

# Report of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards



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## 2011 DISTRICT MEETINGS

The focus of this year's FCLB regional meetings was chiropractic's ever-changing scope of practice and how we, as regulators, deal with it.

Representatives from FCLB member boards met to share information about emerging trends in chiropractic and regulation and to brainstorm solutions to common problems.

Special appreciation goes to guest speakers Dr. Lee Van Dusen, CCE President; Dr. David Wickes, CCE Council Chair; Dr. Rodney Thompson, CCE-Canada Treasurer; and Ms. Alison Tracy, Labour Mobility Coordinator for the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education. Thanks to these individuals for the updates about their

respective organizations. Meeting topics ranged from general regulatory issues to board operations and discipline.

Once again, we are grateful to everyone who took time away from their families and busy offices and in many cases paid their own way to contribute to the success of these meetings. I know how hard all of our members work to protect the public and encourage ethics in chiropractic practice.

- Lawrence O'Connor, D.C.  
FCLB President



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## A SPECIAL REMINDER TO OUR MEMBER BOARDS

We have some important elections coming up in 2012. **Don't miss your opportunity to vote!** Dues must be paid by May 3, 2012 for you to take full advantage of your FCB membership. Please see page 4 for a list of scheduled elections.

Visit the FCLB website to get meeting previews, travel information, and participate in our upcoming regulatory challenges.



## CERTIFIED CLINICAL CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS

A growing number of licensing boards regulate chiropractic assistants, and the standards can be confusing and difficult to navigate.

FCLB is helping to design a new national program to ensure mobility and uniformity of requirements for Certified Clinical Chiropractic Assistants.

## QUICK LINKS — MEMBER BOARDS ONLINE

The FCLB maintains links to member boards' websites, license verification, legislation, and application materials. To access these links, visit [www.fclb.org](http://www.fclb.org) and click on the Chiropractic Boards link.



## ISSUES IN LICENSURE & PRACTICE

### INTERNATIONAL REGULATION & MOBILITY

Do your laws and regulations need to be updated? Did you know...

- the "Doctor of Chiropractic" degree is only offered by programs in North America?
- Europe offers "candidate status"?

### CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

How does your board determine who can advertise which credentials? Many boards don't track recognized certificate programs. Does yours?

### INFORMED CONSENT

What are your board's informed consent requirements? Things to consider include signing off by the patient versus written records by the doctor and identifying alternative treatments and specific risks.

### DISCIPLINE

Repeat offenders, monitoring disciplined chiropractors, tracking violators—all of these issues concern regulators as we try to stay one step ahead of unethical practitioners without curbing the rest of the profession's ability to offer high quality health care. How does your board deal with these issues?

### BOARD AND STAFF

How are members and staff trained for your board? Offering sufficient instruction on a limited budget is a challenge faced by all of our member boards. How can your "alumni" board members help?

### DISASTER PRACTICE

Can out-of-jurisdiction providers offer support and aid in emergency situations? Our boards are considering what policies might offer the best benefits and protection for patients in their jurisdictions.

### COMMUNICATING WITH LICENSEES

As budgets shrink, so do boards' abilities to communicate with their licensees. Many boards have cut back on or completely eliminated their newsletters. A more cost-effective alternative is online. We're assisting our boards in taking full advantage of their websites to communicate with licensees.

### NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER

A unique, public number issued by the US Department of Health and Human Services, the NPI is a useful way of tracking practitioners with multiple licenses and doesn't raise the security issue of SSN identification. As more than 70,200 DCs now have their NPI, boards should consider adding this 10-digit numeric ID to their licensee databases.

### NEW LICENSEE ORIENTATION

How do boards prepare licensees to practice ethically and stay within their scope? Studies have shown a strong correlation between new licensee orientation and lower disciplinary rates.

## DISTRICT MEETING FEEDBACK

Attendees want to **learn more about:**

- Social networking regulations
- Online CEU
- Telemedicine
- Board Development

The **roundtable discussions** were by far the most popular part of this meeting. Your fellow regulators had this to say:

- "Relevant topics, well-presented."
- "It is always good to hear that other people have problems also."
- "Best part of the program!"

## FCLB ONLINE

### PUBLICATIONS

For boards looking for model documents, ethics information, or other useful publications, the FCLB offers a library of resources. Visit the FCLB website and click on Publications on the drop-down menu under Resources.

### MEMBER RESOURCES

Our members can log on to our password-protected members-only section to access archived PowerPolls, update responses, view meeting materials, and participate in current projects.

Access to this section is restricted—a unique benefit to FCLB Fellows (board members), Administrative Fellows (board administrators), and Honorary Fellows (former board members).

### RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Are you looking for contact or meeting information for a chiropractic organization? Visit our Related Organizations link under the Resources menu. We update contact and meeting links periodically.

### TRANSPARENCY

Questions about actions taken in meetings or how we're handling finances? Check us out online. All of our meeting minutes and financial reports are posted to our website for your review.

### EVERYTHING ELSE

Check out our other great web services. Can't find what you're looking for? Give us a call. We're always happy to help.



## FCLB RESOURCES



### CIN-BAD

The FCLB's Chiropractic Information Network—Board Action Databank is going global! As chiropractic becomes a world-wide concern, CIN-BAD has been restructured to offer services to international boards.

