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## Presidential Message

### Dear colleagues and clinic owners:

The Board of Examiners is currently in the middle of the renewal for the upcoming year. We continue to have doctors encounter problems when procrastinating to the last minute to complete renewals due to missing some or all of the documents required for renewal. We are still having doctors attempt to renew using continuing education hours from other sources such as classwork for an additional degree they are working on. If you would like to use these hours for credit for the continuing education requirement for renewal you need to fill out the appropriate form to request the Board to allow you to use these in place of standard CE's that have already been reviewed and approved. We often grant credit for these programs but they must be approved by the Board prior to renewal. This review requires a Board Meeting. A doctor that misses the meeting agenda deadline prior to the October 1<sup>st</sup> renewal deadline will be subject to the late penalty. We are unable to notice a meeting for review and approval of the courses at the last minute.

The Board worked on a housekeeping bill this past legislative session that basically corrected

minor issues as well as allowing for an increase in our licensure fee. We feel that at the present time no increases are needed but we still have several unknown issues as it relates to mandated programs such as STAARS that have costs not yet known. The Board continues to strive to operate in the most cost efficient manner without reducing our ability to protect the public or decreasing service for the profession. We had an allowance for carryover of continuing education hours in excess of the yearly 18 required in the bill but a last minute rewrite apparently dropped the language. We will try to add it in the future but at the present time we do not have any legislation in the works for the 2016 session.

Please be aware of changes the legislation made to the election process. If you live in one of the districts that has an open Board seat to be filled this year you will be receiving a ballot from the Board Office, however, a return envelope will not be provided. You will need to complete the certification on the ballot and be sure to address your envelope per the instructions on the ballot. Please be sure you do not mail the ballot to the Board Office as this will disqualify your vote.

Brian Wells,  
President ASBCE

## 2015-16 NON RENEW LIST

**Please see the website for a list of licensees and clinics who have not completed the renewal process.**

**If your name is on the list please contact the Board immediately regarding license renewal.**

**It's not too late. There is still time to renew your license / permit and prevent it from being automatically suspended.**

# Online Seminars

The Seminars listed below have been approved by the Alabama Board for CCE

**CE4YOU** offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Eric Schmitt, DC at 1-888-612-0996.

1. "AIDS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE"
2. "CHIROPRACTIC CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED ARTHRITIS"
3. "CODING AND DOCUMENTATION IN PRACTICE"
4. "EXTREMITY ADJUSTING"
5. "FAULTY MOVEMENT PATTERNS"
6. "FAULTY MOVEMENT PATTERNS REVISITED"
7. "INTEGRATIVE MYOFASCIAL RELEASE (IMR)"
8. "LOW TECH REHAB FOR WHIPLASH"
9. "MAGNETIC RESONANCE THERAPY AND CHIROPRACTIC"
10. "MASSAGE PROTOCOLS"
11. "MUSCLE TESTING & EXERCISE PRESCRIPTION"
12. "RADIOLOGY IN PRACTICE"
13. "REHABILITATION OF THE ATHLETE"
14. "RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS OF TREATING PATIENTS WITH ALTERED...."
15. "RISK MANAGEMENT IN THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PRACTICE"
16. "SPINAL TRAUMA"
17. "THE PERINATAL AND PEDIATRIC PRACTICE"

**Data Trace Publishing** offers the following ONLINE course until December 2015. For information contact Kaitlyn Garver at 1-410-494-4994.

1. OUM 2015 REDUCING RISK

**DCHours.com** offers the following ONLINE courses until September 2016. For information contact Debbie Brendler. at 1-800-811-0269 or click [https://ahs.prosperitylms.com/req/ahs\\_student/index.cfm?prog=18](https://ahs.prosperitylms.com/req/ahs_student/index.cfm?prog=18) for a list of all DC Hours courses approved by Alabama and for registration.

