

W Y O M I N G C H I R O P R A C T I C A S S O C I A T I O N N E W S



Greetings From Your Executive Director

Hello WCA members;

I have very busy with our active association since the last newsletter. In addition to maintaining the office of Executive Director, the WCA was in the forefront of the battle in our state legislature fighting the Physical Therapists' bill, known as "SF0054." It was Dan State from Casper, who, at our November seminar, brought to our attention that the Physical Therapists were likely to introduce a bill to expand their scope of practice. Fortunately, Dr. Scott Popp and I began monitoring the legisweb site immediately and caught it on the schedule right after Christmas. I am proud to say we had an impressive showing at that first Senate hearing, in spite of the last minute notice, caught the opposition off guard, and from then forward we made our presence and opposition known. Chiropractors are no longer "on the periphery" in the eyes and minds of our Senators and Representatives. We are on the radar screen, front and center and are being listened to. This is a great accomplishment in a short period of time. We continued to voice our concerns to the very end vote and were able to claim victory! There is still much work to be done to continue to protect the very heart of what Chiropractors practice every day. But for now, we have "put out the fire" so to speak. Please read the article from Dr. Popp for a detailed description on this accomplishment.

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE SPRING SEMINAR with Dr. Terry Yochum? If not, please register this week!! It's easy and quick to register on-line at [www.wyochoassociation.com](http://www.wyochoassociation.com) click on "Join/Renew WCA" and complete the form. You will then be directed to PayPal to pay. This automatically registers you for the seminar *and* renews your membership. *Please do not* plan to come and pay at the door. We need to know attendance in advance for planning/seating etc. Thank-you**

**HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS AT SPRING CREEK RANCH FOR THE SPRING SEMINAR? If not, log on to [SPRINGCREEK-RANCH.COM](http://SPRINGCREEK-RANCH.COM) for a slide show of this beautiful resort and reserve online, Or, call 1-800-443-6139/ 307-733-8833. Please make your reservations ASAP because this seminar was marketed to Idaho, Montana, and Utah Chiropractors as well. I want to be sure our members get rooms at Spring CreekResort and not overflow lodging nearby.**

**WHAT'S INSIDE**

- **Message from President on SF0054 Legislative Battle**
- **Thank-You's to all who helped**
- **WCA-PAC donations**
- **Committee/Board activities**
- **ACA News**
- **E.D. Commentary**
- **Chiropractic News from Brazil**

## A Letter From The WCA President On SF0054

It has been a long strange trip over the past 3 months. The PT battle we just went through was long, hard, frustrating but in the end rewarding. If we would not have prevailed all PT' in the state of Wyoming would now be able to have the ability to perform spinal manipulation, diagnose disease, and treat animals, all with complete open access .

Here is a list of what the PT's were trying to do:

- 1: Sneak in the ability to perform all grades of manipulation under the CPT code for manual therapy.
- 2: Eliminate wording that excluded the diagnosis of disease and replace it with a vague term of PT diagnosis.
- 3: Eliminate the term human being to allow them to perform physical therapy on animals.
- 4: Eliminate the referral clause after 30 days for complete open access.

This is only a temporary victory because now the battle moves into the rules and regulations process. The PT board of examiners will have to go set standards of post graduate education through the rules and regulations process for them to perform manipulation. This is a public hearing process that has to be approved by the Management Council of the Legislature. The WCA will fight hard for tough standards that will comply with the will of the legislature. This next battle will possibly take up to eighteen months and we are now just educating ourselves on this process and the best way to navigate through this. Our WCA Legislative committee will be coming up with our education recommendations. Our Executive Director came up with the idea of forming a "coalition" for manipulation safety. This would include many of the below groups who helped us get this far. This way it is much more difficult for the PT's to fight a larger group and call it a turf war.

There were so many players in this battle that started in early January it is impossible to list them all, but I would like to give a special thanks to all the groups and individuals below for their generous help.

- 1: All WCA board members.(Alton Krenzelok, Vince Kalkowski, Kim Maycock, Bruce Webber, and Ty Quickenden). They spent countless hours on phone conferences/calls, emails and working out strategies and position papers. Also Dan Staight for his legislative experience and thoughtful input.
- 2: Lisa Popp our Executive Director. Behind the scenes she spent countless hours above and beyond her contract, talking strategy, in board meetings ,working on phone and fax tree's and traveling to Cheyenne.
- 3: All the state Chiropractors who worked on this campaign through calls, emails and personal contacts. Special thanks to Alton Krenzelok and the other Chiropractors who went to lobby house committee members and attend the house and senate hearings. Special thanks to Darnell Simpson who drove all night to attend and speak at the senate hearing with a special presentation on PT education, only to be denied time to speak by Senator Scott.
- 4: Our lobbyists Laurie Urbikit and Mike Moser. We were able to retain them at the last minute to represent us A special thanks to Laurie who had to put up with my pit bull antics and kept me apologizing to all that I continued to offend.
- 5: Our legislators behind the scenes. We had a Senator on the "inside" approach us and gave us a strategy which helped turn the tide. This Senator worked behind the scenes lobbying the house leadership ,which in turn put pressure on the house labor committee. Also Vince Kalkowski who had a special connection to the house leadership Rep. Collin Simpson.
- 6: Dr./Rep.Tim Hallinan of the house labor committee. He went to bat for us by really highlighting the inconsistencies in the PT arguments during the house committee hearing. His arguments were instrumental in turning this around.
- 7: All the groups listed below were also apposed to this bill and helped in some way:

