

# MCA Journal



## MCA to Offer May 6-7 Low Level Laser Training

The MCA is very excited to offer this laser certification seminar in our area for the first time ever. The use of low level laser therapy (LLLT) has simply exploded in the healing arts community, and this seminar presents an experienced and professional speaker to teach the proper protocols in the use of this new and exciting treatment device.



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## SAVE THE DATE! CE Sunday Scheduled for June 25

Offering up to 8 hours of CE the Maryland Chiropractic Association will hold its June CE Sunday on June 25 at the BWI Marriott. **MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

Further information on this program will soon be available online at [www.marylandchiro.com](http://www.marylandchiro.com).

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# President's Update

Donald Hirsh, DC

## Why Did it Become Politically Correct not to Love Wisdom?

In my previous President's Update, I took on the controversial subject of the sublutation. Not being a shrinking violet, I will take on the even more controversial issue - chiropractic philosophy. I can feel the darts hurling towards me as we speak.

Really, however, there should be nothing about chiropractic philosophy that should be at all controversial. After all, philosophy literally derives from the Greek words *philos*, which means love, and *Sophia*, which means wisdom. For a general definition, I like Princeton University's WordNet the best:

1: a belief (or system of beliefs) accepted as authoritative by some group or school 2: the rational investigation of questions about existence and knowledge and ethics.

I always found the chiropractic triune of the science, art and philosophy to be satisfying. My background previously was in science but my daily life dwells in the art form of chiropractic in my daily practice. I've always thought that our philosophy was the glue that held it all together. In a recent column (April 2006) in *The Chiropractic Choice*, Christopher Passalacqua, D.C., D.Ph.C.S., described the chiropractic view of the world:

...we believe that there is there is a Universal Intelligence that gives rise to all things, including our body's Innate Intelligence. We believe that life is necessarily intelligent and there can be interruption to the transmission of Innate forces that would cause our bodies not to adapt.

I can see where someone might find this view a bit out there. First of all, it uses a bunch of buzzwords (e.g. Innate Intelligence). Secondly, it sounds old fashioned and rather awkward. Let me see if I can translate this into something that more off us can live with. The body has an inborn ability to heal. That's cool. We can heal from within unless there is something preventing normal functioning. As doctors we use our science and arts as detectives to find issues preventing normal functioning. Then we use our science and art again to either remove the interference ourselves or refer them to someone who can. So we have an inside-out view of health and healing rather than an outside-in view. We respect the recuperative powers of the body, rather than believing that a pill or surgery is the answer to everything.

So where is the controversy? Are we afraid as a profession to have a different view of the world than our medical colleagues? Or have some of our chiropractic colleagues muddied the waters by lumping in practice management, motivational rah rah, and pseudoscience?

I think the answer is yes to both. We need to raise our chins and be proud of what we stand for even if it means getting clobbered there from time to time. I think the public wants and needs to hear our message. Yet at the same time we have to be careful not to use our unique approach as an evangelical means of building our practice. We need to use our philosophy to ground us while we search for answers. We need to rationally investigate the world around us especially as it pertains to health to expand our knowledge and to enhance our

# ACA and ICA Lead Chiropractic In Grassroot Efforts to Defeat S.1955

Legislation (S.1955) is moving through the US Senate which would extend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act's (ERISA) preemption to cover the small group insurance market now regulated at the state level. This legislation would have the effect of eliminating the protections now available to chiropractors and chiropractic patients provided by state-enacted insurance equality laws.

The ACA and ICA are asking all DCs to immediately contact their United States Senators and ask that they oppose the immediate passage of S1955 and call for further development and critical analysis so that this legislation can realize its intent, and not place so many millions at a greater disadvantage in the health insurance market. The ACA and ICA are both offering tools, talking points and sample letters to use to contact your representatives. These materials can be accessed online at [www.acatoday.com](http://www.acatoday.com) and [www.chiropractic.org](http://www.chiropractic.org), respectively.