1. "ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 2 HOURS"
2. "BASIC CASE MANAGEMENT"
3. "BASIC MRI PART 1"
4. "BASIC MRI PART 2"
5. "BASIC MRI PART 3"
6. "FUNCTION BASED CARE PART 1"
7. "FUNCTION BASED CARE PART 2"
8. "PASSIVE CARE MODALITIES PART 1"
9. "PASSIVE CARE MODALITIES PART 2"
10. "RADICULOPATHY: PATIENT ASSESSMENT"
11. "SPINAL DECOMPRESSION"
12. "SPINAL PAIN SYNDROMES"
13. "THE NEUROLOGY OF PAIN"
14. "UNDERSTANDING WHIPLASH PART 1"
15. "UNDERSTANDING WHIPLASH PART 2"

**DC Online** offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2015. For information contact Karen Moreau at 1-712-260-2507 or click <https://secure.ecollege.com/mcc/index.learn?action=registration>

1. "A CASE BASED APPROACH TO SOFT TISSUE INJURY"
2. "ACTIVE CARE FOR THE LUMBAR SPINE FOR THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER"

3. "ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 2 HOURS"
4. "ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 4 HOURS"
5. "ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT OF THE HIP FOR THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER"
6. "CASE STUDIES CERVICAL SPINE"
7. "ETHICAL ISSUES IN CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE"
8. "IMMUNIZATION: MAKING INFORMED CHOICES"
9. "PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE KNEE"
10. "PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES"
11. "RISK MANAGEMENT IN CHIROPRACTIC"
12. "SEGMENTAL DROP ADJUSTING: REVIEW OF THE THOMPSON TECHNIQUE"
13. "SPECIAL POPULATIONS IN CHIROPRACTIC: THE OSTEOPOROTIC PATIENT"
14. "THE SPINE IN SPORT"

**National University of Health Sciences** offers the following ONLINE courses until February 2016. For information contact Jenna Glenn, DC at 1-630-889-6622.

1. "COX INTERDISCIPLINARY CARE & INTEGRATION"
2. "COX PART 1 ONLINE: COX CERTIFICATION COURSE"
3. "ICD-10-CM ONLINE STUDY PROGRAM"
4. "ICD-10: TRAINING, CASE STUDIES, AND EXERCISE"
5. "INTRODUCTION TO ICD-10"

**Palmer College of Chiropractic** offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2015. For information contact Kati Sproston at 1-563-884-5715.

1. "ACTIVATOR METHODS ONLINE: TRACK 1"
2. "CHIROPRACTIC EVALUATION"
3. "CLINICAL IMAGING 6"
4. "ORTHOPEDIC ASSESSMENT AND INTERPRETATION"
5. "PETTIBON ONLINE: ANALYSIS & TREATMENT"
6. "PETTIBON ONLINE: CASE MANAGEMENT & BILLING"
7. "PETTIBON ONLINE: CLINICAL PROTOCOLS & HOME CARE"
8. "PETTIBON ONLINE: FUNCTIONAL NEUROLOGY"
9. "PETTIBON ONLINE: FUNCTIONAL NUTRITION"
10. "PETTIBON ONLINE: FUNDAMENTALS"
11. "PETTIBON ONLINE: PATIENT ANALYSIS"
12. "PETTIBON ONLINE: POST TREATMENT REHAB"
13. "PETTIBON ONLINE PRE-TREATMENT REHAB"
14. "PETTIBON ONLINE: X-RAY PROCEDURES"

**Parker University** offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2015. For information contact Teresa Wright at 1-800 266-4723.

1. "BOUNDARIES WITH PATIENTS: CONFIDENTIALITY & SEXUAL MISCONDUCT"
2. "NUTRITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PATIENTS WITH OSTEOPOROSIS"
3. "DAVILA-PHILOSOPHY & MEDICAL NECESSITY 2014"
4. "EXTREMITY ADJUSTING PROTOCOLS: THE FOOT"
5. "FROM THE GROUND UP-GLOBAL POSTURAL PATTERNS OF THE HUMAN BODY"
6. "INTRO TO FUNCTIONAL TAPING"
7. "PEDIATRIC EVALUATIONS MADE EASY"
8. "POWER OF SELF HEALING"
9. "SUPPLEMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE ATHLETE"

## Online Seminars Continued

### **Southern California University of Health Sciences**

offers the following ONLINE course until December 2015. For information contact Yvonne Rabago at 1-562-902-3373.

1. "FUNCTIONAL DIAGNOSTIC MEDICINE TRAINING 2015"

### **University of Bridgeport College of Chiropractic**

offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2015. For information contact Paul Powers, DC at 1-860-463-9003.

