

## Director's Report for the April 18, 2024, Meeting

Greetings from your FCA Board of Directors! We met in April in Orlando to address matters at hand and to look ahead, always seeking to better serve the profession and engage more of our colleagues in the FCA mission to empower chiropractic physicians through education, advocacy, service, and leadership. This is volunteer work I enjoy, and I appreciate the opportunity to represent our local FCA members.

Here are a few highlights from the most recent quarterly meeting:

- There was an update from General Counsel, Kim Driggers, on the latest Board of Chiropractic Medicine meetings and disciplinary hearings. At the December, 2024, meeting, the Board proposed a Rule that would fine and discipline CE Providers and speakers if they violated any Board rule. The rule allowed any person, DC or not, to make a complaint that would potentially result in a CE Provider losing all ability to continue to provide in-person continuing education. Board Counsel and Counsel's Supervisor, instructed the Board that it did not have jurisdiction to discipline CE Providers and a statute change would be needed for their proposed Rule. Discussion on this topic was tabled until the next meeting on May 16, 2024.
- Jack Hebert and Allison Carvajal gave an update on the status of HB 1063 currently awaiting signature by the Governor. FCA has kept you informed on the progression of this much-needed legislation to help DC students who obtained their Bachelor's degree outside the US, to not have to seek a second Bachelor's degree in the US in order to obtain licensure. The bill also clarifies that dry needling is within the scope of practice for Florida DCs -- a treatment many already offer. The bill received near unanimous support in both the House and Senate during committee meetings and on the floor. During Session, the FCS testified in opposition of the bill and now, while the bill awaits the Governor's signature, The Florida Chiropractic Coalition / Dr. Rick Warner, seeks a veto of the bill by the Governor.
- As your FCA board member, I am charged with impressing upon members in my area the importance of contributing to ChiroPAC, the Political Action Committee of the Florida Chiropractic Association. Political action is required by those of you who wish to support this profession and monetary contributions are needed to defeat any bad legislation and to seek any proactive legislation. None of that can happen without contributions from people like you. Please help me fulfill my duty as a leader of this association and donate to ChiroPAC.
- If each FCA member would commit to giving even the minimum via their FCA dues installments, it would assist us and the profession of supporting the campaigns of Legislative friends in the Florida House and Senate.
- **96 new memberships** were approved.
- The first 2024 convention was held in Panama City Beach. We are excited to report the FCA's return to Ft. Lauderdale for SE Regional Convention & Expo, June 7-9 at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort. FCA Staff is in the final

weeks of planning our event. We will host a ChiroPAC/Networking event as well as host Broward, Dade and Palm Beach County Chiropractic Societies.

- The new [fcachiro.org](http://fcachiro.org) launched with helpful resources for you and your staff. You can log in and take a look! If you need assistance, feel free to email Nicole Barry, FCA Membership Coordinator, [nicole@fcachiro.org](mailto:nicole@fcachiro.org). The new site will be a single sign-on for member news, resources, convention registration and on demand CE.
- The 18 FCA regional chapters, called **local societies**, continue to be a topic of discussion, as not all are very active. I am looking for members who wish to know our colleagues better and make our profession better by working together. If you are interested in connecting with DC's in your area whether it's for lunch gatherings, zoom meetings or in some other social way, please call me at 321-783-4455.
- Each of us are busy serving our patients, providing the care they need to improve their health and quality of life. We want to protect and improve patient access to your care. The FCA has a 93-year history of improving the practice environment for chiropractic in Florida and the favorable laws and other advances couldn't have happened without membership and event attendance support. **Thank you for your support** that is so critical to keeping our effort strong so that the FCA can in turn help you in this era of so many changes. To your success!