

# DCS Minutes – Jan. 23, 2003

Thomas England House, Smyrna

**Attendees** – Drs. Bryan Errico, Gary Morgan, Trent Camp, Bruce Carrick, George Schreppler, Ken Decker, Harry Heck, Allen Foster, Brian Chandler, Greg Zweiacher, Michael Gondolfo, Stacy Cohen, Todd Richardson and Michael Elrod.

7:30 meeting was called to order –

George Schreppler called the meeting to order and related the course of events that led to the Senate passage of SB 2 – strongly spoke of our friends in The Senate that helped passage in spite of amendments the Delaware Medical Society (DMS) wanted. Jeff Clark (Atty. for The Senate) sped the process of making the amendment. Added the wording “within the scope of chiropractic” so as to prevent expert testimony in cases such as gynecological. George suggested any chiro that does personal injury work should refer to Jeff Clark, as a good friend of chiropractic and a highly qualified lawyer. Jim Vaughn was instrumental in soothing opposition from The DMS. George Schreppler called Jim a “huge friend of chiropractic” and deserving of our support in upcoming fund raising events. Bill now goes to The House (committee to be announced). Speaker of The House, Terry Spence promised to get it out of The Sunset Comm. and place it into a comm. that will pass it, so it can go to a vote on the floor, expected on Thursday 1/30/03. Terry Spence showed his friendship toward chiropractic and should be supported during upcoming fundraising events. We attained assurances from The DMS they would not oppose passage. The DMS attained assurance State Farm would not oppose passage as well.

8:00 Trent Camp called for Treasurer’s report

Dr. Triglia’s report of \$1,198.79 in the DCS PAC fund, and \$21,330.16 in the General fund was delivered by Michael Elrod in Dr. Triglia’s absence.

8:01 Secretary’s report

Michael Elrod announced paid membership is approaching 50, website updates ([www.dechiro.com](http://www.dechiro.com)), desire to attain “sponsors” to help defray the expense of the website, and importance of doctors to utilize e-mail. Announced offer from Foot Leveler’s to provide a speaker for our Convention/DCS sponsored continuing education seminar and \$1,500 donation to the DCS, if we accept their offer. Stacy Cohen suggested Dr. Edell is willing to provide a seminar as was done several years ago in conjunction with Del. Tech. He suggested the end of March/first of April. Support was agreed upon by attendees.

8:15 New Business

Dr. Todd Richardson suggested we investigate “group health insurance coverage” as incentive to joining the DCS. Trent Camp said we approached credit card banks (MBNA) previously and was told we didn’t meet enough “end numbers” – not enough participants – and the same response from previous insurance company inquiries. Harry Heck was appointed Chairman of The Benefit Committee, and given the task of exploring acquiring discounted health insurance coverage for DCS members.

George Schreppler stressed HIPPA compliance and offered to submit the information he has obtained to be posted to our website

Trent and George stressed that ANY CHIROPRACTOR soon to testify in court contact them – it is of GREAT IMPORTANCE that the first few court cases that occur after SB 2 becomes law, we are PREPARED for challenges to the new law.

It was also suggested that after passage we contact all the lawyers we deal with and inform them of the new bill. George suggested that most attorneys would be well informed by DTO.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for third week of Feb. (2/20/03) Thos. Eng. House

8:30 meeting adjourned