MINUTES

58th Congress
of the
Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards

Annual Business Meeting

Friday, February 15, 1991
Albuquerque, New Mexico

1. Call to Order - President George W. Arvidson, D.C., called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Arnold "Mickey" Goldschmidt, D.C., led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Invocation - Frank Roberts, D.C. presented the invocation.

4. Credentials Committee Report - Meredith Bakke, D.C., Chairperson, read the report of her committee. Members included J. Michael Flynn, D.C. and Steven Gardner, D.C. The committee found all delegates and alternates qualified under the Federation bylaws except several licensing boards who missed the delegate registration deadline for various reasons, some beyond their control. The exceptions were Dr. Carol Davis of Alaska, Dr. R.C. Romero and Dr. Keith Carder of Oklahoma, and Dr. Marlon Williams of U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Committee m/s that those individuals present from the qualified states be seated at the 1991 Annual Business Meeting of the Federation. No opposition.

The Committee m/s that the delegates from the boards not meeting the registration deadline are otherwise qualified and they be seated at the 1991 Annual Business Meeting of the Federation. No opposition.

The Credentials Committee noted that the credentials process should be more specific for the FCLB, and urged that the membership adopt Resolution #8.

5. Roll Call / Seating of the Delegates - Donna Liewer called the roll. Dr. Arvidson announced the delegates and alternates were seated.

6. Adoption of Business Meeting Rules and Protocol - At the request of two districts, Resolution #4 was allotted 10 minutes rather than five minutes for the proponent of the resolution to present his position.

Dr. Arvidson called for any additions or amendments to the Rules, and hearing none, called for their adoption. No opposition.

7. Approval of the Agenda - Dr. Arvidson noted two additions: NBCE report (G) and CCE report (H). Hearing no other additions to the agenda, he called for the adoption of the agenda. No opposition.
8. **Approval of the Minutes - Scottsdale 1990** - Dr. Arvidson called for additions or corrections. Hearing none, he called for the approval of the minutes. No opposition.

9. **Business Reports**

   A. **President's Report** - Dr. Arvidson noted that the substance of his report was included in the delegate notebooks. He stressed that although the NBCE has been very supportive of the Federation financially through the Agreement signed last year in Scottsdale, both organizations continue to operate on an autonomous basis.

   B. **Treasurer's Report** - Sandra Woodruff, D.C., Treasurer reported that two years ago the Federation's finances were in serious difficulty, and that we had to run for a year with volunteer administrative staff to recover financial stability. Achievements have included a quarterly professional CPA review of the finances, several generous grants from NBCE and ACA, and the adoption of financial standards by the Board to govern daily operations. The agreement with the NBCE has resulted in approximately $30,000 this past year in direct support for the Federation. We need additional financial support to continue to stabilize and grow in service to our members.

   C. **Executive Director's Report** - Donna Liewer reported that the Federation will be moving to new corporate headquarters in the National Board's new facility this spring, marking the first time since 1933 that the Federation has had professional offices and staff. Improvements in this year's directory include more information helpful to students, laws regulating chiropractic assistants, and legal terminology for D.C.'s in each state. Computer equipment provided by the NBCE and the Federation is improving our ability to serve the members.

10. **Committee Reports**

    A. **Long Range Planning Committee** - Roger Pope, D.C. gave the report on behalf of Chairman Stanley Kaplan. The basis for the committee's activity is the 13-goal statement by Dr. Brent Owens from last year, adding three additional areas and reprioritizing three others:

        1. to facilitate and encourage all states to provide a valid and reliable objective testing system for chiropractic licensure,

        2. to facilitate reciprocity among chiropractic licensing jurisdictions after entry level requirements are established by the Federation and adopted by the chiropractic licensing authorities,

        3. to address and establish a model for dealing with the problem of chiropractic discipline,

        4. to develop a body of policy statements relative to the licensing and discipline of chiropractors and the practice of chiropractic,

        5. to develop a program of fiscal stability,
6. to develop a standard model program for the impaired chiropractic professional.