1. "ATHLETIC TIPS CERTIFICATION SEMINAR"
2. "ALABAMA CHIROPRACTIC LAW (RULES AND REGULATIONS)"
3. "ACCREDITED TRAINING FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF CERTIFIED MEDICAL EXAMINERS 301"

4. "CODING AND DOCUMENTATION 201-202"
5. "MANAGEMENT OF COMMON CONDITION 208-211"
6. "MANUAL MUSCLE TESTING 201-206"
7. "NEUROLOGY 115-116"
8. "NEUROLOGY 117-121"
9. "PHYSICAL THERAPY 101-105"
10. "SOFT TISSUE INJURIES 106"
11. "XRAY 147-153"

**University of Western States** offers the following ONLINE courses until November 2016. For information contact Cathy Evans at 1-503-847-2611.

1. "ANCILLARY DIAGNOSTIC TESTING PROCEDURES"
2. "CHIROPRACTIC GUIDE TO SYMPTOMS AND DISEASE"
3. "CHIROPRACTIC SPORTS MEDICINE"
4. "GERIATRIC HEALTH CARE"
5. "PAIN MANAGEMENT"
6. "SPORTS INJURIES"

### Citizenship Verification Request

The citizenship verification documents that you were required to submit for renewal this year were not a requirement by the Board. This was a federal and state mandated requirement. (See below section of the Code of Alabama. Once these documents have been received you will not be required to submit them for renewal for future years unless you submitted a document that requires renewal such as a work visa, etc. Thank you for your cooperation in our collection efforts.

*Ala. Code §31-13-1 also requires every individual applying for a permit or license to demonstrate his/her U.S. citizenship or if the applicant is an alien, he/she must demonstrate his/her lawful presence in the United States.*

### BOARD QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Applications Sent	32
Transcripts Processed	70
New License Issued	11
License Verifications	317
Complaints Received	1
Disciplinary Hearings	2
Outgoing Correspondence	2358
Continuing Education Reviewed	84

### Condolences

Dr. Warren M. Ringsdorf. Dr. Ringsdorf graduated Life Chiropractic College in 1993 and received his Alabama license in 1994.

He lived and practiced in Brewton, AL.

# Upcoming Seminars

The Seminars listed below have been approved by the Alabama Board for CCE

**Fetterman Events** presents the following course. For information contact Kris Fetterman at 517-983-2060.

"Lower Extremity Treatments To Restore Function" 12 hours December 3 in Memphis, TN.

**Georgia Chiropractic Association** presents the following course. For information contact Valerie Smith at 770-723-1100.

"GCA Fall Conference & Trade Show" 27 hours October 23-25 in Atlanta, GA.

**ICPA, Inc.** presents the following courses. For information contact Corinne Pitts at 610-565-2360.

"Developmental Neurobiology" 12 hours November 7-8 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

"SOUP:ASD, ADHD, LD, PDD, SOD, What they Mean and How to Care" 12 hours December 5-6 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

"Transforming Practical Experience to Family Practice" 12 hours October 10-11 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

**Life University** presents the following courses. For information contact Melissa Scharffenberg at 770-426-2753.

"CCEP MOD 7: Global Extremity Assessment" 15 hours October 10-11 in Marietta, GA.

"Fall CE 2015" 38 hours September 30-October 4 in Marietta, GA.

"Spinal Correction Workshop" 12 hours October 24 in Celebration, FL.

**Logan University** presents the following course. For information contact Ralph Barrale, DC at 800-842-3234.

"Class IV Laser Therapy in Clinical Practice" 8 hours October 24 and December 12 in Franklin, TN.

**National University of Health Sciences** presents the following course. For information contact Jenna Glenn, DC at 630-889-6622.

"CIHP Introduction to the Art & Science of Integrative Medicine" 12 hours in Orlando, FL.

"IAFNR 6th Annual Conference" 20 hours October 8-11 in Orlando, FL.

**New York Chiropractic College** presents the following course. For information contact Cynthia Logatto at 516-796-5923.

"Impulse Adjusting System Pelvis & Spine Module" 12 hours in October 10-11 in Atlanta, GA.

**Northwestern Health Sciences** presents the following courses. For information contact Sara George at 952-885-5446.

"Applying Functional Medicine in Clinical Practice" 35 hours October 2 in Atlanta, GA.

