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## FCLB Board Minutes

### REGULAR MEETING

#### FCLB Board of Directors

Tuesday, November 11, 2002  
Via telephone conference call  
7:00 p.m. MST

#### PRESENT:

#### OFFICERS:

Wayne C. Wolfson, D.C., President  
Richard L. Cole, D.C. Vice President  
N. Edwin Weathersby, D.C. Treasurer  
David E. Brown, D.C., Immediate Past President

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Oliver "Bud" Smith, Jr., D.C., Executive Board Chair & District IV Director  
Patricia G. Conners-Allen, D.C., District I Director  
LeRoy Otto, D.C., District II Director  
Daniel Saint-Germain, D.C., District III Director  
Steve Willen, D.C., District V Director

#### EXECUTIVE FELLOW DIRECTOR:

Kevin Earle, Executive Fellow Director

#### GUEST:

Joseph Brimhall, D.C., chairman - CCE's Commission on Accreditation

#### LEGAL COUNSEL:

Dale Atkinson, J.D., Atkinson & Atkinson

## **STAFF:**

Donna M. Liewer, Executive Director

**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL** - Dr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and noted those present as listed above. Dr. Brimhall joined a few minutes into the meeting.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Dr. Smith commended Dr. Conners-Allen on being selected Chiropractor of the Year for the third time in Alaska. This award is more commonly given to the outgoing president of the state association, so Dr. Conners-Allen was recognized for exceptional service to the profession from her regulatory contributions.

**III. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING** - please note these were approved by electronic vote and posted to our website.

## **IV. BUSINESS**

**1. FINANCIAL REPORTS** - Dr. Weathersby presented the current Financial Status report and current Income and Expense reports and noted the financial status is on target as expected.

### **2. COMMITTEES**

**A. Continuing Education - Update on PACE Program** - Dr. Smith commended Dr. Cole for traveling to every fall regional meeting to help explain the PACE program design to our member boards. Dr. Cole noted that we had expected more chiropractic college postgraduate department turnout at the meetings, but that the downturn in the economy has impacted on travel.

He described the next PACE phase as a survey to get more detailed responses from the colleges to help us design to the maximum degree possible around their budgetary and program needs. He asked the district directors for assistance in helping describe the program to their constituent boards and how it meets the multiple needs of stakeholders in a cost-effective manner.

**B. Professional Standards Committee Project** - Dr. Wolfson & Donna Liewer described the investigation into the feasibility of a searchable laws and rules database to assist this committee and member boards. The board reviewed the history of a previous, similar project, on a dial-up bulletin board. The multiple formats under which laws are available was noted, and the fact that some of these research issues can be dealt with under Westlaw or similar search engines. The board concluded the idea is not feasible at this time.

Further, Dr. Wolfson reported that Dr. Taylor's committee had agreed to rephrase its survey instrument to be more feasible for PowerPoll distribution and compilation. The board expressed appreciation to Dr. Taylor for the thoughtful effort to date on this project and his team's willingness to be flexible as appropriate mechanisms and wording are identified.

**3. ACCREDITING AGENCIES: Update** - Dr. Wolfson & Dale Atkinson

## A. Life University - College of Chiropractic issues affecting our member boards

The board reviewed a survey of US state chiropractic laws researched by staff. Dr. Brimhall described the CCE's processes for new applicant programs, and gave an overview of the differences between regional accreditation for institutions and programmatic accreditation. He described CCE's policies governing acceptance of transfer students, noting that any transfer student must attend the new program for a minimum of a year to qualify for graduation.

The board noted there are apparently a handful of US states where the statutory language references accreditation quite broadly, not differentiating between regional institutional and programmatic accreditation. Possible educational programming might be considered at the annual conference to assist boards in understanding the differences and in looking at model accreditation language which retains appropriate board authority over the educational credentials of applicants for licensure.

Finally, Dr. Brimhall explained why Recognized Candidate for Accreditation was eliminated as a status with CCE some years ago, and described some options available for new and revoked programs under the Standards.

Kevin Earle noted the New Jersey board plans to send a team to review the current academic situation at LUCC.

**B. CCE-Canada** - Dr. Saint-Germain reported that the Canadian Commission on Accreditation reaffirmed the accredited status of the University of Quebec - Trois Riviere program, which has been on public probation.

## 4. DISTRICT MEETINGS

**A. Report by the District Directors: Highlights and Issues** - each District Director gave a brief overview of the regional meetings, noting that reception to the PACE concept was overwhelmingly positive.