A: Wyoming Orthopedic Society (Dr. Orcutt, Smith, Bailey and others)

B: Natrona County Medical Society (Dr. Kent Katz , and others)

C: Wyoming Radiological Society, (Dr. Geoffrey Smith and others)

D: Osteopaths against PT manipulation ( Dr. Mat Chenoweth and others )

E: Pulmonologist Dr. Mark McGinley

F: Wyoming Medical Society (Dean Ellis)

G: Attorney John Whitaker of Casper

H: Other doctors, patients, and many others - Thank-You!

These groups and doctors not only fought against open access and diagnosis but wrote letters openly opposing PT manipulation. Many key legislators really took note and it blunted the accusation of a turf war made by the PT's..

I could not begin to cover the full story of all the countless hours of strategy, meetings, research, emails, phone calls and position papers, travel, that were done. Please feel free to telephone one of our board members, or myself for more information.

Remember at the present time , PT's are **prohibited by law through the amendments to SF54 from performing Grade 5 manipulation. This will be true until this rules and regs process is completed.**

Sincerely, Dr. Scott Popp

## Message From The Treasurer

The WCA would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has made a contribution to the Political Action Committee for Senate File #0054. The P.T. bill cost our organization \$10,000. We were able to obtain \$7,450 from 36 doctors practicing within and outside of Wyoming. All practicing doctors of chiropractic thank you for your immediate response with PAC money donations (2009 tax period) to the WCA. As everyone can see, this is a small response from the licensed chiropractors in our state. The WCA is asking that those who have not contributed to please reconsider. Our profession will be battling again in the rules and regs process for our right to manual manipulation. This battle will continue to generate expenses for our association. Again, we thank you for your donation.

Please mail checks payable to the WCA-PAC fund, 2632 Foothill Blvd., Ste. 107, Rock Springs, WY 82901.

**Rock Springs:** Dr. Hager, Dr. Davenport, Dr. Davidson, Dr. Quickenden, Dr. Steffensmeier, Dr. Huxford

**Casper:** Dr. Popp, Dr. Neeff, Dr. Delgadillo, Dr. Staight, Dr. Robison

**Cheyenne:** Dr. Morrow, Dr. Weber, Dr. Nielsen, Dr. Casfista, Dr. Krenzlok

**Gillette:** Dr. McConnell, Dr. Maycock, Dr. Vance, Dr. Swartz

**Cody:** Dr. Madrid, Dr. Kalkowski

**Sheridan:** Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Buchanan

**Thermopolis:** Dr. Radabaugh, Dr. Hayes

**Green River:** Dr. Arnold

**Buffalo:** Dr. Johnson

**Montana:** Dr. Francis

**Riverton:** Dr. Conard

**Evanston:** Dr. Dillree

**Laramie:** Dr. Jones

**Lovell:** Dr. Mitchell

**Douglas:** Dr. Keeler

**Lander:** Dr. Irene

**Star Valley:** Dr. Hale



P.S.- Remember to file your 2008 taxes with membership as \$325.00 (professional development) and the \$25.00 (donation) going to the PAC fund. This is important for doctors who operate as a corporation. Ask your accountant!

-Dr. Ty Quickenden, Treasurer

## Board/Committee Talk

**WCA Board** The WCA board holds regular teleconference meetings the second Tuesday morning of every month. Our meetings are about 1.25 hour long. These meetings have been very productive in catching up on old business and dealing with new. *Please consider serving on a WCA board or committee.* When you renew on line if you check the box pertaining to serving on a board, we can contact you. You don't have to have "board" experience, just a willingness to serve our profession in the state of Wyoming.

**Legislative Committee** The WCA board has now created a legislative committee to work on the upcoming rules and regulations process with regard to SF54. This committee will be creating a plan for following this upcoming fight to protect the safety and education requirements with respect to manipulation. The Chair of this committee is Dr. Alton Krenzlok, Vice President of the WCA.

**Worker Compensation Guidelines Committee** Dr. Popp was working on reviewing and revising some of these guidelines when SF54 appeared on the legislative schedule. He plans to pick this up again as soon as possible.

