He served an unprecedented five terms as his state association president, and in 2000 was recognized as Chiropractor of the Decade. Recently the Lieutenant Governor presented him with the state's Palmetto Patriot Award for public service.

Known for his colorful jackets, his Harley motorcycle, and his unlimited love for regulation, please join me in honoring a volunteer whose dedication is far from average...

The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards'

**2012 George Arvidson Award
for Meritorious Service to Chiropractic Regulation**

is presented to –

**Dr. Henry "Hank" Hulteen
of South Carolina**

