

## **April 27, 2022 Update of Activities and Upcoming Events**

The International Chiropractors Association (ICA) conducted its 96<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting in Spartanburg, SC this month in conjunction with a Continuing Education Program – **Whole Person Health and Subluxation Chiropractic – the Science, Art, Philosophy, and Regulation** held at Sherman College of Chiropractic April 7-9.

In addition to the conference attendees, the ICA Board, and members of the Representative Assembly, four prior ICA Presidents attended – Dr. Robert Braile, Dr. Gary Walsemann, Dr. George Curry, and Dr. Stephen Welsh were also in attendance.

Dr. Selina Sigafoose Jackson, current ICA Board President stated, “It is a statement to the dedication of our membership and leadership to have held such a successful gathering where the focus was on keeping chiropractic in the lane of chiropractic while working to expand the availability of chiropractic care worldwide and promoting the opportunity of becoming a chiropractor. We had four past presidents in attendance throughout the weekend, engaging with our Assembly and Board. They stayed on and attended our Continuing Education program. This level of participation is a testament to the dedication of these individuals to the ICA.”

**Continuing Education Program:** Dr. Edwin Cordero offered the keynote address to launch the continuing education program, sharing words of wisdom regarding the importance of leadership, reflection on his time serving in the Navy, his roots in Puerto Rico, on increasing diversity in the profession, and integrating the philosophical principles of chiropractic into the care of patients.

The continuing education program included top experts in the profession including Dr. Selina Sigafoose Jackson, Dr. Jamie Browning, Dr. Christine Theodossis, Dr. Lora Tanis, Dr. George Curry, Dr. Karlos Boghosian, Dr. Joseph Betz, Dr. Todd McDougale, Dr. Tim Young, Dr. Michael Longyear, and Dr. Meaghan McGinnity Longyear.

**ICA Board Officers Elected:** The Board conducted its elections, Dr. Selina Sigafoose Jackson continues in her role as President, Dr. Joseph Betz was elected Vice President, Dr. Brian Moriarty was elected Secretary, and Dr. Jon Stucky was re-elected as Treasurer.

**Fellows of the ICA:** The Fellows of the ICA (FICA) held their annual breakfast and inducted two new Fellows. Dr. Brian Moriarty of Stuart, Florida and Dr. Edwin Cordero, President of Sherman College of Chiropractic of Orlando, Florida. They also held the vote for Chiropractor of the Year which was announced at the Saturday Evening Awards Banquet.

**Awards Banquet:** The ICA was honored to have Mr. Kenneth Stethem, as our Banquet Keynote. Mr. Stethem, a retired Navy SEAL and Senior EOD technician has over 40 years in the military and defense industries. Mr. Stethem is currently the CEO of Aegis Industries, LLC. The mission of Aegis Industries is to defend, protect, and preserve life.

Mr. Stethem spoke about his family's extensive history with the U.S. Navy, the importance of duty, and the ultimate sacrifice his brother Robert made during the hijacking of TWA 847 in 1985. Mr. Stethem also spoke about the significant role regular chiropractic care has played in his life and the life of other special warfare operators as well.



**Dr. Chester Wilk** was awarded the Preserving the Profession Lifetime Achievement Award for his significant contribution to the ICA and Chiropractic across his lifetime including never giving up in the landmark case, Wilk vs. the AMA.

Dr. Wilk passed away on the afternoon of April 21, 2022. The entire profession is indebted to Dr. Wilk and those who fought with him for 12 long years in the federal courts to finally win against the most powerful medical organization in the country who had conspired to restrain the trade of chiropractors across the country.