Dr. Arvidson noted that the following committees' reports are suspended this year because their preparations are not complete: Blue Ribbon Panel on Universal Graduation Date and Committee on Professional Standards.

B. Governmental Affairs and Legal Advisory Committee - Edward Epstein, D.C., Chairman, reported that the committee met and discussed the pending legislation before the U.S. Congress regarding the commissioning of doctors of chiropractic in the armed forces. The committee recommended that the FCLB support and assist the efforts of the ACA and the ICA toward this goal. It further recommended that the FCLB work closely with the U.S. Inspector General's Office regarding the investigation and prosecution of fraudulent practices within the chiropractic profession.

C. Resolutions and Bylaws Committee - D. Brent Owens, D.C., Chairman, thanked the members of the committee, Drs. Goldschmidt, Hatten, Greco, and Tierney, for untiring efforts in resolving the issues before the membership.

Bylaws Change - the Committee recommends the adoption of the one bylaws change which moves the election of district directors to the district meetings, with seating of the director-elect to follow the annual meeting of the Federation.

The Committee m/s to adopt the amendment to the bylaws. No opposition.

Resolution #1 - Urging state boards to enforce the laws against illegitimate patient research and solicitation schemes.

The Committee m/s - to adopt Resolution #1. No opposition.

Resolution #2 - Provided adequate funding is available, to support, promote and develop a program to collect and disseminate data for a national chiropractic census.

The Committee m/s - to adopt Resolution #2. No opposition.

Resolution #3 - Withdrawn by the sponsoring district.

Resolution #4 - That the FCLB and NBCE negotiate to provide FCLB with revenues from past and future Written Clinical Competency examinations.

Dr. Owens noted that the Executive Board of the Federation (District Directors) reviewed the resolution and has taken a unanimous position against the resolution. The Committee recommended to the Federation not to pass Resolution #4.

Discussion from the floor: Dr. Vern Webster from Utah distributed a background sheet regarding the WCCE. He felt that the original format of the resolution from 1984 to develop and administer the WCCE was not
followed, and the Federation should benefit from the fees generated by the Exam. He had solicited a legal opinion from the attorney who represents the Utah Chiropractic Association regarding the royalty rights from the exam, with the attorney stating that the rights should be assigned to the Federation.

Dr. Owens spoke against adoption of the resolution on behalf of the Committee. He outlined the steps the Federation has taken to investigate the questions posed by the resolution, including researching the FCLB and NBCE archives to see if there was any evidence supporting the resolution. The FCLB has also contacted and interviewed FCLB leadership from the time in question to determine whether they recall any verbal or written agreement to support the resolution. The FCLB contacted the Chairman of the Utah Board, Dr. Egbert, requesting written documentation. No documentation has been found supporting any intent that the Federation receive any monies as a result of the WCCE. The Board expressed concern over possible destructive consequences of the resolution.

Other speakers against the resolution, included: Dr. Bud Passero of Connecticut, Dr. Earl Barbour of North Carolina, Dr. Mickey Goldschmidt of New York, Dr. Meredith Bakke of Wisconsin, Dr. David Brown of Virginia, Dr. Tom Ross of West Virginia.

The Committee m/s - that the membership not adopt Resolution #4. Utah and Oklahoma voted in favor of the Resolution, but it was denied by the Federation.

Resolution #5 and #6 - withdrawn.

Resolution #7 - Regarding temporary limited licenses for special programs or events.

The Committee m/s to refer this resolution to the Professional Standards Committee. No opposition.

Resolution #8 - Regarding Credentials process to authorize and seat the Federation Delegates.

The Committee m/s to adopt Resolution #8. No opposition.

D. Data Bank and Analysis Committee - Kay Gunter, Data Bank & Analysis Coordinator, reported 24 states reporting to the Data Bank. Asked that states ask administrators to report to the Data Bank. Reporting to the National Practitioner Data Bank is not currently mandatory, but may be in the future, so steps should be taken to ensure that the reporting process is compatible. The Committee would like to rewrite to computer program. The Data Bank can research names by phone inquiry by states.

