



The George Arvidson Award for Meritorious Service to Chiropractic Regulation

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Presented by Dr. Daniel Saint-Germain, 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.

Our 1993 award began the tradition with journalist Don Petersen. Other honorees have included Drs. Rex Wright of Kansas, Brent Owens of Florida, and co-winners, Paul Tullio of Illinois and Frank Hideg of Kentucky. In 1997 the award went to Dr. Daniel Saint-Germain, and from there to Dr. Peter Ferguson. In 1999 the Arvidson award went around the world to Australia – to Dr. Ed Devereaux. The new millennium in 2000 recognized Dr. Ken Padgett, followed by Mr. Horace Elliott. The FCLB then recognized Drs. Joe Brimhall, Larry Spicer, Louis Sportelli, and Richard Vincent. In 2006, the award went to Ms. Donna Liewer, FCLB Executive Director, 2007 honored Dr. Wayne Wolfson, and 2008 recognized Dr. Richard Cole. In 2009 we acknowledged the contributions of both Dr. Vernon Temple and Dr. Bud Smith, and last year I was pleased to present the award to Dr. Ron Tripp of Oklahoma.

Today, I'm going to talk about teamwork.

As a married man, I know something about working as part of a team. I know that sometimes, I take the lead, stride ahead, and blaze the trail. But sometimes, I know it's wiser to step back and let Diane make the decisions and take action. **Marriage is a partnership that allows us to accomplish things together that we could never manage alone.**

Serving on a regulatory board is another kind of teamwork that allows us to be greater than ourselves. We build great regulators the same way we build a castle out of sand. It takes patience and a sturdy foundation. It has to be strong so the wind and tide don't wash it away. **And you can always build something bigger, better, and stronger when you work as a team.**

My experiences, the lessons I have to share with new regulators, is enriched, clarified, strengthened by those of my teammates - my fellow board members. The insight, the persistence, and the steady voice of my friends and teammates has helped me to continuously build myself into a better regulator.

About now, you're asking yourself, "Why is this Saint-Germain guy talking so much about teamwork? Isn't the Arvidson Award meant to go to someone who stands above the crowd?"

My answer is that **this year's honoree knows that when we stand out, it's only because we're standing on the shoulders of our teammates**. Teamwork is something this year's winner knows a lot about. Teamwork in marriage, teamwork in recreation, and teamwork in regulation.

In this talk of teamwork, it's appropriate to throw in a sports metaphor. I am reminded of one of my favorite past times - team roping. In this sport, the cowboys have to work with each other and their horses. In fifteen seconds of precision and coordination, they have either won or lost.

How we tackle a problem says a lot about who we are. Do we approach it head on? Do we grab it by the horns and look it in the eye? Or do we approach from the heel and work with diplomacy and tact?

Or, as in team roping, **do we work together and do both** ?

This year's honoree knows that fair and effective regulation is never easy. The best approach is one of teamwork. Problems, conflicts, challenges, must be met at head and heels. The only way to succeed is for every member to act in harmony, trusting that the others will do their part. When everything comes together, success is beautiful.

The 2011 Arividson Award winner is both a leader and a team player. He stands strong for the truth and does so even when he's faced with long odds and larger numbers. **He leads by working within the team, guiding, herding, encouraging, knowing that even the leaders - especially the leaders - are first and foremost members of the team.**

Please join me in honoring a team member who stands tall, but never alone -

The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards'

**2011 George Arvidson Award
for Meritorious Service to Chiropractic Regulation**

is presented to -

Dr. N. Edwin Weathersby of Arizona

