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Recently, I met with my fellow members of the FCLB Board of Directors for our annual midyear meeting. This year we enjoyed the hospitality of the Parker Seminars staff in Las Vegas. If you were in attendance, I hope you had the opportunity to stop by our FCLB booth on the expo floor.

Below are some of the highlights from our board meeting. Click to follow any of the links to our website for more information.

### **2015 CONFERENCE**

We are looking for some big ideas in the Big Easy.

The 89th FCLB Annual Educational Congress is approaching! We will be gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana from May 6 to 10 and have some great informative sessions and social gatherings in the works.

If you get a chance to take a look at our [agenda](#) online, you'll notice a great line-up including some serious brainstorming, a presentation from the founder of the Patriot Project, and an educational session on ethical interventions. Also, watch for Dr. Thomas Klapp to deliver this year's Janse Lecture. For the rest of the conference, we've pulled our educational topics from questions our member boards have asked as well as some new topics suggested during last fall's district meeting evaluations.

Once again, the [National Board of Chiropractic Examiners](#) is coordinating the Friday program. They are hosting a social gathering that evening at the nearby House of Blues. Make plans to join us!

One change for 2015 is that we have moved the deadline for submitting resolutions. Please be aware that this year's deadline is Wednesday, May 6 at 5:00 PM – two days earlier than in previous years. This gives our Resolutions and Bylaws Committee a little better time frame to review items before placing them before the delegate body.

During our midyear meeting, the FCLB board voted to recognize the regulator work of our great friend and leader Dr. Gary Pennebaker by including him on the renamed Pennebaker Wiley Outstanding Board Award. Please get your nominations in for that award no later than February 19.

The FCLB's conference scholarship, the Wolfson Scholarship, brings current chiropractic college student leaders to our annual meeting. This year, we will be inviting nominations from both Parker University and Life University. When you see these future leaders at conference, please take a moment to make them feel welcome.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Don't forget to plan ahead for our future meetings. Dates and locations for the 2015 Fall District meetings are posted online now.

**Important Dates**

- Feb 19: Award Nominations Due
- Mar 10: Intent to Run Letters Due
- Apr 9: Voting Delegate Designations Due
- Apr 10: Late Registration Begins
- Apr 27: Cancellation Deadline

## **CERTIFIED CHIROPRACTIC CLINICAL ASSISTANTS**

This great program standardizes training and testing for a key employee in any chiropractor's office. Our goal in developing this program has been to protect the public by making certain that chiropractic clinical assistants can deliver safe, effective care while keeping certification logistically feasible and inexpensive. Learn more about the program, sign up for updates, or download resources on our website.

## **CAP**

This meeting, we officially launched our new Chiropractic Ambassador Program (CAP). Hats off to enthusiastic members eager to teach stakeholders more about regulation and FCLB services. If you are interested in joining this fun new program (and earning prizes), contact our offices to learn more.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Have you noticed familiar names in the recent issues of The American Chiropractor? Dr. Otto answered questions about the mission and work of FCLB in the December 2014 issue and we showcased some of our CCCAs in a previous Chiropractic Assistant insert. Look for more from the FCLB in future issues.

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## **NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD**

### NBCE's National Board Day, May 8, New Orleans

The agenda is set for the second annual National Board Day, with NBCE proudly announcing this year's keynote address "Evidence-Based Chiropractic," which will be delivered by Dr. Jason Busse of McMaster University, Ontario.

Dr. Busse has a M.S. in Molecular & Medical Genetics, and he graduated from Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in 1999. He completed his Ph.D. in Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics at McMaster University.

Dr. Busse has authored seven textbook chapters and 54 journal articles; he has published in journals such as Spine, the Journal of the Canadian Chiropractic Association, the Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics, the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, the Mayo Clinic Proceedings, and the Journal of Clinical Epidemiology.

After the keynote address, National Board Day will continue with updates on NBCE projects, including new standards for fairness in testing. A panel discussion on the Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services will follow. Your state may allow CE's for several of these sessions.

At the NBCE Annual Meeting which follows, directors will be elected for NBCE Districts III and V. The day will end with an hour-long session on "Urban Myths Associated with NBCE Testing."

The day concludes with a buffet and entertainment at the House of Blues. See the FCLB and NBCE websites for more information and please plan to join us.

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