

WFC Announces Council Members for 2004

Editorial Staff

The World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) has announced the results of its latest council elections. WFC council members for 2004 are:

Region	Representative
Africa	Chris Neethling, DC
Asia	Bruce Vaughan, DC
Eastern Mediterranean	Efstathios Papadopoulos, DC
Europe	Anthony Metcalfe, DC
Latin America	Ricardo Fujikawa, DC
North America-USA(ACA)	J. Michael Flynn, DC Michael Pedigo, DC Kerwin Winkler, DC
North America-USA(ICA)	Gerard Clum, DC
Pacific	Dennis Richards, DC

As of press time, a representative for the North America-Canada region had not been announced.

Copies of the election ballots are available by fax for review until April 1. Interested parties can contact WFC Secretariat David Chapman-Smith at info@wfc.org to request copies.

The WFC's next council meeting is scheduled for June 9-11 at the Swisshotel Merchant Court in Singapore.

New Executive Director at WSCA

The Washington State Chiropractic Association (WSCA) has selected Lori Bielinski, a lobbyist and membership director with the association for the past three years, as the WSCA's new executive director.

"This promotion is an honor," expressed Ms. Bielinski. "I am lucky to be in a career that I enjoy so much, in a profession that I truly believe in."

Ms. Bielinski is a resident of Tacoma, Wash. As membership director, she was responsible for directing the WSCA in the areas of legislative affairs, chiropractic policy, insurance relationships, and membership development and retention programs. Before joining the WSCA, she was a senior policy analyst for Deborah Senn, the state's former insurance commissioner, and advised her on issues related to alternative medicine, women's health and access to health care. She is also a licensed massage therapist, and operated a successful massage therapy clinic in Seattle for six years.

Chiropractic Education: As Easy as 2 + 1 + 1?

Sherman officials recently reached an agreement with Spartanburg Technical College (STC) and the University of South Carolina, Spartanburg (USCS) to form the Two Plus One Plus One program, which expands educational opportunities and career options for students while saving them time and money. Under the details of the agreement, STC students who attain their associate degrees may transfer to USCS for one year, then move on to Sherman for one year, earning bachelor's degrees. Students may then continue at Sherman in the Doctor of Chiropractic program, earning DC degrees after an additional two-and-a-half years of study.

According to Sherman President Dr. Jerry Hardee, the program consolidates the amount of time spent in the chiropractic program, which reduces in the amount of money spent on tuition. "Students participating in this program will save time and money by completing the final year of their bachelor's degree simultaneously with the first year of the doctorate program at Sherman," Dr. Hardee explained.

"Spartanburg Technical College is pleased to be partnering with the University of South Carolina, Spartanburg and Sherman College to provide additional higher education opportunities for students in the upstate," added STC President Dr. Dan Terhune. "The Two Plus One Plus One program provides a new employment track for our students as we continue emphasizing our workforce development mission."

For more information on the program, contact Susan Newlin, vice president for enrollment services at Sherman, at (800) 849-8000 or snewlin@sherman.edu.

Parker President Fulfills \$1 Million Goal for NCLAF

Keeping a promise made to the profession two years ago, Dr. Fabrizio Mancini, president of Parker College of Chiropractic, delivered an unexpected, yet welcome piece of news at the Parker Seminars in Las Vegas in January. After receiving more than \$207,000 in cash and pledges at the seminar, Dr. Mancini announced that monies raised for the National Chiropractic Legal Action Fund (NCLAF) had passed the \$1 million mark.

"I made a commitment to raise a million dollars for the National Chiropractic Legal Action Fund through Parker Seminars, and I am thrilled that we have achieved that goal," an enthusiastic Dr. Mancini remarked at the seminar.

"We cannot overstate our gratitude to Dr. Mancini for his tireless efforts to bring together all facets of the chiropractic profession in support of the Save Our Subluxation campaign," enthused NCLAF Chair J. Michael Flynn, DC. "Dr. Mancini's dedication to this campaign will ensure a bright future for the nation's doctors of chiropractic and their millions of patients."

Funds pledged to the NCLAF are being used to support two ongoing federal lawsuits. The first suit, filed in November 1998 against the Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, seeks to ensure that Medicare patients in HMOs receive chiropractic care only from doctors of chiropractic. The second suit, filed in August 2002, seeks to address apparent discriminatory practices by Trigon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Virginia against doctors of chiropractic, including allegations of antitrust violations and unfair reimbursement

practices.

Contributions to the NCLAF can be sent to: National Chiropractic Legal Action Fund, P.O. Box 75359, Baltimore, MD 21275-5359.

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