"A decision on this bill is only weeks away, so time is of the essence," said Jerome McAndrews, DC, spokesman for the American Chiropractic Association. "S.1955 would thwart years of state efforts to ensure that consumers have adequate health insurance coverage – yet it has received surprisingly little attention and many Americans have no idea how severely their health care benefits could be affected. As important as expanding health insurance coverage is, particularly in the small business market, it is also important for such coverage to reliably secure patients' healthcare services."

The bill, also known as the "Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act" or HIMMAA, attempts to expand health care access and reduce insurance costs through the creation of small business health plans. These plans, frequently called association health plans, offer insurance coverage purchased through non-profit organizations on behalf of the small

businesses that make up their memberships.

However, if passed, the bill would take the unprecedented path of preempting state insurance laws. As a result, insurance companies and small business owners, rather than locally elected policymakers, would decide which benefits consumers should have when they purchase health care. States would have no recourse to protect residents and they would lose their incentives to enact consumer protection laws in the future.

Moreover, S.1955 also would preempt stronger state laws that limit the ability of insurers to vary premiums based on health status, age, gender and geography. For many older Americans and those with complex health needs and disabilities, this would price them out of the health insurance market.

The diverse coalition opposing S.1955 includes groups such as the American Association of Retired Persons, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Cancer Society, the AFL-CIO, the American Federation of Teachers and many others.

Doctors of chiropractic from around the country gathered in Washington, D.C., for four days to lobby Congress during the American Chiropractic Association's (ACA) annual National Chiropractic Legislative Conference (NCLC). In a departure from previous legislative conferences, this year's NCLC agenda focused primarily on one issue—a concentrated effort to defeat S.1955, a small business health plan bill that could prove disastrous to chiropractors and their patients.

From March 25-28, more than 500 doctors of chiropractic, chiropractic students and chiropractic supporters converged on the nation's capital to hear speeches from government leaders, to receive advocacy education and training and to urge elected officials to staunchly oppose and defeat S.1955. Also significant, for the first time in history, all 18 chiropractic colleges were represented by members of their respective Student American Chiropractic Association (SACA) chapters.

The Chiropractic Coalition's Third Annual Legislative Day, of which ICA is centrally involved, is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2006 in Washington, DC. This event will probably be the last opportunity for chiropractors to lobby in the critical S.1955 issue before the vote.

## More S.1955 Resources Online

### **American Chiropractic Association**

Includes: sample letters for doctors, students, and patients; local media outreach materials; presentation materials; and links to articles on the topic.

[http://www.acatoday.org/content\\_css.cfm?CID=1198](http://www.acatoday.org/content_css.cfm?CID=1198)

### **International Chiropractic Association**

Includes: sample letter and link to find your Senators' contact information.

[http://www.chiropractic.org/index.php?p=news/legislation\\_s1955](http://www.chiropractic.org/index.php?p=news/legislation_s1955)

### **Protect Chiropractic**

Includes: Presentation explaining S.1955, information for DCs and their staffs

<http://www.protectchiropractic.com>

# MCA Escapes General Assembly Unharmmed; Asks Members to Monitor November Elections

**Paul Henry, DC, MCA Legislative Chair**

The 2006 Legislative Session was a particularly benign year for progressive health care legislation. As with past election year sessions, the 2006 General Assembly came in like a lion and out like a lamb. No real harm and no real foul. Of particular importance however was defeat of changes to Harris v. Board of Education Howard County. SB394 and HB523 were poised to alter the definition of accidental injury and make it more difficult for workers' work-related accidents to recover benefits. Both bills were defeated.

One exception in the WCC universe that did pass and was supported by the MCA were SB555 and HB868. The purpose of these bills is to prohibit a health insurance carrier that uses a provider panel for health care services from requiring a health care provider (chiropractor) as a condition of participation or continuation on a provider panel and also serve on a provider panel for workers' compensation services. This law would go into effect on July 1, 2006. It is currently awaiting the governor's signature or veto.

