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Many people probably know the name Aristotle (384–322 BC) and perhaps even that he was a famous philosopher. It may also be interesting to note that Aristotle is considered to be the father of political science. Now that is not too much of a stretch since politics is a branch of philosophy. Politics is the way that people living in groups make decisions. Politics seeks to answer questions such as what kind of life is the good life for human beings.

"Stay involved, bring others along, and press on."

In the spring 2019 issue of *Tone*, I wrote about "Absurdity," reporting that the politics of health care and Chiropractic in Australia determined that children under the age of two years were NOT to be seen by a Chiropractor. To a PSCA Chiropractor this would seem absurd because we understand that all human beings deserve to have a proper nerve supply, and vertebral subluxation interferes with that.

"Maternal Reports of Outcomes of Chiropractic Care for Infants," published in *JMPT*, April 25, 2019, tells us that feeding behaviors, sleep issues, excessive crying, problems with supine sleep position, and cervical range of motion

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Palmetto State Chiropractic Association is Opposed to ACA's Medicare Scope Expansion Bill

The chiropractic profession currently enjoys recognition as a provider within the Medicare system. That recognition centers on the clinical management of vertebral subluxation. Vertebral subluxation is exactly what the Palmetto State Chiropractic Association (PSCA) believes that Medicare coverage should center around since it is the focus of the chiropractic profession. Chiropractic doctors locate, analyze, and correct vertebral subluxation. This is the service that PSCA members provide to their respective communities.

Therefore, the PSCA believes that Medicare benefits for Chiropractic care should include those services that objectively assess vertebral subluxation. There should not be any use of arbitrary caps, nor should there be a necessity for a subluxation to be associated with a musculoskeletal complaint in order to get reimbursed under the Medicare guidelines. The PSCA strongly believes that the presence of vertebral subluxation itself is enough rationale for chiropractic care. Chiropractors should be reimbursed for examinations, imaging studies, and the use of specialized instrumentation to evaluate the characteristics of vertebral subluxation. We also believe that those who prefer to not participate in Medicare should be offered the ability to opt out.

Unanimously agreed upon by the Board of Directors of the PSCA.

Sincerely,
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Chairman

tone /ton/ - 1. general character; attitude 2. giving greater strength 3. harmonize

A YEAR IN REVIEW

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The Palmetto State Chiropractic Association (PSCA) continues to support the practice model focused on vertebral subluxation detection and correction. Since day one this has been our position and stance. This past year has only strengthened that resolve.

Around this time last year, we heard from the Jones family about possibly sponsoring their longstanding Philosophy Forum. In fact, in those initial stages of discussions we told the family that they had two options. Option one was allowing Sherman College to sponsor the Forum and option two was allowing us to sponsor the Forum. After careful consideration, the family told us that it was their desire to have the PSCA be the official sponsor of the Philosophy Forum. Needless to say, we were thrilled.

The Jones family also decided to make some changes to the name in order to not only recognize their father, Dr. K.R. Jones, but also other family members who have passed: JoAnn Jones and Dr. Steven Jones. In addition to the name change, we also helped them create branding materials for the new name. This allowed them to have a new look, even though the seminar was not changing at all.

The most important part of this transfer of sponsorship was the fact that this weekend focuses on chiropractic philosophy, one of the PSCA's core principles. In fact, many of our members as well as those in our leadership group have been frequent speakers at the Forum. So, from our perspective, this was a perfect match.

February 2020 will be our second time hosting the Forum, and our hope is that we have the initial kinks worked out and that the Jones Family Philosophy Forum will be the biggest and best to date. Why don't you plan on coming and finding out for yourself!

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improved while receiving Chiropractic care. These are infant behaviors, not medical conditions. Sixteen Chiropractic offices participated in the study, with 2001 mothers completing the intake questionnaires and 1092 completing the follow-up forms. The average number of visits for the infants was four.

We know that scientifically minded medical people experimented with adjustments to the spine many years ago, but political medicine did not pursue it as a medical method. PSCA Chiropractors, on the other hand, definitely see the adjustment of vertebral subluxation as crucial to the good life for ALL human beings. OUR philosophy and OUR involvement in OUR profession influence the politics of health care and the good of OUR communities. Stay involved, bring others along, and press on.

The Palmetto State Chiropractic Association (PSCA) opposes any program that leads to a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine (DCM) degree.

According to the information available at this time, there are chiropractic institutions that either award the DCM degree or advertise that they have a program in Chiropractic Medicine. The most recent example is Keiser University College of Chiropractic Medicine in Florida. This is a serious concern to the PSCA on several fronts.

First, there is the accreditation process. For instance, Keiser University College of Chiropractic Medicine is accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE). The CCE is a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the US Department of Education (USDoED) to accredit institutions that offer the Doctor of Chiropractic Program (DCP) leading to the Doctor of Chiropractic degree (DC). There is no mention by the USDoED that it recognizes the CCE's ability to accredit a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine Program leading to the DCM degree. Therefore, in this instance, the "accreditation" of Keiser University's College of Chiropractic Medicine by the CCE is invalid.

Second, there are no state licensing boards that recognize the designation and degree of DCM. All states recognize the DC designation and degree. Therefore, there would be no path for the graduates with a DCM designation to practice in any state.