"Healthy Aging" 12 hours October 17-18 in Atlanta, GA.

**Palmer College** presents the following courses. For information contact Kati Sproston at 563-884-5715.

"Activator Methods Fall 2015: Advanced" 12 hours October 17-18 in Atlanta, GA.

"Activator Methods Fall 2015: Basic" 12 hours October 17-18 in Atlanta, GA.

"Activator Methods Fall 2015: Intermediate" 12 hours October 17-18 in Atlanta, GA.

"International Academy of Chiropractic Neurology Symposium 2015" 22 hours November 13-15 in Port Orange, FL.

**Sherman College of Chiropractic** presents the following courses. For information contact Debbie Cordero at 864-578-8770.

"Atlas Orthogonal Advanced" 12 hours October 17-18 in Atlanta, GA.

"Florida Chiropractic Society" 20 hours November 14-15 in St. Petersburg, FL.

"Georgia Council of Chiropractic-CE B4 DE" 5 hours October 15 in Atlanta, GA.

**Texas Chiropractic College** presents the following course. For information contact Mary Denby at 281-998-6027.

"Foundational Laboratory Analysis" 12 hours November 7-8 in Jacksonville, FL.

**Turning Point Logistic Systems** presents the following course. For information contact Angel Tribuno, DC at 770-605-1218.

"Exodus, Principles of Practice 1" 24 hours November 6-8 in Knoxville, TN.

**University of Bridgeport** presents the following course. For information contact Marie Jeffries, or Eileen Herlihy-Sanitago at 203-576-4880.

"The Gluten, Leaky Gut, and Autoimmune Connection" 8 hours November 7 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and December 5 in Atlanta, GA.

**University of Bridgeport Health Sciences** presents the following courses. For information contact Mare Jeffries at 203-576-4880.

"Florida Chiropractic Physicians Association Education Symposium" 20 hours November 21-22 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

**University of Western States** presents the following courses. For information contact Ana Phongsavath at 503-251-5719.

"Graston Technique M1 Basic Training" 12 hours October 17-18 in Orlando, FL and December 12-13 in Atlanta, GA..

"Graston Technique M2 Advanced Training" 14 hours October 17-18 in Orlando, FL.

"Soft Tissue Mobilization Using FAKTR Concepts" 12 hours November 14-15 in Marietta, GA.

"Top Fives of Clinical Nutrition" 12 hours November 7-8 in Kennesaw, GA.

## Thank You for Your Positive Comments

Just read the newsletter concerning license renewal. It was an impressive work with all the graphics.

I just wanted to thank you so much for being so helpful. You truly have been a blessing.

...I am very impressed with your service.... I just would like to say thanks to you and all the members of your team that offered your assistance in allowing me to attain this goal.

## Duplicate Information to the Board Office

**Please Note:** When completing your license renewal online the system checks the Board's records to ensure you have all documents required on file. If the system allows you to complete all pages and submit payment then you have submitted everything needed for renewal. If the system does not allow you to log in please read the notification in the red box for information on what you need to submit prior to completing the online renewal. These documents need to be in the Board office at least 2 business days prior to logging in.

**Please do not fax hours or your business license to the Board after completing the online renewal.  
It is not necessary.**

## Brewton Doctor Retires After 65 Years

**Dr. Roy Couch retired in July of this year after 65 years in practice. He received his Alabama license in March of 1960. His was the 36th license to practice chiropractic to be issued in our state. We wish Dr. Couch the best with his future plans.**

**\*\*Print Your 2015-16 Renewal Card\*\***

Please wait 7 days after you have completed your online renewal and log back in to print your renewal card. *The Board no longer keeps a copy of your card.* When the insurance companies are attempting to re-credential you in 2016 this is the card you will need to provide them. The card is a PDF so it can also be saved to a computer in your office for reprinting or emailing.

Steps to print your renewal card:

1. Go to the Board website [www.chiro.alabama.gov](http://www.chiro.alabama.gov)
2. Click Online Services at the top of page.
3. Click Print Renewal Card.
4. Enter your license number and the last 4 digits of your social security number.
5. Click Print Renewal Card in the red box that appears at the top of the screen.
6. You may then print or save the PDF displayed.