The MCA was strongly opposed to HB1062 which was introduced to establish an independent Board of Massage Therapy and transfer that authority from the State Chiropractic Board of Examiners. Jim Valone of the state board and Dr. Paul Henry, MCA's legislative chairman, presented excellent testimony in opposition before the House's Health and Government Operations Committee. This bill was defeated.

Nothing moved this session on medical malpractice, tort reform or PIP reform. Several health care provider coalition bills never saw the light of day. This included SB303 and HB394, which called for the prompt payment of WCC claims, as well as SB448 which called for health insurance assignment of benefits which would require health insurance companies to honor assignments.

MCA members should pay particular attention to SB935 which was defeated this year, but will be of primary

interest to the property and insurance industry in 2007. This legislation seeks to abolish the collateral source rule when PIP benefits are received by an injured party. The relevant portion of the bills read in part: A named insured may NOT recover from a third party or the third party's liability insurer any benefits that duplicate the benefits received by the named insured under Section 19-505 of the Insurance Article. In essence, this proposed legislation gives a third party liability insurer a credit for any PIP payments received from victims of automobile collisions.



This legislation also requires the coordination of benefits between PIP and health insurance or other types of benefits. The relevant portion of the bills read in part: if the insured has both coverage for the benefits described in Section 19-505 of the Insurance Article and a collateral source of medical, hospital, or wage continuation benefits, the insurer or insurers

SHALL coordinate the policies to provide for nonduplication of benefits. In essence, victims of automobile collisions would no longer be able to recover both PIP and health insurance benefits even though they paid premiums for these coverages. MCA will be working with other health care stakeholders and the Maryland Trial Lawyers' Association on future strategies regarding this topic.

Currently, the MCA is updating its General Assembly contacts. After November's upcoming general elections, members that have contacts with incumbent or newly elected state legislators should contact MCA headquarters with this information.

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# ACA Update

By Audie Klingler, DC - ACA Maryland Delegate

## ACA Web Site Gets a Makeover

The ACA is pleased to unveil its newly designed and updated Web site – [www.ACAToday.org](http://www.ACAToday.org). Featuring a contemporary new look, the new Web site is more user-friendly than ever before. Other new features include improved navigation to help you find the information, advice and tools that matter most to you. Clearly defined sections will point ACA members, the public, the media, business partners and students in the right direction as they click through the site.

### New Features Include:

A **“Member Information Center”** where ACA members can easily access online tools to assist them in their practice—exclusive resources available to ACA members only. From ACA’s publications and patient education handouts to information about networking listservers and educational opportunities, ACA members now have a central resource where they can access their benefits. *Coming soon: current members will be able to renew their dues online.*

A **“Professional Resources”** section that contains the information and resources doctors of chiropractic need to keep them from being left behind in today’s information-driven society. Through this section of our new Web site, you will have access to the tools and information you need on coding, Medicare, insurance claims, research, practice management, best practices and a wealth of other topics that you deal with on a daily basis. *Coming soon: an online insurance “help” form that you can fill out and forward to ACA staff experts in the coding, insurance relations and documentation areas – to get quick and thorough answers to your questions.*

An **“Advocacy”** section that provides the latest on ACA’s grassroots lobbying on Capitol Hill, direct outreach with payers and employers, negotiations with managed care organizations, and when necessary, utilization of legal remedies to obtain fair reimbursement and ensure quality of care. In this section, you will find action alerts, fact sheets and more to keep you in the loop and prepared to participate in ACA calls to action.

A **“Patients”** section featuring a **“Find a Doctor”** search page, consumer health tips, the latest chiropractic research, frequently asked questions and a wealth of other materials that will help patients understand the important role chiropractic plays in the health care system.

A **“Press Room”** featuring everything a journalist will need to write an accurate and responsible story on chiropractic care. From ACA’s latest news releases to background information on the association, spokesperson bios, important facts and figures

and letters to the editor, the press room serves as a central resource for the news media professional.