Last, the designation would add confusion to the already confused public as it pertains to chiropractic. The two designations of DCM and DC would create a divide within the profession that would portray to the public that we have two different educational processes leading to two different degrees, when in fact they are one degree under the accreditation of one accrediting agency.

For these reasons the PSCA Board of Directors has unanimously voted to oppose the use of the term Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine (DCM) and to denounce the unlawful accreditation of such a program by the CCE.

Respectfully submitted,

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PSCA Chair

PSCA APPLAUDS CHIROPRACTORS JOHN H. PORTER, JR. AND CHARLES THOMAS TUCKER, III

In mid-October, The PSCA was honored to sponsor a dinner table for those gathered to celebrate Spartanburg's second black chiropractor, Dr. John H. Porter, Jr., and his legacy in the Spartanburg community and at Sherman College.

About 140 attended Sherman College's first annual Scholarship Dinner celebrating the newly established Dr. John H. Porter, Jr. Scholarship Fund. Dr. Porter is

celebrating his 40th year on the Sherman College faculty and is known as one of the institution's most beloved graduates and professors, as well as a valued community member and health care provider. Dr. Porter is a 1977 Sherman graduate; he joined the college faculty in 1979 and opened his chiropractic office in 1981.

The Dr. John H. Porter, Jr. Scholarship Fund was established to help lessen the financial burden faced by generations of future chiropractic students, allowing them to pursue careers of service like Dr. Porter, dedicated to the health and wellness of their communities.

During the event, Sherman College awarded its first Porter Scholarship to Charles Thomas Tucker, III, of Rock Hill, SC. Tucker is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and holds numerous student leadership positions on the Sherman College campus.

"No doubt after 40-plus years of service, Dr. Porter could teach us all a thing or two about community, and about building a legacy," Dr. Cordero said during the event. "Dr. Porter has literally influenced thousands of lives in this community for the better. This scholarship will serve as a reminder for generations to come of Dr. Porter's commitment to Sherman College, to chiropractic education, and to Spartanburg."

Future Dates

DECEMBER 7, 2019 – PSCA HOLIDAY GATHERING, Sherman College, 5:00pm- 8:00pm

JANUARY 18, 2020 - PSCA Ignite, Sherman College

FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 1, 2020 – Jones Family Philosophy Forum, Columbia – 18 hours SC CE

MARCH 21, 2020 – PSCA Ignite, Charleston

MAY 16, 2020 – PSCA Ignite, Columbia

JULY 18, 2020 – PSCA Ignite, Sherman College – Nuts N Bolts, Student Focus

AUGUST 29-30 2020 – PSCA Fall Conference, Sherman College – Steve Tullius & Amy Spoelstra + more – 14+ hours SC CE

OCTOBER 10, 2020 – PSCA Ignite, Sherman College – Student Focus

DECEMBER 12, 2020 – PSCA Holiday Gathering, Sherman College

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Politics-now that is a hot topic these days!! If you need any proof of that, just watch the news or log onto Facebook. Don't worry, I am not going to get into the political climate between the two parties, but I am going to talk about chiropractic politics in our state and in our country.

There has been a very organized and comprehensive move to continue to refine our profession through political and legislative means. We see it with the CCE. We see it with the NBCE. We see it with the FCLB. We see it in the schools, with several now offering a degree in Chiropractic Medicine (Ugh). We see this trend at the state level with state associations moving bills through their legislatures that would allow the DC to prescribe and administer pharmacological agents. Everywhere you look there seems to be a political and legislative push to expand our scope of practice. Don't worry, the PSCA has its proverbial eye on the situation. We already stopped one such bill to expand our scope from making it to committee in the State House. We will be vigilant, but we need your help. Those of you who are not yet members, or not current members, we need you to join. There is strength in numbers. If you know someone who likes the practice act just the way it currently stands, and they are subluxation focused, please let them know that they are welcome and needed. The PSCA stands strong to defend the right of our members to focus on the detection and correction of vertebral subluxation because vertebral subluxations are in and of themselves a determent to the expression of health and life. We thank you for your current and future support.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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It's my favorite time of year! Yes, I love the holidays, but it's goal-setting season that I really look forward to this time of year. We can certainly write goals and shift directions any time we are motivated, but something about reviewing the end of the year while anticipating the start of a new year excites me to review and renew. What worked in 2019, what didn't work, bucket list experiences, vacations, maintenance projects around the house or office, health and wellness goals, fitness routines, financial targets, professional seminars, spiritual growth...these are just a few of the things that come to mind when it's time to write my list. I've marked my calendar for upcoming PSCA seminars (CE credits in 2020!), I've made plans for vacations with my family, I'm looking over my budget for 2020, and I'm going to drive an 18-wheeler this year. Yep, driving an 18-wheeler has always been on my bucket list, and thanks to a new patient this month, he's taking me to the course so I can learn to drive a big rig! That's been on my list for many years, so it's exciting to think about finally experiencing it and checking it off my list.

What's on your list? What will you do differently in your office and life this coming year? We encourage you to join all the PSCA events to learn and strengthen your chiropractic education and philosophy. Our organization is a great way to build professional relationships and learn and share with others. Please invite a colleague to join you and put us on your list for 2020. If you see a big rig in the parking lot, look for a chiropractic bumper sticker; it might be me!

Happy and Healthy Holidays from all of us at the PSCA!

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Become a member: pscaonline.com/register/ruling-member/
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