The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards hosted its 90th Annual Educational Congress April 27 - May 1 in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference focused on clarity in regulation.

Approximately 145 attendees from North America, Australia, and New Zealand represented chiropractic licensing boards, testing, associations, and chiropractic colleges.

On Thursday, the educational portion of the conference opened with the 26th Annual Joseph Janse Lecture delivered by Dr. Wayne Wolfson of Florida. Dr. Wolfson talked about the inspiration and leadership of Dr. Janse.

Also on Thursday, Dr. Terry Yochum, well-known chiropractic radiologist, author, and speaker, presented an in-depth look at malpractice case studies.

Friday’s portion of the conference was hosted by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners and included an opportunity for attendees to earn CEUs as well as a keynote address by Dr. James Kurtz, Clinic Director of NW Sports Rehab and team chiropractor for the Seattle Seahawks. Dr. Kurtz spoke on the spirit of chiropractic.

Other educational sessions at the conference included:

- Malpractice cases
- NC Dental Board v. FTC
- Licensees on Social Media
- Regulatory Ethics
- Competence and Safety in Accreditation and Regulation
- Addressing Common and Uncommon Regulatory Scenarios
- Licensure Exams and Services of the NBCE
- Development of International Standards
- Ethics and Boundaries
- Board Member Training

Elections – FCLB Board of Directors

- District III Director: Dr. Keita Vanterpool (DC)
- District III Alternate Director: Dr. George Khoury (PA)
The FCLB Board of Directors named District I Director Dr. Carol Winkler (ND) to continue serving as Board Chair.

Also continuing on the board are Dr. Farrel Grossman (SC), President; Dr. Maggie Colucci (NV), Vice President; Dr. Kirk Shilts (MA) Treasurer; Dr. LeRoy Otto (MN), Immediate Past President; Dr. William Rademacher (IL), District II Director; Dr. Cynthia Tays (TX), District IV Director; Dr. Ned Martello (LA), District V Director; and Ms. Patricia Oliver (LA), Administrative Fellow Director.

Bylaws and Resolutions

The delegate body voted to pass all three bylaws amendments proposed this year. Amendment 1 (Article V, section 3) clarified when a newly-elected District Director becomes a member of the Board of Directors. Amendment 2 (Article VII, Section 1) designates the authority of the Board of Directors to interpret bylaws. Amendment 3 (Article VII, Section 3) establishes a residency requirement for District Directors.

Also approved by the delegate body was a resolution encouraging member boards to include PACE in their continuing education approval processes.

The complete text of this year's bylaws amendments and resolution is available online.

Awards and Recognition

Dr. Grossman presented awards to the following individuals and organizations:

- Special Presidential Recognition: Dr. Kirk Shilts (MA)
- 2016 Dr. Wayne Wolfson Scholarship Award: Ms. Anna Marie Gierach (Palmer College of Chiropractic - West) and Mr. Richard Doss (Life Chiropractic College - West)
- 2016 Donna Liewer-Cohen Regulatory Scholarship: Mr. Dennis Clark (MT)
- 2016 Pennebaker/Wiley Outstanding Board Award: Chiropractic Physicians’ Board of Nevada
- 2016 George R. Arvidson Award for Meritorious Service: Dr. Norman Ouzts (SC)

A complete agenda, list of faculty, awards presentations and many of the 2016 educational sessions are available on the Federation’s website at www.fclb.org.

CERTIFIED CHIROPRACTIC CLINICAL ASSISTANTS

Who is responsible for ensuring chiropractic assistants in your jurisdiction are capable of performing assigned therapies?

Who makes certain that CAs can recognize a problem and respond appropriately?

Who has the authority to supervise conduct and enforce proper deterrents?
In most US jurisdictions, there is no regulatory oversight for chiropractic assistants.

With one in 20 malpractice claims relating to injuries with therapies, CA training and monitoring has become a regulatory concern.

As a service to member boards, the FCLB has developed a multi-part program for certifying and regulating chiropractic clinical assistants.

The components of this program include:
- Model documents for boards that do not currently regulate CAs;
- A database of PACE Recognized continuing education programs that offer both online and live CA training; and
- A complete CA certification program that combines minimum training standards and experience, an examination developed and administered by the NBCE, and continuing education requirements to maintain certification.

To learn more about this program, please visit the FCLB website and click on “Chiro Assistants.”

ARE YOU AN FCLB EXPERT?

Our Chiropractic Ambassador Program (CAP) is designed to educate affiliated organizations and future chiropractors about the role of regulation and the services of the FCLB.

We’re looking for ambassadors to share our story, present locally, and earn great prizes!

LICENSE PORTABILITY

The FCLB’s developing Passport program will offer selective authentication of licensure status for temporary mobility. Our new program will include NPI information as well as verification of good standing and clean criminal backgrounds for DCs interested in traveling to treat.

Find us on FaceBook! The FCLB has launched our FaceBook page to help us keep in touch with public, professionals, and our member boards.

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