A **“Business Partners”** section featuring information on ACA’s corporate supporting members, affinity programs and endorsed products and programs. It also provides information for potential partners hoping to gain access to the chiropractic profession’s most influential leaders through ACA News advertising and other venues.

A special section for **“Students”** that contains everything they need to know about the Student American Chiropractic Association (SACA) and its important efforts at chiropractic colleges nationwide.

Give ACA your feedback! The ACA will continue to enhance this site to make it as useful as possible for our increasingly busy members. Take the time to “bookmark” the site on your computer, visit often and give them your feedback. If you experience any “bugs” while browsing the new site, please let ACA know by e-mailing them at [memberinfo@acatoday.org](mailto:memberinfo@acatoday.org). It will help us continue to serve you better.

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James LeVan, D.C.  
C-PAC Treasurer

I was truly moved by the response to my appeal in the last *MCA Journal* for those of you who had given last year to dig deep again this year. Not only is this an election year, meaning a lot more fundraiser requests, but this is also my last as CPAC treasurer. I'm hoping to make it the best we've ever had. As you know from Dr. Paul Henry's legislative report, the past session in Annapolis was relatively successful for us. With your continuing help we can keep that trend going. Some of our friends in Annapolis are facing difficult races this fall and we want to help them as much as possible. So again, thanks for the great response!

For those of you who were at this past fall's convention and might be wondering what happened to the by-laws changes that the membership voted down concerning the Chairman of the Board position, I am presently working on new changes with a newly formed committee. When ready, these changes will be sent out to all members for comment. The final version will then be voted on at this year's convention. It is good to see more people getting involved in the workings of the MCA. Speaking of which, I'm still looking for someone who would like to take over the position of treasurer of CPAC at the end of this year. Call me!

The following list is quite a bit longer than the last one and reflects the donations of the past 12 months. By the way, please let me know if there are any mistakes. They do happen.

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# Chiropractic News & Notes

## PAUL HENRY ELECTED TO LOGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**CHESTERFIELD, MO.** -- Dr. Paul Henry, a past president of MCA, has recently been elected to the Board of Trustees for the Logan College of Chiropractic.

Henry, a 1993 Logan graduate, enrolled at Logan after a career as a governmental financial analyst and manager, including serving as chief financial manager of Baltimore's Department of Recreation and Parks.

MCA's 2003 Chiropractor of the Year, he practices in Baltimore.

## FCER CONFERENCE SET FOR SEPTEMBER

**NORWALK, IOWA** -- The Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research (FCER) presents the 2006 Conference on Chiropractic Research (CCR), to be held September 15-16, 2006, at the Hotel Sofitel Chicago O'Hare in Chicago, Illinois. The CCR will bring the chiropractic community together to focus presentations of original thought and research in 2006.

Two research tracks and one clinical track will be featured. The clinical track will have workshops designed to enable the practitioner to incorporate research evidence into practice on Monday morning.

Approximately 80-90 abstracts will be accepted for platform (60) and poster (20-30) presentation, depending on quality of submissions.

Featured speakers scheduled to appear at the program include: William Morgan, DC; Susan

McClelland; Kim D. Christensen, DC; George B. McClelland, DC; Ronald C. Evans, DC; Ron Shope, PhD; Charles R. Herring, DC; and John Triano, DC, PhD.

Further information is available online at <http://www.fcer.org/CCR06/info.htm>.

## BEST PRACTICES DOCUMENT DELAYED

**RESTON, VA.** -- Release of the Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters (CCGPP) Low Back "Best Practices" draft document, which was anticipated in February, has been unavoidably, but minimally delayed, due to needed additional editing prior to release.

The Low Back draft, the culmination of more than three years of collaborative work, includes review of thousands of scientific articles, rates them for quality and utility according to internationally recognized standards, and will combine the results with expert consensus conclusions where literature evidence is lacking. The CCGPP Commission teams expect the document to provide a reliable, readily accessible and scientifically defensible tool for clinicians, patients, government regulators and others to make informed decisions about chiropractic low back care. Review and synthesis of the enormous volume of information, and the Commission's commitment to the scientific principles of best practices development, as well as its efforts to provide the most comprehensive and current data possible has led to a temporary delay in the documents release.

