



78th Annual Congress
of the
Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards

MINUTES

Annual Business Meeting

FEDERATION
OF
CHIROPRACTIC LICENSING BOARDS

Saturday, May 8, 2004
Denver, Colorado

Chair: Richard L. Cole, D.C. - FCLB President

Approved 6/9/04 by the 2004 Minutes Committee:

Denise Natale, D.C. (VT) - Chair

William Rademacher, D.C. (IL)

Gary Counselman, D.C. (KS)

Awards presentation preceded the Annual Business Meeting

1. **Call to Order** - As chair, Dr. Cole called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon. He introduced Alice Ragona, Professional Registered Parliamentarian and noted that Donna Liewer would serve as recording secretary. The FCLB officers and district directors were also introduced.
2. **Dedication to Service** - Dr. Daniel Saint-Germain (Quebec) led the dedication to service.
3. **Invocation** - Dr. Farrell Grossman (SC) offered the invocation.

The chair then introduced special guests, including past members of the Federation's board of directors and representatives from other organizations. The chair also expressed appreciation to those who traveled the farthest to be with the Federation, including delegates from Puerto Rico, and Canada, and Dr. Raine Makela from Finland, representing the European Chiropractors Union.

4. **Credentials Committee Report** - Dr. Earl Wiley (OH) reported that his committee, including Drs. Pamela Blanchard (MT) and Mike Courtney (AR) had reviewed the credentials of the delegates and alternates and found them to meet the requirements of the bylaws. Hearing no objections, *the chair declared the delegates and alternates seated.*
5. **Roll Call** - Donna Liewer called the roll. Based on 40 as the number of properly registered delegates present at the roll call, *the chair declared 21 as the number of votes which constitute a simple majority, and 27 as the number for a 2/3 majority vote.*
6. **Adoption of Business Meeting Rules and Protocol** - Hearing no objections, *the chair declared the Business Rules and Protocol adopted as presented.*
7. **Approval of Agenda** - Hearing no objections, *the chair declared the Agenda approved as presented.*

8. Announcement of the Approval of the 2003 Minutes by Committee: Orlando, Florida

The chair announced *the minutes for 2003 were approved by the Minutes Approval Committee* which was chaired by Dr. Richard McCarthy (OR) and included Drs. William Perman (FL) and Earl Wiley (OH).

NOTE: The 2004 Minutes Approval Committee will be chaired by Dr. Denise Natale (VT) and will include Drs. William Rademacher (IL) and Gary Counselman (KS).

A. *President's Report* - Dr. Richard L. Cole (TN) commented on progress in the FCLB over the past year, and thanked the members, board and staff for their trust and support. He noted that Dr. Mary-Ellen Rada will be involved with developing a new on-line board member orientation program, and that Dr. N. Edwin Weathersby will be spearheading the PACE program as it now gets underway.

B. *Treasurer/Finance Report* - Dr. Michael Kelman (DE), member of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee had reviewed the annual audit and associated reports, and found the finances of the Federation to be in good order, and in full compliance with required accounting standards.

Dr. Oliver "Bud" Smith, Jr. (TX) thanked Dr. Kelman and Dr. Dennis Hall (NC) for their participation on the Finance Committee. He noted the audit is available to any member for review, and referred delegates to the financial section of the *Annual Report* in the attendee notebooks for a summary of the financial figures for 2003. He expressed appreciation to NBCE and ACA for generous grants and described the other sources of income, including increased revenues from the ALLDOCS database in CIN-BAD.

He also reported on noteworthy expenses, particularly the costs of computer programming as the complete computer infrastructure of the FCLB continues to be restructured.

C. *Executive Director's Report* - Donna Liewer reported briefly on the progress of the Federation and expressed appreciation to the board and staff for their support.

D. *Legal Report* - On behalf of our legal firm of Atkinson & Atkinson, the chair noted that there were no current or pending lawsuits.

There were no questions from the floor about the business reports.

10. Introduction of Chairs of Past and Present Committees - Appreciation - On behalf of the membership, the chair recognized the chairs of current and past FCLB committees, and expressed appreciation to many volunteers who guide the Federation' projects.