**By-Laws Committee** The WCA board has also created a by-laws committee to review and revise our by-laws. While our by-laws have served us well over the years, they are outdated. Dr. Kalkowski is the chair of this committee, and works with committee members Dr. Brett Ohman, and Dr. AJ Davenport. This committee is working hard to have these completed so the association as a body can review and vote on them at our spring annual meeting in Jackson.

## ACA UPDATE

Our very own Dr. Jessica Tobin from Powell traveled to Washington, DC. In January for the ACA conference. We are looking forward to a report from her on what is going on in the National Healthcare Scene and Chiropractic. Dr. Dan Staight is also involved with the ACA and we look forward to hearing from him at the Seminar. Thanks for your time doctors!

BE SURE TO CHECK US OUT ON  
THE WEB!

## WYOMING CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION

Lisa Popp, Executive Director  
1334 Heathrow Avenue  
Casper, Wyoming 82609

Phone: (307) 315-2265  
Web: [www.wyochiroassociation.com](http://www.wyochiroassociation.com)  
E-mail: [dc@wyochiroassociation.com](mailto:dc@wyochiroassociation.com)

### Locum Tenens Service

Dr. James Jardine Call 208-866-8962 / References Available

"We help make your office profitable when you can't be there."



COCSA has president meetings 1st Wed of Month, which our President attends, and ED meetings 4th Tues of month which our Executive Director will be attending next month. Also, COCSA membership gives us access to "list serve" which is an email service to all other member associations for questions on issues affecting Chiropractic. This was very valuable during the legislative fight.

### Commentary

Registrations are coming in fast so if you have not registered and made your Spring Creek Reservations please do so very soon. In this vein I am encouraged by the number of new doctors coming forward joining our association and many renewing their memberships. Our email and mail box is busy on a daily basis. Many doctors have joined because of the new threats to the profession. There is strength in numbers so I hope this continues. We can no longer think of ourselves as a "not noticed" or "out of the way" state....Many other professions (PT's) have their eyes on what Chiropractors do—primarily manipulation., and are thinking of Wyoming as an easy target. We need to continue to strengthen our association and to protect the future of Chiropractic. Please get involved as much as you can by by serving on committees and boards and continuing your memberships.

-Lisa Popp, Executive Director

## FYI.....Federal Judge Rules in Favor of Chiropractic in Brazil

By [John](#) in [News](#), on March 19th, 2009 at 10:07 am

**March 19, 2009** — In the latest step by the Brazilian Chiropractors' Association (ABQ) to defend the chiropractic profession against efforts by the physiotherapy profession to have chiropractic declared a specialty of physiotherapy (PT), Federal Judge Diana Brunstein has ruled strongly in favor of the ABQ. Chiropractic is a profession not a technique, says Judge Brunstein, and PT authorities should not seek to declare it a specialty of physiotherapy. An appeal by CREFITO, the regulatory body for PT in the State of Sao Paulo, asking to remove an earlier court injunction against CREFITO, was denied. The background to this dispute is that the ABQ, representing under 400 chiropractors in Brazil, is promoting legislation to regulate the practice of chiropractic. The response of the national regulatory body COFFITO, representing over 90,000 PTs, has been to claim chiropractic is a specialty of PT. In August 2008, PT agents in Sao Paulo began harassing chiropractors, most of whom are new graduates of Brazil's two university-based chiropractic programs. Holding violation orders from their own CREFITO, and often accompanied the federal police, they tried to pressure DCs to sign declarations acknowledging the illegal practice of PT and to cease practice. The ABQ and its lawyers were successful in getting an interim injunction to stop such harassment. CREFITO has sought to have the interim injunction removed but, after hearing argument and evidence from the ABQ, Judge Brunstein confirmed the injunction on March 3. "We still have a long fight ahead", says ABQ President Dr. Juliana Piva, "but this judgment gives us powerful new momentum as we work with legislators in Brasilia for chiropractic legislation." "We could not have achieved this success without vital financial and other support from the World Federation of Chiropractic and its member associations", says Dr. Sira Borges, ABQ Past-President and leader of the legislative campaign. "There have been such generous donations from many associations and individuals – but particularly the American, Australian, British, Canadian, Danish and Norwegian associations." "It has been a privilege for the WFC to assist the ABQ in the outstanding work it is doing to protect the independence of the chiropractic profession in Brazil", notes WFC President Dr. Stathis Papadopoulos of Cyprus. "This battle has obvious impact for the profession everywhere – I strongly encourage all associations and individual chiropractors to continue their financial support for the ABQ." For Judge Brunstein's decision in Portuguese and English, much more information, a list of donors and a donation form should you be willing to assist with the ABQ's ongoing legal and legislative costs, visit [www.wfc.org/newsroom](http://www.wfc.org/newsroom).

Source [Chiroeco.com](http://Chiroeco.com)