"We are determined to produce the most accurate, timely and useful document possible," noted Council Chair Wayne M. Whalen, D.C.

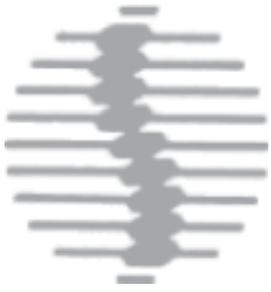
"Accordingly, we felt it was preferable to delay the release to accommodate several last minute edits and inclusions."

The Low Back draft is expected to be available for stakeholder review by the end of this spring. The Low Back chapter is the first of seven condition-based chapters planned, with subsequent chapters including neck conditions, soft tissue, and thoracic spine among others expected to be released sequentially about every other month.

Some reports have indicated that the neck chapter has already been released, but that is incorrect. The Canadian Chiropractic Association, which is producing guidelines not best practices, has recently released its chapter on Adult Neck Pain not due to Whiplash.

As each draft chapter is released, it will be posted on the CCGPP Web site ([www.ccgpp.org](http://www.ccgpp.org)) and stakeholders notified. Stakeholder input is requested. The Best Practices document is an iterative process and initially will focus on the conditions most commonly encountered by practicing doctors of chiropractic. Subsequent chapters are expected to address less common entities, and to update previous releases.

For further information, please visit [www.CCGPP.org](http://www.CCGPP.org) or call 803-808-0640.



# ICA *Report*

By Eric Huntington, DC  
ICA Maryland Delegate

## Chiropractic Coalition Prepares for 2006 Legislative Day on May 4

The Chiropractic Coalition's Third Annual Legislative Day has been scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2006 in Washington, D.C. Building on last year's tremendous success, the 2006 event is already shaping up to be bigger and better than before, with hundreds of doctors of chiropractic, students, staff and family members expected to participate. The 2006 schedule will include a kick-off orientation at the Yorktown Room starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., Tel: 202-737-1234. (SEE THE LINK BELOW FOR MAPS AND DIRECTIONS) <http://washingtonregency.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/services/maps/index.jsp>

The Thursday morning session will include a detailed issue briefing, followed by special presentations by key Congressional leaders. The day will conclude with a reception in the LBJ Room of the U.S. Capitol (Room S. 211) from 5 to 7 p.m.

To register for 2006 Legislative Day, just go to the Coalition Web site at <http://www.chiropracticcoalition.org/pages/legislativeday.html> and sign up online.

Congress will always be a vitally important battleground for the future of chiropractic, said ICA Legislative Committee Co-Chairman Dr. Michael S. McLean. Every doctor of chiropractic, student, family member and patient has a stake in the outcome of the Coalition's legislative efforts and everyone interested in the future of chiropractic is not only welcome, but needed at this key lobbying event. Also, this will probably be the last opportunity to lobby in the critical S.1955 issue before the vote.

The member organizations of the Chiropractic Coalition, including the International Chiropractors Association (ICA), the Federation of Straight Chiropractors and Organizations (FSCO) and the World Chiropractic Alliance (WCA) will be promoting an agreed legislative agenda that includes opposition to S. 1995, Medicare improvements, commissions for doctors of chiropractic as military officers, chiropractic inclusion in the TRICARE program for military dependents and retirees and other key initiatives.

The 2006 Congressional session will require careful planning and coordination on chiropractic's behalf, said Dr. McLean. Presentations will include appearances by top policy makers

as well as practical briefings on how to most effectively communicate with your members of Congress.

"This event is about influencing policy makers, not trying to impress each other," said Dr. McLean. "Our entire emphasis is on the effective mobilization of hundreds of DCs, students, CAs and family members on behalf of key chiropractic legislative initiatives, as well as educating policy makers in general about the unique role chiropractic has to play in providing safe, highly cost-effective care for consumers of all ages."

