

# 2020 - 21 Annual Report



**INTERNATIONAL  
CHIROPRACTIC REGULATORY SOCIETY**

**2020 Fiscal Year**

## 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

I keep referring to 2020 as “The Year Whose Number Shall Not Be Spoken.”

However, the reality is that our regulatory stakeholders rose to the challenge to analyze and innovate in a manner and speed that would have left Darwin shaking his head in wonder at our evolution.



Some of us Old School Regulators have had to squeeze our brains through small funnels to learn that, while Zoom still means “go fast,” it also means to add faces to the voices of our coworkers and friends. Technology has been essential in building the New Normal. Wearing a mask may still fog my glasses but it also means I may never catch another cold. (I am known for relentless optimism.)

A new body of regulatory law is being written under the constraints of the pandemic. What constitutes “due process” is being redefined daily. Some of this is good: the earth and its trees would like to say thank you for electronic data transfer, and people who could not participate in board functions are now easily included. On the other hand, I miss the electricity of face-to-face creativity, and those especially genuine chiropractic hugs.

Like you, the ICRS has enlisted the robotic services of the internet and we have saved money in the process. But I can’t wait until I can see “all y’all” again in person.

## 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*

## 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

The website and newsletters provided the best platforms to share information



### Stakeholders

Licensure / registration

Discipline

Practice requirements

Accreditation

Education

Examination

Practice standards

# 2020 End of year Financial Report

## 2020 Income – (Modified Accrual)

2,000.00	Annual Dues
1,500.00	2020 Annual Dues prepaid in 2019
<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

## 2020 Expenses – (Modified Accrual)

-	Office equipment - provided by D Cohen
154.98	Office supplies / software 120.94
88.90	PAYPAL processing fees
67.20	PAYPAL processing fees paid in 2019 for 2020 dues
69.79	Web hosting fee
34.48	Zoom monthly fees—Basic (Nov and Dec)
9.45	Government fees
<b>\$424.80</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$3,075.20**      **Net Revenue over Expenses**

NOTE: \$4,000.00      Projected additional Annual Dues – coming in 2021

### 1 January 2020

9,430.10	PayPal
1,875.09	Key Bank
<b>\$11,305.19</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### 31 December 2020

11,341.20	PayPal
1,556.35	Key Bank
<b>\$12,897.55</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>



# 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



**Mrs Donna (Liewer) 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 Chiropractic 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

Complaint and hearing process, including investigative authority

Broad range of sanctions

Method of ensuring fair and consistent application of sanctions

Process for reinstatement of the practice privilege if withdrawn

Continuing professional development

Where, in the public interest, confidentiality must be maintained vs. where and how much transparency is required

Practitioner mobility

Process for updating any of the regulatory components

# Key Information Platforms

Robust, informative website

# www.chiroregulation.org

Regular 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	Notification requirements:	Professionals understanding the role
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

# Contact ICRS

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