

DCS Minutes – Sept. 24, 2002

Thomas England House, Smyrna

Attendees – Drs. Bryan Errico, Gary Morgan, Trent Camp, Jeff West, Greg Serge, Michael Triglia, Bruce Carrick, George Schreppler, Kristina Hollstein, Scott Rosenthal, Tamara Blossic, Jeff Cheskin, Tara Whelan, Joseph Sebastiani, Shane Palmer and Michael Elrod. Candidate for U.S. Senate, Ray Clatworthy made a special appearance.

7:15 meeting was called to order –

Trent Camp called for Treasurer’s report

Dr. Triglia reported \$480 in the DCS PAC fund, \$9400 in the General fund, and \$1400 in liabilities

Minutes approval

Old Business -

Judge Stokes modifies his opinion regarding chiropractic testimony.

His complete opinion is on the DCS website – www.dechiro.com

HB 407 died in committee, but a good attempt was shown. Will be re-introduced in this session, possibly in The Senate first. It will have a new/different number. It will be re written.

DCS lobbyists were each effective in their own way, in different areas.

New Business –

Dr. Triglia re-stated importance and convenience of telephone conferencing DCS meetings

“BabyFest” – scheduled for this weekend in Newark, doctors needed to man the booth already sponsored by The DCS. Tamara Blossic appointed committee chair. For information contact Dr. Blossic.

Board Update – Dr. Blossic reports “major turmoil during the next 12 months” because all board members will be leaving when their terms expire, with the exception of Dr. Michael Kelman.

Dr. Camp suggests the need for creation of a list of all chiropractors (members and non-members) matching their homes AND offices to the District of their Representative and Senator. This will enable notification of those doctors in the appropriate districts to attend announced fundraisers and meet their legislators face-to-face.

Shane Palmer retired as DCS Vice-President

Scott Rosenthal retired from The Board

7:35 motion for nominations made, seconded and carried

New officers were elected, unopposed

George Schreppler – President

Trent Camp – Vice-President

Michael Triglia – Treasurer

Michael Elrod – Secretary

7:45 George Schreppler spoke on the upcoming year and the hurdles DCS faces. “The inability to pass a bill granting what we already have is a warning signal of strong opposition aligned against us.”

Any Willing Provider legislation will require big individual participation, and contributions. Eleven Senators and twenty-one Reps are needed to support us. Not to mention the Governor and others.

The insurance carriers are aligning for an assault on worker's comp. Lean years are anticipated.

Participation is necessary; ask your Senator and Representative for their support of the new HB 407 when introduced. Attend their fundraisers and show up face-to-face.

Trent Camp called this "The Year of Accountability" – do something to help your profession and to make Delaware a healthier, chiropractic-friendly state.

Shane Palmer said the upstate judges are allowing chiropractic testimony. Trent Camp said it is on a case-by-case basis and we should strive to have it "across the board", we must remove all blockage of chiropractic testimony.

Trent Camp said we will push for Any Willing Provider legislation, but the passage of HB 407 is a priority.

8:20 George Schreppler introduced senatorial candidate Ray Clatworthy

Mr. Clatworthy has appreciated chiropractic as a patient since he was 15, when he fell while speed skating in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has been a small business man for 29 years. The Senate is more than 90% lawyers and Clatworthy stated the importance of having a mix of representatives, not just lawyers. He wants fewer and less expensive regulations. Entrepreneurs are important and financial backing for them is important. The war on terror is important. The attacks created \$100billion economic damage. Consumer confidence may diminish. Pres. Bush's tax cuts have buoyed the economy. Immigration reform is needed; control of our borders is necessary. A former Marine pilot. Bush has restored our military from a substantial weak position. Intelligence gathering and increased military monetary support is needed. Healthcare is important, tort reform is necessary. Malpractice rates are forcing doctors to stop practicing. Frivolous lawsuits must be reduced. **Military needs to maximize chiropractic utilization.** Health insurers need tax incentives to cover everyone. Clatworthy vowed to never vote for a budget, which dips into Soc. Security, and he is interested in serving only 1-2 sessions making improvements, not a career. Senator Biden is Clatworthy's opponent. Low voter turnout expected to help Clatworthy. His views and platform can be seen on his websites, www.RayClatworthy.com and www.ClatworthyforUSSenate.com November 5 is Election Day.

8:40 George Schreppler suggested finding a federal candidate and supporting them also. Make our viewpoint known to your local legislators. National support (The ACA) is also necessary.

8:45 upcoming agenda

Concentrate on upcoming elections, re-write HB 407, move to a sponsor and ultimate passage

Any Willing Provider legislation may be introduced as well.

8:50 Proposal of an Annual Governor's Dinner scheduled to occur Jan./Feb. more discussion at the next meeting scheduled for second Tuesday in October. Primary reason for Oct. meeting is to discuss who's running in which district and offer support and participation – time or money – give something, face-to-face individual participation very important. It was decided to keep current Legal Council, Scott Chambers, of Schmittinger and Rodriguez.

9:00 meeting adjourned