#### **Chiropractor of the Year Award:**

Dr. Lorenzo E. "Larry" Marchese of Nutley, NJ was awarded the ICA Chiropractor of the Year for 2022. Dr. Marchese has a long history of volunteerism within the chiropractic profession and the ICA. He currently serves on the ICA Board of Directors, where he is a member of the Executive Committee. He previously served as Chairman of the ICA Representative Assembly, having been elected by his peers when he served as the Representative for New Jersey. As Chairman, he mentored representatives from all 50 states, and over 52 countries

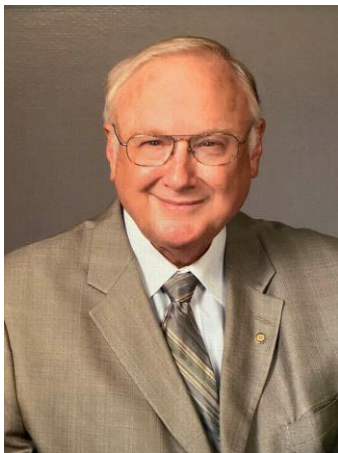
where the ICA has membership. A 1983 graduate of Life University Dr. Marchese is a past member of the Board of Trustees of Life University.

**Upon the selection, Dr. Selina Sigafoose-Jackson, ICA Board President stated,**

“Dr. Marchese is one of the finest, shining examples of Give, Love, Serve, Do. I felt honored to have witnessed Dr. Larry receive the award and, in his nature, and fashion, he was shocked and humbled. I am so proud to call him a colleague and more so friend. Much deserved.”

**Professor Hugo V. Gibson, DC, FICA President of the Distinguished Fellows of the ICA provided,** “To be nominated by your peers for the Chiropractor of the Year is an honor all by itself. To be elected by the members of the Distinguished Fellows of the ICA to be the Chiropractor of the Year is indeed a very special honor. It is the highest honor that a chiropractor can be accorded in the world. Sincere congratulations to Dr. Larry Marchese on having been elected as the 2022 ICA Chiropractor of the Year.”

**About the Award:** The ICA Chiropractor of the Year Award was created by ICA’s Founder Dr. BJ Palmer in 1950 and presented annually to one exceptional individual who has distinguished themselves throughout their career through extraordinary service to the ICA and the chiropractic profession. Its recipient is elected during the annual meeting of the Distinguished Fellows of the ICA held in conjunction with the Association’s annual meetings.



**Herbert Ross Reaver Award:** The ICA Board voted unanimously to award Dr. Timothy Meng the Herbert Ross Reaver Award for his more than thirty years of leadership and service to the ICA and chiropractic profession. Dr. Meng served as a member of the Representative Assembly before being asked by Dr. Sid Williams to serve as the ICA Secretary in 1982, when Dr. Williams was elected as ICA President. Dr. Meng has continued his service on the Board for most of the last 30 years, most recently serving as the Chairman of the Governance Committee. A graduate of Cleveland Chiropractic College. Dr. Meng is active in his local community including on the Eagle Scout Board, and for many years he has served on the Cleveland University Board of Trustees, including as Chairman.

The Herbert Ross Reaver Award is named to honor former ICA Vice President to the first ICA President and Founder, Dr. B.J. Palmer. Dr. Reaver was known during his lifetime as the most jailed man in the history of chiropractic, having been arrested 12 times in the 1930s and '40s. His principled focus on refusing to plead out on charges that he was ‘practicing medicine without a license’ played a pivotal role in the licensing of chiropractic across the states as a separate and distinct profession.



