Congress of Chiropractic State Associations

Resolution on National Unity

Whereas, the Congress of Chiropractic State Associations (COCSA) represents 58 state chiropractic associations nationwide which, in turn, represent the vast majority of doctors of chiropractic throughout the United States; and,

Whereas, it is the mission of COCSA to provide an open, nonpartisan forum for the promotion and advancement of the chiropractic profession through service to our member state associations; and,

Whereas, the advancement of the chiropractic profession is dependent upon resolution of issues of national scope; and,

Whereas, the chiropractic profession has two competing national associations, the American Chiropractic Association (ACA) and the International Chiropractors Association (ICA); and,

Whereas, the existence of the two competing national associations has prevented the chiropractic profession from speaking with one national voice; and,

Whereas, the existence of the two competing national associations has resulted in lost opportunities for the chiropractic profession and its patients; and,

Whereas, the existence of the two competing national associations has resulted in duplication of effort, needless waste of precious chiropractic resources and perceived disunity of the chiropractic profession; and,

Whereas, the conflict resulting from the existence of two competing national associations serves as an impediment to the advancement of the chiropractic profession; and,

Whereas, COCSA has spent a decade attempting to facilitate unity between the ACA and the ICA with unsatisfactory results; and,

Whereas, the disunity between the ACA and the ICA is impairing COCSA's ability to serve its state association members; and,

Whereas, the political and economic challenges facing the chiropractic profession have become too great and its adversaries have become too strong to justify the continued existence of two competing national associations,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the board of the Congress of Chiropractic State Associations (COCSA) demands that the ACA and the ICA set aside their

philosophical and political differences and begin the process of merger for the greater purpose of creating a single national voice for the chiropractic profession.

Be it further resolved, that COCSA will merge its functions with the resulting new association for the purpose of creating a single national voice for the chiropractic profession.

Be it further resolved, that COCSA will offer whatever mediation, facilitation or other support services necessary for creating a new unified national association.

Be it further resolved that COCSA urges the ACA and the ICA to begin immediate action toward merger with a target completion date of January 1, 2010.

Be it further resolved, that COCSA will not relent in its pursuit of a single national voice for the chiropractic profession.

Congress of Chiropractic State Associations
Board of Directors

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