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## **OVCA - And the Nominees Are...**

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The nominations for chiropractic's leadership "dream team" are in. Almost 100 nominations were made, with several nominees receiving more than one nomination. Now it is time for every doctor of chiropractic in the U.S. to choose their "virtual leaders" in Our Virtual Chiropractic Association.\*

This is your opportunity to voice who should be leading the chiropractic profession in the U.S.

The nominees are:

- Robert Argyelan, DC
- Michael Berkley,DC
- Bob Berkowicz,DC
- Jeff Brockman,DC
- Judy Campanale,DC
- Ted Carrick, DC, PhD
- David Chapman-Smith,LLB
- Gerard Clum,DC
- Leon Coelho,DC
- Wendy Coren, DC
- Thomas James Curnutte III,DC
- John Donofrio,DC
- James Edwards,DC
- Joseph Felesia,DC
- Preston Fitzgerald,DC
- Thom Gelardi,DC
- Reggie Gold,DC
- George Goodheart,DC
- George Goodman,DC
- Dave Guerriero,DC
- John Hanks,DC
- Donald Hayes, DC
- Robert Hoffman,DC
- Chris Kent,DC
- Joel Kinch,DC
- Thomas Klapp,DC
- David Koch,DC
- Debbie Lindemann,DC
- Lawrence Markson,DC
- Brian McAulay, DC, PhD
- Sigmund Miller, DC
- Paige Morgenthal, DC
- Ken Murkowski,DC
- Dan Murphy,DC
- Donald R. Murphy,DC
- Douglas Nordstrom,DC
- Richard Pashayan, DC, DABCO

- Michel Pedigo,DC
- Stephen Press,DC
- Guy Riekeman,DC
- John Schaeffer, DC, DABCN
- Chuck Simpson,DC
- Richard Stonebrink,DC
- Joe Strauss,DC
- David W. Snyder,DC
- Lawrence R. Taylor,DC
- Richard H. Tilden,DC
- Richard Tyler,DC
- Ed Williams,DC
- Sid Williams,DC
- Chester Wilk, DC
- James Winterstein,DC
- David N. Young, DC, PhD

The voting procedure will be a little bit different. Because the people who lead our profession need to represent the entire chiropractic profession, you will be able to vote for or against each candidate. This will allow you to choose whom you want as a leader and whom you don't want.

When the votes are counted, the "No" votes will be subtracted from the "Yes" votes. In this way, the winners will be doctors who are well respected by all segments of the chiropractic profession. In the case of a tie vote, the person with the most votes will win.

You can vote on line, via fax or mail.

If you vote via fax or mail, please use the OVCA Election Form on page 19 of this issue. This contains complete instructions on how to cast your votes and the fax number or street address to send your ballot.

To vote on line, simply go to www.ChiroWeb.com/ovca. At this location, you can read the "vision" statements of the candidates and their biographies prior to casting your vote.

In the interest of fairness, you must use your User Identification and Password printed at the top of the front page of this issue to enter the OVCA Election Page. If you have previously registered to post in the DCs Only Discussion Forum, you will not need to complete a registration form. If not, you will need to take a moment to complete the online form to insure the accuracy of your information.

While this information is kept confidential, it does ensure that doctors cast their own votes and that no one can vote more than once. The votes received by mail and fax will, of course, also be tabulated onto the OVCA Election Page.

Remember, this is our opportunity to explore what the benefits of unity could be for the chiropractic profession in the United States. In the future, this "virtual chiropractic association" will give you the opportunity to set goals, establish priorities and ultimately develop a shared vision for the profession. This virtual chiropractic association allows each doctor to help mold what could be a blueprint for the future.

Your ballot must be received or completed by December 15, 2000. The Election Page will be on line beginning November 15, 2000.

• As has been continually stated, this is not an attempt to create a new chiropractic association. This is a chance to let the 85 percent of the profession that doesn't belong to any national association to join voices with the 15 percent of the profession that does, and establish a common understanding of what practicing DCs need and want from a national association. This is an opportunity to create a shared vision of leadership and direction. Rather than create another chiropractic national association, this is a means to discover whom our profession would select to lead the profession, and thus a "virtual chiropractic association."

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