This database, which maintains a record of all reported board actions, simplifies verification processes and creates a more complete picture for licensing boards.

US boards may take advantage of CIN-BAD's HIPDB reporting. FCLB currently reports on behalf of 26 member boards to this mandatory federal healthcare database. For more information, contact Bridget Seader, CIN-BAD Program Coordinator at (970) 356-3500.



### PACE

Are you on board with PACE? This streamlined continuing education provider recognition program reduces paperwork and staff hours for both licensing boards and CE providers. With 24 participating boards and five approved providers representing eight campuses, PACE is growing by leaps and bounds.

### WEB SITE

**Have you checked out** the new and improved FCLB website? Stop by to get updated on the latest news or to access the resources of the FCLB: [www.fclb.org](http://www.fclb.org)

### OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

The FCLB *Official Directory* offers a snapshot look at the requirements to obtain or maintain chiropractic licensure. Available free online at [www.fclb.org](http://www.fclb.org), use it as a quick reference.

The FCLB relies on you to keep the *Official Directory* updated. If your board makes a change, or you notice the *Directory* isn't quite current, please notify us.

### NEWS ALERTS

Using Webcrawlers, the FCLB monitors chiropractic in the news, alerting boards to media stories in their jurisdictions.

### POWER POLLS

Do you have a question for other licensing boards?



Send it to the FCLB. We'll conduct a PowerPoll. PowerPolls survey all member boards, gathering information on relevant regulatory issues.

The FCLB staff has extensive archives of past PowerPolls, now available through the Members Only link on our website, and is always happy to conduct new ones.

When you receive a request for PowerPoll information, don't forget to complete and return it quickly! Remember that you're helping fellow boards, and they in turn will be happy to help you!

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# FCLB Calendar & Important Dates

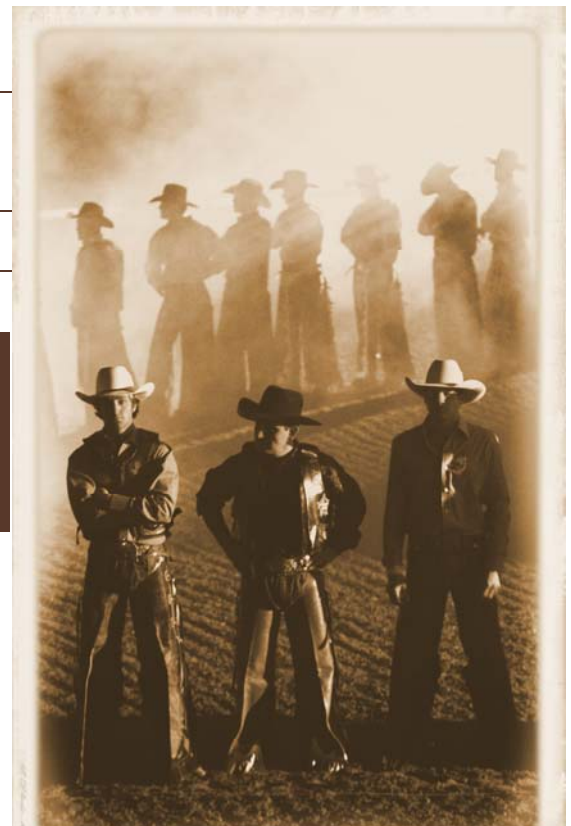
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| January, 2012     | Early Bird Conference Registration rate begins  |
| February 3, 2012  | Bylaws amendment DEADLINE for 2012 Annual Meeting   |
| February 27, 2012 | 2012 Award Nomination DEADLINE<br>Earl L. Wiley, D.C. Outstanding Board<br>George Arvidson Award for Meritorious Service  |
| March 4, 2012     | FCLB Intent to Run for Office DEADLINE<br>Intent to Run for Nominating Committee DEADLINE<br>Last day to register at the early bird rate  |
| March 5, 2012     | Regular Conference Registration rate begins   |
| April 2, 2012     | Hotel room block DEADLINE for Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk, San Antonio<br>FCLB Voting Delegate/Alternate Designation DEADLINE  |
| April 6, 2012     | Procrastinators' Conference Registration rate begins  |
| May 2, 2012       | Chiropractic Board Administrators' Committee Meeting in San Antonio, TX   |
| May 3, 2012       | Last day to pay 2012 Membership Dues (no voting unless dues are paid)<br>General educational sessions begin<br>Session I of the Annual Business Meeting<br>86th Annual Congress—Welcome Reception |
| May 4, 2012       | Resolutions due in conference office by 8:00 AM<br>Educational sessions continue<br>NBCE Annual Meeting and luncheon  |
| May 5, 2012       | District Caucuses<br>Educational sessions continue<br>Session II of the Annual Business Meeting   |
| May 6, 2012       | Conference wrap-up and goodbye  |

**"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE;  
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH."  
HELEN KELLER**

The FCLB's 86th Annual Educational Congress is scheduled for **May 2-6, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas.**

Conference events will be in the Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk.

Scheduled board of directors elections for 2012 include District IV Director, District V Director, Administrative Fellow Director, and nominating committee members.



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