Check ICA's Web site at [www.chiropractic.org](http://www.chiropractic.org) for more information, but mark your calendars now and plan to be a part of Legislative Day 2006. This is a powerful and unique means to contribute to chiropractic's strength and to a bright future for doctor and patient alike.

## Tips on Meeting With Legislators

The ICA is encouraging Legislative Day attendees to make appointments with their members of Congress and the U.S. Senate prior to the Legislative Day event. The optimal time for these "On the Hill" meetings is between 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 4. The briefing sessions at the Hyatt Regency are important, but if you can only meet face-to-face with any of your elected representatives during the morning, please do not hesitate to do so. You can leave the meeting at the hotel, hold your meeting(s) and come back as is convenient. **THE MOST IMPORTANT MISSION OF THE DAY IS TO MEET YOUR ELECTED LEGISLATORS!**

To facilitate your identifying your US House of Representatives member, please visit the following link: <http://www.house.gov>. This is the official site of the U.S. House and they have a member finder feature that allows you to enter in your zip code, and the name of your House Member will appear. To find your senators, simply go to the following address ([http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)) and enter your state. Each state, regardless of size has two Senators. Their office contact information can be obtained simply by clicking on the links that appear from your state information.

If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call ICA's Executive Director, Ronald Hendrickson at 1-800-423-4690.

# My Chiropractic Trip to Panama

by Charles Cooper, DC

During the week of February 11 through February 17, I attended *The American Chiropractor* magazine's Chiropractic '06 International Symposium in Panama City, Panama. The Symposium was sponsored by the magazine as well as the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC), and the Williams Healthcare Systems.

The elite icons, paragons and pundits of the chiropractic profession were in attendance including the newly elected, thirtyish year-old, Columbian born, dynamic, enthusiastic, youthful President of Parker College, Fabrizio Mancini; to whom I passed my 54-year-old chiropractic torch.

Every lecture I attended provided a wealth of information and introduced me to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century's focus and goals of the chiropractic profession. It was quite rewarding to see the growth of chiropractic since I entered the profession in 1952.

Camaraderie reigned supreme and there was no dichotomy or differentiation among straights and mixers, colleges and universities, various techniques, ideologies, and philosophies because everyone recognized the fact we were all united by one common bond – chiropractic.

My chiropractic longevity has exposed me to the anti-chiropractic vicissitudes and elements of our society and other professions, and the apparent inability of our professional organizations to recognize there is only one entity – chiropractic. However, this Symposium allowed me to recognize the unity possible for all chiropractors, regardless of their protocols, paradigms, disciplines, or methods of practice.

The Symposium was my first experience and exposure to the WFC and I recognized immediately the power, necessity, and role the Federation has in promoting the dynamic future and unification of chiropractic throughout the world,

## Further Information

If you would like further information on the 2007 International Symposium, please visit the following link: <http://www.chiropractic07.com/>

regardless of the chiropractor's philosophy (wisdom), art (practice), or science (knowledge).

The Symposium allowed me to develop personal associations and relationships with my chiropractic colleagues from all over the world, and it was an enhancing experience.

Of local interest and pleasure during my Panama trip was the five-star Caesar Park Hotel and their culinary gourmet cuisine, a voyage through the Panama Canal, exposure to Panamanian culture, folklore, art, music, sights, and attractions; as well as the restoration of my Spanish vocabulary.

I am already looking forward to *The American Chiropractor's* Chiropractic '07 International Symposium and revisiting Panama City.

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# American Chiropractic Neurology Board to Offer Specialty Examinations in September 2006

The Council on Neurology is pleased to report that the American Chiropractic Neurology Board (ACNB) has completed its Job Analysis, Examination Preparation and Angoff Studies specific to the development of specialist certification in three areas: Electrodiagnostics, Childhood Behavioral Disorders, and Vestibular Rehabilitation. The ACNB is fully accredited by NOCA/NCCA and is recognized as the sole authority for credentialing in neurology for the chiropractic profession.

