The good of the people is the greatest law.

– CICERO

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CHIROPRACTIC REGULATORY SOCIETY

Dr Wayne Minter

A Message from the Chair

The leading purpose of the International Chiropractic Regulatory Society (ICRS) is to promote the protection of the public interest as central and paramount to all chiropractic activities and outcomes.

Chiropractic regulatory boards, accreditation councils, educational institutions, testing organizations, professional associations and providers of continuing professional development programs have an important role in public protection and ensuring that chiropractors are competent and have the skills and attributes to practice.

The ICRS is dedicated to facilitating international cooperation and collaboration among all of our stakeholders. **We are at our best when we work together in a cooperative and respectful manner** and I encourage you and your organisation to join us in promoting the public good.

"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." Aristotle

Thoughts from the Executive Director

Donna Cohen

What is the public good? Do countries each define it differently? Who decides what is in the public interest? Which principles are constant, and in what ways is it fluid? How can history help us predict the future of our sacred responsibilities?

Surprisingly, the law and its applications are not cast in black and white. As regulators, we live in the evolving Grey Zone. Legally, requisite skills to be a chiropractor have changed as diagnostic imaging has supplanted X-ray, as research demonstrates the efficacy of certain clinical applications, as social values of inclusion gradually replace exclusion. Greater sensitivities to culture, gender, race, and economic strata have become part of the public conversation. Today's examinations include ethics, not just the sciences and technique.

We invite you to join with the ICRS in the ongoing exploration of what is right, and good, and fair, as the world of chiropractic regulation continues to unfold.

Why ICRS ?

Chiropractic regulation exists in many countries to protect the public.

Incorporated in Canada as an international, nonprofit organization, the ICRS is established to support those jurisdictions that have legislative authority to regulate chiropractors, and to assist those who wish to work toward adding the appropriate regulatory structure to protect the public.

Anyone interested in the goals of the ICRS is welcome to attend the annual Forum.

Best practices in international chiropractic regulation to protect the public interest

Milestones

Stakeholders

Licensure / registration

Discipline

Practice requirements

Accreditation

Education

Examination

Practice standards

2021 Forums

May

It's All About the Data

November

How Do We Measure Effective Regulation?

2009

First meeting of those interested in international chiropractic regulation took place in Canada

2017

ICRS formally incorporated in Canada as a nonprofit, international organization

2020

The COVID-19 virus resulted in a "virtual" year, including the Annual General Meeting

2021

Zoom, the website, and newsletters provided the best platforms to share information

2021 End of Year Financial Report

2021 Income – (Modified Accrual)	
4000.00	Annual Dues*
$4,000.00	**TOTAL**

**The board voted to assess a single annual dues fee for the combined calendar years 2020 and 2021. This was possible because of reduced expenses in light of the pandemic. Dues from the combined years totaled $6,000.*

2021 Expenses – (Modified Accrual)	
-	Office equipment - provided by D Cohen
0	Office supplies / software
315.18	Conference registration fee–WFC
196.70	Domain name renewal–5 years
170.00	PAYPAL processing fees
123.45	Zoom annual fee–Basic
9.93	Government fees
$815.26	**TOTAL**

$3,184.74 Net Revenue over Expenses

1 January 2021	
11,341.20	PayPal
1,556.35	Key Bank
$12,897.55	TOTAL

31 December 2021	
15,171.20	PayPal
911.09	Key Bank
$16,082.29	TOTAL

Leadership

Chair

Dr Wayne Minter
Chiropractic Board of Australia

Vice Chair

Dr Lisa Richard
Federation of Canadian Chiropractic

Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs Penny Bance
General Chiropractic Council
United Kingdom

Executive Director

Ms Donna M Cohen
The Executive Director is a part-time, volunteer position.

The officers are elected by the Regulatory Members of the ICRS. As volunteers, they are not reimbursed for expenses. The officers serve two-year terms and may be elected for a total of up to two terms.

The ICRS registered office is in Nova Scotia. The administrative office is in Albany, New York.

Major Components of Professional Regulation

- Structure of the regulatory body, scope of authority, appointment and removal
- Qualifications of candidates for registration or licensure
- Qualifications, oversight and evaluation of educational programmes
- Process for the actual registration, including fitness to practice, verification of credentials, required data collection
- Code of Conduct sufficiently detailed to allow practitioners to know what is and is not acceptable conduct
- Practitioner mobility
- Broad range of sanctions
- Continuing professional development
- Process for reinstatement of the practice privilege if withdrawn
- Methods of ensuring fair and consistent application of sanctions
- Where, in the public interest, confidentiality must be maintained vs. where and how much transparency is required
- Complaint and hearing process, including investigative authority
- Process for updating any of the regulatory components

Key Information Platforms

Robust, informative website

www.chiroregulation.org

Newsletters and bulletins

USEFUL CONCEPTS IN CHIROPRACTIC REGULATION

Dealing with COVID-19	Equivalence of standards, processes	Continuing Professional Development
Sanctions	Types of violations	Research relating to regulation
Practitioner Mobility	Ethical practice	Advertising
Chiropractic Education and Accreditation	Notification requirements: impaired practitioners	Professionals understanding the role and responsibilities of regulators
Launching new legislation	Emergency suspension orders	Telehealth
Publicizing orders	Determining essential services	Pre and Post Licensure Examinations
Internships, externships	Specialty credentials	Technology in the regulatory process
Sexual misconduct	Legal burden of proof	Claims unsupported by science

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