**A number of other awards were issued during the banquet by  
Dr. Sigafoose-Jackson:**

- ◆ **Dr. Irene Adamczuk** of New York was awarded the Unsung Hero Award for her diligence in always showing up, always being willing to say yes when asked to serve.
- ◆ **Dr. Gary Walsemann** of Alabama was awarded the Spirit of Chiropractic Award for 50 years of service to the ICA and Chiropractic.
- ◆ **Dr. Hugo V. Gibson** of Missouri was awarded the Spirit of Chiropractic Award for 50 years of service to the ICA and Chiropractic.
- ◆ **Dr. Amit (Jimmy) Nanda** of Toronto, Canada was awarded the International Missions Service Award in recognition for his service to the ICA and Chiropractic in arranging chiropractic mission trips to India.
- ◆ **Dr. Brant Hulsebus** of Illinois was awarded the Bob Hulsebus Legislative Leadership Award in recognition of his service in advocacy for the ICA and Chiropractic at the state and federal levels. The award is named after his father who like Brant devoted countless hours advocating for state and federal legislation to improve chiropractic policies.
- ◆ **Dr. Robert De Bonis** of the US Virgin Islands was awarded the Endless Passion Award in recognition of his significant service to the ICA and Chiropractic including years as a member of the Representative Assembly and his numerous trips to China to promote Chiropractic on behalf of ICA.
- ◆ **Dr. Chris Ehlich** of South Carolina was awarded the Bruce Ehlich Service Award for his long and dedicated service to the ICA and Chiropractic, especially in his most recent role as Parliamentarian of the Representative Assembly. The award is named for his father, Bruce Ehlich. His mother, Dr. Judith Ehlich, a chiropractor for more than 50 years was in attendance to see her son receive the award.
- ◆ **Dr. Gene Cretsinger** of Iowa received the ICA Perseverance Award in recognition of his service to the ICA and Chiropractic for his countless acts of service.
- ◆ **Dr. Claire Welsh** was awarded the ICA Unstoppable Award for all her work including on the Assembly, before her service on the ICA Board, her work with the Adam Apfelblat Development Fund, the China chiropractic promotion program and most importantly, ICA membership recruitment.
- ◆ **Dr. Edwin Cordero** was awarded the ICA Principled Leadership Award in recognition of his service to the ICA and Chiropractic. Dr. Cordero, US Navy Veteran, who practiced in Florida for many years has spent the last 10 years as President of Sherman Chiropractic College, where he doubled the enrollment, increased diversity of the student body population significantly, and expanded the campus.

**Save The Dates: The ICA has set the dates for the next four years Annual Conventions:**  
April 20-23, 2023, April 11-13, 2024, April 3-5, 2025  
**The 100<sup>th</sup> ICA Anniversary Celebration** April 16-18, 2026

**In discussing the convention, ICA Executive Director, Beth Clay stated,** “The ICA is incredibly appreciative of the warm South Carolina welcome we received at the Sherman College of Chiropractic, the staff and most especially, the College’s President, Dr. Edwin





Cordero. Sherman's new meeting facility was the perfect place for our continuing education program. We also appreciate the contributions of our speakers, our leadership and our honored guest, Mr. Kenneth Stethem. For those who were not able to attend the continuing education program in person, an opportunity access this will be made available in the very near future through the ICA Website.

## **ICA Has a Growing on Demand Continuing Education Program Library Available at Discounts to ICA Members.**

### **Current on deck through the rest of 2022 are:**

- ◆ Pediatrics 201: Supplementary Chiropractic Pediatrics Distance Learning 2022
- ◆ AMTI 1
- ◆ ICA Upper Cervical 2021 Conference Replay for CE Distance Learning Course 2022
- ◆ Fitness Distance Learning: Courses on Chiropractic Sports & Fitness

### **Coming on Deck Soon**

- ◆ AMTI 2, 3, and 4
- ◆ Pediatrics Super Conference 2021 Replay for CE
- ◆ ICA Convention **Whole Person Health and Subluxation Chiropractic – the Science, Art, Philosophy, and Regulation**

## **Upcoming Events in 2022**

### **The ICA has 3 Great in Person Continuing Education Events Set for 2022**

**June 10-11, 2022 - ICA Upper Cervical Council – The Forum 2022**  
**Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel & Conference Center**

<https://ica.users.membersuite.com/events/7f1285c7-0078-cffb-8cde-0b4385ad3c75/details>

**September 30-October 1 – ICA Philosophy Conference**

**Davenport, Iowa** <https://ica.users.membersuite.com/events/7f1285c7-0078-cd82-aac5-0b4374a7402c/details>

**November 3-6, 2022 – ICA Council on Pediatrics Annual Conference- Dallas, Texas –**  
Registration Opening Soon.

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