The issue of options in the dues billing structure was also discussed at all regional meetings, and the board agreed to place it on the agenda for additional review in January. Pending further discussion, staff was directed not to send dues notices out at this time.

Kevin Earle agreed to draft a communique for board administrators which staff could distribute via e-mail to gather their input on the issue of combining meeting registration and/or travel with dues in the same manner as other federations currently offer.

## 5. TRAVEL - UPDATES & REPORTS

**A. FARB Attorney Certification Course** - Dale Atkinson reported on educational seminar in Colorado Springs, CO - October 31 - November 3, 2002. Although there was a 24% decline in projected

attendance, there were overwhelmingly positive program evaluations. As an attendee, Donna Liewer commended Dale Atkinson on the quality of the program, and noted that the trend in curtailing in-person training and education is of concern to all associations including FARB and FCLB.

## **B. 27th Annual Forum - theme: Continued Competence**

Austin, TX / February 7 - 9, 2003

Donna Liewer will attend the Forum as the FCLB's appointed member of the FARB Board of Directors.

M/S Brown / Weathersby to leave it to the President's discretion to determine whether an FCLB Director should also attend the Forum. Passed, no opposition

It was also agreed to discuss with Dr. Kathleen Galligan whether the Oregon board might be able to support her attendance in light of both her position as FCLB Clinical Competency Task Force chair and the state's strides in this area.

**C. COCSA & CCGPP - Annual Meetings** - Dr. Brown reported he attended the combined meeting in Charlotte, NC on November 7 - 9, 2002. He participated in a presentation on Distance Learning and offered a PowerPoint presentation on PACE to approximately 50 - 60 state association representatives. Finally, he served as the Federation's representative at the CCGPP meeting, where he noted the world of guidelines is changing dramatically - away from global professional guidelines and toward "best practices" involving specific topics. He explained the new CCGPP chairman is Dr. Gene Lewis, and that the group seems quite congenial, planning to meet in conjunction with the FCLB/WFC meetings in Orlando this next spring.

**D. Midyear Board Meeting - Denver, Colorado** - the board discussed various date options and agreed to retain the original date of January 10 - 12, 2003. The hotel contract is still under discussion, with the finalists being the Westin and Adam's Mark.

**TOPICS to date:** Should malpractice settlements be public record?

2003 conference topics / interface with WFC

Role of the Nominating Committee

Dues structure

PACE program Advanced practice examination

Distance Learning - task force?

The board discussed the possibility of moving the midyear meeting to be in conjunction with the FARB

Forum next year.

The board also discussed the option of sending one or more representatives to the CCE's Board of Directors' meeting on Sunday, January 12. Drs. Weathersby and Smith expressed tentative interest.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Correspondence from Neurolinguistic Programming** - The board took under advisement recent correspondence from NLP.

**B. SEP Policy** - noting new federal requirements, the board amended the policy.

**M/S Wolfson/Brown To amend the FCLB SEP Policy as presented.** Passed, no opposition

**C. Collaborative Practice** - Dr. Cole reported on his presentation at the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy meeting in Chicago and their continued interest in exploring this topic as it involves veterinarians, PT's and DC's. Dr. Cole noted that there is a significant lack of leadership on the issue of collaborative veterinary/chiropractic care, and individual jurisdictions will be forced to deal with the issue alone if we don't maintain some involvement and gather additional information.

He described the PT working model where a combined panel of the three professions would listen to presenters discuss patient issues with a goal of developing model regulatory language.

Dr. Wolfson urged the board to stay focused on the many projects we have currently on our deck, while continuing to support ongoing dialogue as time and resources permit. Donna Liewer was directed to offer the FSBPT an opportunity to attend our January midyear board meeting to discuss the issue further if it appears to be appropriate, and to invite them to come to Orlando as well.

**D. Orlando Keynote Speaker** - Dr. Wolfson reported that Becky Cherney has been invited as a keynote speaker for FCLB in Orlando - a frequent guest on TV news programs, her Florida Health Care Coalition is a model in contributions to cost effective health care programs and involves over one million employees. She has been an outspoken advocate for the public as a recent member of the Florida Board of Medicine. She has been address the value and responsibilities of public members on licensing boards at our conference.

**E. Fundraising Letter** - Dr. Willen reported the effort is underway to develop the appropriate letter and identify contacts for possible sponsors for the FCLB's Orlando conference.

## VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM. Deadline to submit topics for the next (midyear - in person) board meeting is December 27, 2002.

Donna M. Liewer

## Recording Secretary

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