Important Notice

## Search for Current Hours

When trying to determine the number of hours the Board has on file for you between **August 15th and December 31st** please hold the CTRL key and click the link below and attempt to log in. This will provide you with the most up to date information the Board has on file regarding your license. If we have all of the needed documentation for your renewal the system will allow you to login and complete the application. If you still lack documentation needed for renewal the system will then give you a message indicating what you still need to submit.

Click here: [License Renewal](#)

## Reinstatement Changes

### New changes to Reinstatement Process for January

- ◆ If you fail to renew by December 31 your license will automatically revert to a suspended status.
- ◆ You must complete the online Reinstatement application and submit the applicable application fee.
- ◆ You must submit any hours, business license or documents missing from your file for renewal.
- ◆ You must submit the renewal fee, and the maximum late fee (\$300).
- ◆ All of the above must be completed prior to February 1 to avoid the full reinstatement process.

**If you are not reinstated by February 1 you will be required to complete the entire reinstatement process which will include the above and can include a combination of the below.**

- ◆ All back fees and a \$2,500 penalty.
- ◆ Letter outlining all places of practice, employment since the automatic suspension of your Alabama license. You may be required to take the National SPEC Exam or obtain additional continuing education hours. You will be instructed after the Board reviews all of your paperwork if you will be required to take the exam.
- ◆ Verification(s) from any other states you hold or have previously held a license.
- ◆ ABI Form-46 and 2 fingerprint cards completed.
- ◆ A money order or cashiers check for \$39.75 made payable to State Bureau of Investigation.
- ◆ When your file is complete if you did not take the jurisprudence exam when originally licensed you must pass the jurisprudence exam as part of the reinstatement process.

### Online CE Hours Notification

**Please note the only 2 companies that submit certificates to the Board for hours completed online are DC Hours and DC Online. These 2 companies only submit certificates for the Alabama Law hours. Please make sure you forward any certificates for hours taken to the Board Office as soon as you receive them. This makes the process much faster and easier when it is time for you to renew.**

## Disciplinary Actions

**Craig Hollowell, DC** (Enterprise, AL) License # 1335 - Board order finding violation of Code of Alabama 1975 § 34-24-166(b)(1), § 34-24-166(b)(3) and § 34-24-166(b)(7) and assessing an administrative fine in the amount of \$20,000.

**James O. Gordon, DC** (Theodore, AL) License # 1716 - Board order finding violation of Code of Alabama 1975 § 34-24-166(b)(7) and assessing an administrative fine in the amount of \$1,000.

## Complaints Received

The Board has received 27 complaints to date this fiscal year and 9 have been resolved without any action.

Several others are still pending investigation.

## Correction from July Newsletter

The July Newsletter contained information regarding carry over hours in excess of the 18 required. Due to an error in placement of the language in the bill draft you will not be able to carry over hours. We are working on having this corrected in the next Sunset Audit.

## Mrs. Darnell Retiring

Debra Darnell, Administrative Assistant and important member of our staff, will retire from state service on December 15, 2015 after serving 20 years with ASBCE.

She has been an asset to the ASBCE staff and will be missed.

The Board and staff wish her well in her future plans.

*Congratulations to those licensed since July 2015*



**Jennifer Aliment**  
**Raymond A. Herring**  
**Charles E. Markulis**  
**Erin E. Massey**  
**Jerry D. Nashman**  
**Timothy J. Zittle**

**Of Foley, AL**  
**Of Birmingham, AL**  
**Of Dublin, OH**  
**Of Ozark, AL**  
**Of Prattville, AL**  
**Of Auburn, AL**

## DATES TO CALENDAR

The Board will meet:

October 8-10, 2015  
Orange Beach, AL

November 13, 2015  
Clanton Board Office

December 11, 2015  
Clanton Board Office

## 2015 State Holidays

The Board Office will be closed on the following:

Columbus Day                      October 12

Veteran's Day                      November 11

Thanksgiving Day                  November 26

Christmas Day                      December 25

### OUR MISSION

*To regulate and license doctors of chiropractic in order to protect the people of Alabama.*

### OUR VISION

*To ensure the people of Alabama will receive professional, ethical and quality care in utilizing chiropractic services to maximize health benefits.*

### OUR VALUES

*Excellence, integrity, communication and ethics.*

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