On a side note, Kay represented the FCLB at the CLEAR conference in Seattle and transcribed the sessions (copies provided to the membership). The District II minutes are also provided.

Dr. Arvidson thanked Kay for her work on the Data Bank.
G. National Board of Chiropractic Examiners - Dr. Owens reported as one of the two FCLB representatives to the NBCE. He reported on the FCLB 1989 Resolution regarding the Segmented Practical Examination. The resolution has been investigated regarding whether the exam is practical, valid, cost effective and legally defensible. He discussed the role of the job analysis survey to be sent to doctors around the country. He observed the Toronto, Canada pilot administration of the Medical Council of Canada’s Q5 Project. They tested 320 medical students at 4 locations to measure practical skills for internship. Although the program was impressive, he felt that the chiropractic profession could do it better. He cautioned that the feasibility study must be completed before a final decision is made about a national chiropractic practical examination.

H. CCE Report - Robert L. Hatten, D.C. gave the report as our representative to the CCE’s Commission on Accreditation. He reviewed the purposes of the Commission. Outcomes assessment has been the main consideration of the COA, as has been the revision of the Standards. These are data base driven. The Clinical Competencies delineations have been important in providing institutions with information regarding student achievement. COPA has also moved toward outcomes assessment. The CCE has also revised the Manual of Operations and CHIPE. CCE financial status is sound. Reciprocal arrangements are with CCE-Canada and the Australasian Council on Chiropractic and Osteopathic Education, with development of a relationship underway with the European Council on Chiropractic Education. The site team visitation pool has been expanded to 55 persons. Application for USDE renewal is due April 1991, with COPA application in June of 1991.

11. New Business - None

12. Nominating Committee - Prior to the Nominating Committee Report, Dr. Arvidson called for District Director election results from Districts III, IV and V.

District III reported the election of Vincent E. Greco, D.C. of New Hampshire as Director with Frank Wisniewski, D.C. of Pennsylvania as Alternate. District IV elected Philip Pierce of Arizona as Director and Michael Riley, D.C. of Nevada as Alternate. District V elected Hank Hulteen, D.C. of South Carolina as Director with David E. Brown, D.C. of Virginia as Alternate.

Dr. Wilma Behm reported for the Nominating Committee in the absence of Chairman Dr. Jay Perrethen. In addition to Drs. Behm and Perrethen, committee members included Drs. Rex Wright, John Reeder and Peter Ferguson. During a telephone conference meeting January 9, 1991 the Committee voted unanimously to endorse Dr. D. Brent Owens as President and Dr. Carroll H. Winkler as Vice President for 1991-92.

Dr. Arvidson called for additional nominations for President and Vice President, and hearing none, asked for the membership to close the nominations. No opposition.

The secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the President and the Vice President.
The agenda was suspended to note that the term of Dr. Roger Pope as appointee to the Long Range Planning Committee has expired, and that the appointment requires that it be filled by the membership.

m/s Dr. Bates/Dr. Jackson to renominate Dr. Pope to the Long Range Planning Committee in accordance with the bylaws. No opposition.

13. **Report of the Program and Conference Committee: Future Conference Sites** - The committee was still in process of reviewing sites and did not have a report at this time.


Awards and recognition gifts were presented to Dr. Titus Plomaritis (Dr. Frank G. Hideg, Jr. accepted the gift for Dr. Plomaritis) recognizing the cooperation between the FCLB and the NBCE, Kay Gunter for stalwart support, hard work, dedication and loyalty, Dr. Mike Riley for his work as Chairman of the Board for two years and donation of his office space for a year, as well as hard work and unswerving loyalty to the Federation.

Dr. Owens presented an award to Dr. Arvidson for having the vision to reestablish the foundation of the Federation, for leadership, chiropractic values, integrity and loyalty, and dependability. His sacrifices were personal, professional, and financial to guide the Federation. He brought dignity and respect to the office of president through his extra effort.

He presented another gift of appreciation to Norma Arvidson for her support of the Federation and its work.

15. **Adjournment** - the Meeting was adjourned.