



The Councils on Chiropractic Education International

CCEI Digest

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The Councils on Chiropractic Education International (CCEI) is an organization of chiropractic accrediting bodies worldwide. CCEI is committed to excellence in chiropractic education and has developed the *International Framework for Chiropractic Education and Accreditation* as an instrument to determine the equivalence of programs in areas of the world with different educational systems. Among other roles, it also assists in the development and recognition of new accrediting bodies in geographic regions where such agencies are not currently recognized.

Change in Board Members

There have been a few changes in members since our last annual general meeting held last June. Dr André-Marie Gonthier finished his term as Canadian Council on Chiropractic Education (CCEC) member on the CCEI Board. CCEI welcomed Dr Grayden Bridge as the new CCEC member. Following Dr Olivier Lanlo's term as the European Council on



Dr Grayden Bridge (CCEC) Dr Mark Webster (ECCE)

Chiropractic Education (ECCE) member, Dr Mark Webster has joined on as the new ECCE member. CCEI is grateful to those who have finished their terms and has happily welcomed new members with high expectations. We hope that our new members will help facilitate some of the work we plan to do.



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Annual Meeting and Strategic Planning

CCEI had planned to meet in San Francisco at the WFC Education Conference in October for our annual general meeting (AGM), however we will no longer be meeting in person due travel restrictions and conference cancellations presented by COVID-19. Instead, we will be holding our AGM virtually in October. While holding our meeting virtually presents some limitations, we hope that we can still have a productive meeting. We will be reaching out to the World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS), whose members have joined us at previous meetings. CCEI recognizes the importance of including students in our meetings and informing them about our and the CCE member agencies' activities. We will also be inviting Dr Sira Borges and Dr Daniel Facchini from the proposed Council on Chiropractic Education Latin America (CCE-LA), to provide an update on their progress. Lastly, we will be reaching out to CCE-US to join us. Since the CCE-US left CCEI, we have had many inquiries from US students wanting to practice outside of the US and students from outside the US looking to study in the US. Because CCE-US is no longer a member of CCEI the process is often not straightforward. We hope that we can work collaboratively with them in the future.

As a portion of our AGM, we had planned to have a facilitator present to conduct a strategic planning session for the organization. However, we are now working towards conducting the session virtually. We will be reaching out to CCE's with more information regarding our strategic planning session soon.

Budget

The Board approved its annual budget for 2020. The 2019 financials show a small surplus. As we will be holding our annual meeting virtually this year, our proposed budget was less than usual. Because of the decrease in our budget this year our fees to CCE members will



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be reduced by \$1000 USD. CCEI is focused on functioning efficiently while also continuing to be fiscally responsible.

Mapping Project

The mapping project has unfortunately been delayed as CCEC has yet to finalize their updated documents. CCEI is hopeful that we will receive all the finalized documents shortly in order to move on to the next steps. CCEI is working with CCEC to complete mapping documents. This process ensures that each member agency's standards meet or exceed those described in the *International Framework for Chiropractic Education and Accreditation* while also providing input on items that should be considered for addition to the CCEI framework. There are three mapping documents: Standards, Competencies, and Procedures of Accreditation. The CCEI has also been reviewing results of studies that have looked at the CCEI framework and other CCE standards to address any gaps or omissions that may exist within our framework.

Inquiries

Our most common inquiries are related to individuals wishing to move their practice to another jurisdiction. To help facilitate this, we support individuals by drafting letters of support, reaching out to colleges and regulatory boards, and providing information. Occasionally our board members have already had contact with some of the individuals or groups reaching out to us which helps to provide some background. We have also received enquiries from governments where registration or legislation regarding chiropractic is being considered. Finally, we also aid with the development of new CCE's in other areas of the world. These enquiries indicate the importance of CCEI to the profession's growth.