



The George Arvidson Award for Meritorious Service to
Chiropractic Regulation

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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.

As regulators, our voices carry weight. Our words have the power over people's livelihoods and patients' safety. What we choose to say matters, and that means we have a responsibility to put some thought behind our words.

Shakespeare (you know I'm a big fan of the bard) - Shakespeare said, "Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice."

That's relevant to this year's Arvidson recipient because listening is what this person does first and best. It's only after all the arguments, all the possibilities have been heard, that this winner starts to speak - and with insights into the true heart of both the matter and the person.

It's tough to set aside your biases and go into a meeting without a personal agenda - especially because so many of us wear multiple hats. That's where this winner excels, though. Despite the many hats - and there are a lot of them - this person lets passion be a motivator, but not a guide.

Another great bard, Jimi Hendrix, said “knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.”

Before chiropractic college, she graduated from, as one friend says, “the school of hard knocks.” This early education, plus 15 years in practice, has taught her resilience, tenacity, and compassion.

She uses these tools as a chiropractor and a regulator. She has always chosen to follow the path she feels is right - not the one that’s easy or popular, even when it breaks her heart to build the regulatory system she loves.

This year’s honoree also has passion for singing - you can hear the same depth in her voice as is in her love of regulating her profession. Who can forget the songs, the camaraderie, and the yellow hats at a Federation meeting in Nova Scotia?

This leader’s is lifting up the Canadian Federation of Chiropractic Regulatory and Educational Accrediting Boards with the same grace, humor, and wisdom she uses to lift up the rest of us in the broader world community of those who value public protection.

And I’m told she sings like an angel.

Please join me in congratulating this year’s winner:

The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards’

**2013 George Arvidson Award
for Meritorious Service to Chiropractic Regulation**

is presented to –

**Dr. Lisa Richard
of Nova Scotia**

