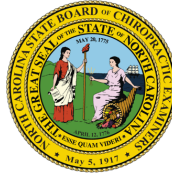


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March 10, 2022

Report for the NCCA Board of Directors Meeting March 25, 2022

Board Appointments

The Governor's office and the Speaker Pro Tem's office have been notified of our election results.

Governor Appointments:

Dr. Outten (up for re-appointment)

Dr. Mitchell (up for re-appointment)

Speaker Pro Tem Appointment (one open seat) – Displayed in order of vote tally

Dr. Jaffe

Dr. Democko

Dr. Hecht

Appointments are typically made at the end of the legislative session. Even if a current member appointment expires, the law says that they stay in their seat until the successor is appointed.

The current schedule calls for them to be in session only:

April 4-6

May 4-6

May 18- ??

They are expected wrap up in June but there is no "date certain" in the bill and it sometimes goes much longer than that. For instance, this long session would have ended back in August if the redistricting and budget issues had not been so difficult to resolve.

Dr. Democko is running for state senate and will have his primary May 17. If he wins his primary, it is expected that he would win the seat in November. In such a case, he plans to withdraw his name for consideration as a potential member of this board.

Corporate Renewals

This board is mandated by statute to certify new corporations and to renew that certification annually. The purpose is to certify to the secretary of state that anyone involved in ownership of a professional chiropractic corporation or PLLC has an active and valid license. There have been cases where a doctor has had their license suspended and that doctor then is required by statute to transfer the shares of their corporation to someone who has an active license. The next DC license renewal cycle will include a new step that requires renewal of their corporation in addition to renewal of their DC license. There is a \$25 fee associated with this renewal. Again, the fee and the renewal are described in the NC GS 55B statutes.

You may ask, “If this is a statutory requirement, why hasn’t it been done before now?”

The likely answer is that it was unknown to prior board staff.

CCA Renewal

As you probably know, we have been re-engineering the Certified Chiropractic Assistant Program to better align it with the intended goals and educational best practices. Those persons previously referred to as CCCAs or XTs have now been aligned under one single program with two levels.

CCA Level I – Clinical

CCA Level II – Xray

Those who complete the Level II training will now have in excess of 75 hours of classroom and practical experience.

All CCAs (both levels) will now renew on a two year renewal cycle.

CCA Level II – Xray certificates will only have ONE renewal. Not one for each level.

The fee for CCA renewals is \$50 and they will renew by June 30 of the year it is due.

We are in the process of rolling out of the old renewal cycles (3 year for CCCA and one year for XT) and getting all CCAs on the two-year cycle. This is being done while allowing anyone who paid for a three-year cycle to complete that cycle.

For the few CCAs who were previously XTs but never had the CCCA certification, the board has grandfathered them and they will be considered as CCA Level II going forward.

Masks

The board does not interpret current information as requiring masks in chiropractic offices by doctors, staff, patients or visitors. The lack of a requirement or mandate does not mean that masks are ineffective. Doctors should exercise their professional judgement.

Contact me with questions.

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