The requirements for specialty certification are rigid and ensure both the public and health care professionals that the certificant is duly qualified as a specialist in the specific area. ACNB certification serves as the gold standard in neurology for chiropractors and certification by an accredited agency serves as the gold standard for third party payers, consumers and referring health care practitioners.

The high standards of ACNB specialty certification are such that no grandfathering of certificants is allowed. All certificants need to be examined both in the written and practical applications of the discipline. The first specialty certification in these areas was held at the Texas Chiropractic College in February 2006. The next specialty examinations will be held in Austin, Texas in September 2006.

The ACNB recognizes that many chiropractors have been utilizing specialty techniques and applications for many years

and may have achieved clinical competency through a variety of educational and practical/residency programs. Many of these programs would not meet the present standards necessary for the ACNB to accept an applicant for specialty certification, but may have served as appropriate basic training at a level that would promote clinical excellence.

As there is no provision for grandfathering, the ACNB will accept applications from all chiropractors who will certify that they have been utilizing or applying specialty techniques in their clinical practices for a period of a minimum of two years. These individuals will have **one** opportunity to take all portions of the specific specialty examination that they feel qualified to take. If they are successful on the specialty examination, they will be duly certified and subject to yearly recertification requirements to serve both the public and professional needs by the ACNB. If they are not successful, then they will have to undertake an accredited educational program recognized by the ACNB in order to become certified.

The September 2006 Specialty Examinations of the ACNB are the **only** opportunity for chiropractors who have not fulfilled the present requirements of the ACNB to be tested in the areas specific to the specialties of Electrodiagnostics, Childhood Developmental Disorders and Vestibular Rehabilitation. After this date all candidates must complete an accredited program of training acceptable to the ACNB.

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If you did not receive MCA Update in your email during April, please call MCA headquarters at 410-625-1155 to confirm that we have your correct email address on file.

The **MCA Update** will be distributed to members the first week of every even month (February, April, June, August, October, and December) so members can stay abreast of the latest



news on legislative action, MCA's education offerings, etc. during months when the *MCA Journal* is not mailed.

In addition to providing members with the most up-to-date information, one of the added benefits of monthly coverage is allowing for monthly classifieds for those chiropractors who may have an unexpected staff shortage.

While MCA is excited to announce the launch of this new vehicle for communication with our membership, MCA encourages all members to continue to visit [www.MarylandChiro.com](http://www.MarylandChiro.com) for the most current information on Chiropractic in Maryland.

## The MCA Sports Council Wants YOU

Is Sports Chiropractic of interest to you? Do you want to work with athletes? Do you enjoy sports? The Maryland Chiropractic Association wants you.

The MCA Sports Council provides chiropractors for various athletic events in the state and opportunities for Maryland DC's to get work experience with competitive athletes. You do not have to have a lot of experience treating athletes to belong to the Sports Council. You do not have to be a sports diplomate or a certified chiropractic sports practitioner. You just have to be a member of the MCA, be licensed to practice in the state, be interested in working with athletes and willing to work within the Sports Council protocols. That, and you will need a portable adjusting table.

The Sports Council has worked a number of events over the past year and the sports council can make itself available to work running, weightlifting, and triathlon events all around the state *if* there are enough chiropractors to be there. Call **Dave Koronet**, at 301-829-1717 or e-mail him at [d.koronet@att.net](mailto:d.koronet@att.net) (put "MCA Sports" in the subject box) if you are interested in being part of the MCA Sports Council.



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Lasers are one of the hottest topics not only in chiropractic but in all alternative medicine. Dr. Hainz will have comparative information on most lasers sold in this country. One of his primary goals this weekend is to spread the word on this new and amazing technology and make the doctor a better informed consumer so they can make the best decision when choosing a laser for their office needs.

More information, including registration, is available online at [www.marylandchiro.com/mcanews/2006lowlevellaser.htm](http://www.marylandchiro.com/mcanews/2006lowlevellaser.htm).

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