



The Earl L. Wiley Outstanding Board Award
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Presented by Dr. Lawrence O'Connor, FCLB President

Each year, the accomplishments of one board set a new standard for chiropractic regulation.

They model for others the excellence that marks the daily responsibilities of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public. They say it can be done – and then they do it.

The FCLB recognition for outstanding regulatory board is named in honor of Ohio regulator, Dr. Earl L. Wiley.

His dedication to public protection stands as a shining example to all of us. His commitment to what is fair and what is true serves as a compass point to every regulator.

Dr. Wiley, like the previous winners of this award, stood on a firm foundation of ethics, while looking forward with a sense of possibility.

His desire to protect patients through responsible governance is reflected by many of you, our FCLB member boards, but especially by this year's winner.

Technology is a wonderful thing, isn't it? It streamlines our lives. Helps us manage a dozen tasks and speeds us through many mundane processes. And all we have to do is remember our login and password.

And which icon to click. And whether we were supposed to right-click, left-click, control-click, or tap out morse code with the space bar.

Well, as frustrating as it is, technology is a fact of our lives. Computers and internet mean instant access and unlimited information. In the world of regulation, knowledge and immediacy can mean the difference between a good doctor making a stupid decision, and that same doctor having the tools to make a better decision.

It can also be the only means for our board members to communicate effectively as a group in a time where funding issues have severely limited our ability to meet in person.

Technology can allow our over-worked staffs to delegate tasks to a computer, saving the intelligence and experience of those staff members for more important concerns.

The communication avenues that technology provides can also help us clean up our act - reducing paper use and moving our boards towards a greener future.

Used well, technology is wonderful. It also isn't easy. New skills, changes in existing systems, overcoming bias and fear of change - all of those take time, energy, and persistence. You've heard the expression, "don't work harder; work smarter"? Implementing new online programs and data systems takes both. It's a tough transition, as many of us know, and I applaud the board and staff that can see the value of the end product, screw up their courage, and take the plunge.

This past year, one of our member boards did all that and more.

- They went green with board materials as well as licensee newsletters
- They posted new online tools for their licensees - giving them access to information and guidance to help them avoid violations
- They put their board business online including board minutes and license renewal, verification, and discipline
- They built a database of mentors to help new licensees through those first few difficult years

In amongst all of their electronic accomplishments, they've also found time to create a new board member orientation program, begin student outreach, clean up outdated language in statutes, write and finalize regulations for their new Preceptor program, and begin strategic planning to reduce complaints.

This board, who I am sure is already recognizing this list of achievements - I don't know that any other boards have achieved so much in a single year - stands as an example of what we can do when we put aside fear of change, roll up our sleeves, and get the job done.

Please join me in congratulating them for their outstanding achievements.

The FCLB's 2013 Dr. Earl L. Wiley Outstanding Regulatory Board Award

is presented to

Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada

Members of the Nevada delegation
accepting the award:

Dr. David Rovetti
Dr. Benjamin Lurie
Dr. Annette Zaro
Dr. Lawrence Davis
and
Ms. Cindy Wade