11. Introduction of Representatives to Other Organizations to Which FCLB Has Voting Representation - the chair introduced the representatives to other affiliate organizations:

- A. *National Board of Chiropractic Examiners* - Dr. N. Edwin Weathersby (AZ) and Dr. Richard L Cole (TN). The chair also noted that Dr. Wayne C. Wolfson (FL), FCLB past president, holds an at-large seat on the NBCE board of directors and continues to serve the regulatory community with distinction.
- B. *Congressional Oversight Committee: Chiropractic Military Implementation Project* - Dr. Peter D. Ferguson (OH)
- C. *Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters* - Dr. David N. Taylor (MA) with Dr. Wayne Wolfson (FL) serving as board liaison
- D. *Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards* - Donna M. Liewer, FCLB Executive Director

12. Resolutions and Bylaws Committee Report - Dr. Ron Tripp (OK), Chair

Dr. Tripp expressed appreciation to his fellow members of this committee, including Drs. Cliff Bickerton (WV), Oliver “Bud” Smith, Jr. (TX), and Earl Wiley (OH). He also thanked legal counsel Dale Atkinson for participating in the meeting.

- A. *Resolutions* - there were two resolutions presented to the membership:
 - 1. That the FCLB asserts its commitment to the area of patient protection by affirming its position that doctors of chiropractic arrive at a diagnosis prior to the initiation of treatment, and further that the FCLB notify member boards and developing regulatory boards of this position.
Passed, none opposed
 - 2. That the Federation increase member dues by \$100 per category effective January 1, 2005. *Passed, none opposed*
It was noted this will be the first dues increase in five years.
- B. *Bylaws Amendments* - Dr. Tripp reported there were two amendments proposed to the membership by the March 8, 2004, deadline.
 - 1. Article III Section 1 and Article VI, Sections 1 and 3 - To remove the restriction prohibiting the Executive Fellow Director from voting on the FCLB Board of Directors. The amendment was submitted by seven member boards: Oregon, Alaska, Massachusetts, Virginia, North Carolina, New York, and New Jersey.
The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee recommended PASS.
The amendment was adopted with 35 in favor and Maryland opposed.

2. **Article VIII, Section 3 - to reconstitute the Nominating Committee to have direct elections for five seats, one from each district, with elections to occur every three years.** The amendment was submitted by Fellow, Dr. Hank Hulteen (SC).

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee recommended DO NOT PASS.

Dr. F.R. Corner (ND) moved to suspend the rules to allow non-delegates to speak to the motion. As there was no objection, ***the chair declared the rules suspended to allow non-delegates to speak to the motion.***

With a vote of 20 in favor and 14 opposed, ***the amendment failed to achieve the 2/3 vote required for adoption.***

The chair noted the board of directors will revisit the structure of the nominating committee, in order to present a plan at next year's annual meeting in Montreal to address the participation issues raised in discussion.

13. **Nominating Committee Report - Dr. Wayne C. Wolfson (FL) Chair**

A. ***Election of Executive Fellow Director to the FCLB Board of Directors***

Dr. Wolfson reported the committee met by telephone conference call on April 7, 2004, to interview the only announced candidate for the Executive Fellow seat on the FCLB board of directors. Other committee members included Drs. Pamela Blanchard (MT), Lawrence O'Connor (NJ), and Carol Davis (AK). The committee unanimously nominated Mr. Kevin B. Earle, executive director of the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, for a second two-year term on the Federation's board of directors.

As there were no other nominations from the floor, ***the chair declared Kevin B. Earle Executive Fellow Director for 2004 - 2006.***

B. ***2004 Nominating Committee Representation***

The chair noted the FCLB board of directors had nominated two members to the 2005 Nominating Committee in accordance with the bylaws.

Dr. Mary-Ellen Rada (NJ) was approved by the membership with none opposed.

Dr. Daniel Prideaux (MT) was approved by the membership with none opposed.

14. **New Business**

Dr. Daryl Wills (NE) gave a brief update on the ACA lawsuits.

15. Report of the Convention and Program Committee: Future Conference Sites

The chair expressed appreciation to the other leaders of the conference development team, Dr. N. Edwin Weathersby (AZ) and Dr. Wayne C. Wolfson (FL), with assistance by the Federation's board and staff. He also thanked the Colorado board and staff for hosting the 78th Annual Congress, and the many speakers and other volunteers who made the program so successful.

He reported that the 79th Annual Congress will be held May 4 - 8, 2005, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, concurrently with the Canadian Federation of Chiropractic Regulatory Boards.

The 2006 meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon, and the 2007 meeting will be in District II - with St. Louis and Kansas City currently under consideration.

16. Installation Ceremony - Dr. Lawrence Gerstein (MO), FCLB Past President, installed the officers and directors for 2004-2005.

17. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.


Donna M. Liewer
Recording Secretary