

## Making Chiropractic History

The American Chiropractors Association, to which I have been a member for a number of years, made me its representative to the Association for the History of Chiropractic in 1991.

I had always enjoyed reading *Chiropractic History*, the association's journal, and expected to find a group of chiropractors discussing esoteric questions regarding dates and places. Instead, I encountered a hardscrabble group of chiropractors, historians, educators, librarians and writers battling to record the history of a profession low in self-esteem.

I also found an ecumenical group of volunteers. While the AHC is chartered in Maryland, its accountant is in Colorado, and the business office is wherever the executive director is located (currently Iowa). Its editorial offices are wherever the editor is (currently Virginia). The current president is in Georgia, and I'm based in Alabama. There is room in this association for all interpretations of chiropractic, based on historical research.

This is an association, and thus a journal, without a political agenda. If it occasionally seems biased, it is the bias of an individual author. Dissenting opinions are welcomed in the journal in the form of letters to the editor or articles. The caveat is that the opinion should be backed with research or experience. The tone of the journal is dictated by the articles submitted, rather than any prejudice on the editor's part.

Although authors are encouraged to submit their work to be presented at the association's annual meeting, it is not necessary to follow that route. Short pieces or full articles can be submitted directly to: ACH Editor, P.O. Box 1045, Richlands, VA 24641.

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In the past few years, the association has also sponsored the publication of two books, with two or three others in the works. Again, these were chosen not for the opinions expressed, but for the quality of the research supporting them and the availability of funding to publish them.

If you feel you already belong to too many organizations, send in the money anyway and simply become a subscriber to the journal. Membership in the association is synonymous with subscribing to *Chiropractic History*, so you can consider yourself a member with a great journal as a bonus, or a subscriber with voting privileges. Not quite like winning \$1,000,000 in the Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweepstakes, but you may gain a newfound respect for the chiropractors that have gone before you.

We need people who like a good argument, and people who just want to listen. We need movers and shakers and sitters and rockers: but mostly, we need members. We need your \$50 to keep putting *Chiropractic History* into offices and libraries and homes. Send it to: Executive Director, AHC, 1000

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