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## **FCLB Hosts 83rd Annual Educational Congress in Hollywood, California**

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The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards hosted its 83rd Annual Educational Congress on May 6-10, 2009 in Hollywood, California. The conference highlighted the importance of transparency in regulation. Approximately 100 attendees from Canada and the United States represented chiropractic licensing boards, testing, and chiropractic colleges.

On Thursday, the educational portion of the conference opened with a welcome message from Dr. Carl Cleveland III, President of Cleveland Chiropractic College, and Dr. Ronald Kraft, President of Southern California University of Health Sciences.

Dr. Cleveland also spoke about the importance of encouraging a new generation of leaders and regulators in the 2009 Janse Lecture, "Who Among Us Will Sustain the Flame?"

Other educational sessions included:

- Regulatory Impacts of the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners
- Board Services on the Web
- Making Defensible Decisions about Professional Discipline
- Record Keeping Challenges and Resources for Boards
- NBCE Post-Licensure Examinations
- Uniform Sanction Guidelines
- Regulating New Procedures, Equipment, and Devices
- Collaborative Practice: Animals as Chiropractic Patients
- Duties of an NBCE Part IV Examiner
- Imposing Sanctions and Ensuring Effective Implementation
- Trends in Regulation: Top Recent Regulatory Cases
- Accountability and Responsibility

### **Resolutions**

FCLB Delegates passed a resolution amending the Statement of Principles, Ethical Behavior, Non-Disclosure, and Conflict of Interest of the FCLB to add a procedure for handling complaints. A second resolution was passed revising the FCLB's mission statement to better reflect the organization's focus on member boards. Finally, members voted to approve a revision to the current dues structure. Full text of these resolutions is available on the FCLB Web site.

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### **Elections – FCLB Board of Directors**

Dr. Daniel Saint-Germain (QC) was elected President and Dr. Lawrence O'Connor (NJ) was elected as Vice President. Delegates also elected Dr. LeRoy Otto (MN), former District II Director, as Treasurer, and Dr. Larry Spicer (MN) as Administrative Fellow Director.

District IV elected Dr. Margaret Colucci (NV) as the new Director and Dr. Leslie Schmidt (NM) as the Alternate. District III elected Dr. Marc Gamerman to fill the vacant Alternate Director seat.

The Board of Directors elected Dr. Farrel Grossman (SC), District V Director, to serve as Board Chair for 2009-10.

### **Awards and Recognition**

The 2009 Dr. Earl L. Wiley Outstanding Board Award was presented to the Ordre des Chiropraticiens du Québec for their strident efforts in public protection.

Dr. Oliver Smith awarded special presidential recognition to Dr. Hugh Lubkin and Mr. Brian Stiger of California, Dr. Michael Megehee (OR), Dr. Paul Morin (ME), and Dr. Kirk Shilts (MA).

A new honor, recognizing continuous dedication to public protection, was introduced. These Pillars of Chiropractic Regulation were awarded to Dr. Jerry Blanchard (ND), Dr. Gary Counselman (KS), Dr. Donna Craft (NBCE), Dr. Tom Fullerton (MT), Dr. Marc Gamerman (MD), Ms. Jeanine Gardner (OK), Dr. Hank Hulteen (SC), Dr. Gene Jenkins (FL), Dr. Sal LaRusso (FL), Dr. Robin Lecy (NBCE), Dr. Karen Mathiak (GA), Dr. Al Norville (MS), Ms. Patricia Oliver (LA), Dr. Bill Rademacher (IL), Dr. Leslie Schmidt (NM), Dr. Ted Scott (UT), Dr. Louis Sportelli (NCMIC), Dr. Al Stabile (NJ), and Dr. Lew Wheelwright (UT).

Dr. Smith then presented the 2009 George R. Arvidson Award for Meritorious Service to Dr. Vernon Temple (VT), NBCE President, for his exceptional leadership, innovation, and service to public protection.

Finally, in a surprise presentation, Dr. Daniel Saint-Germain, newly elected President of FCLB, honored Dr. Smith with a second 2009 Arvidson Award for his outstanding work in financially stabilizing the FCLB and strengthening the organization's focus.

A complete agenda, list of faculty, awards presentations and many of the 2009 educational sessions are available on the Federation's Web site at [www.fclb.org](http://www.fclb.org).

Next year's meeting is scheduled for April 28 – May 2, 2010 at the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards in Baltimore, Maryland.

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