

A.4 Policy on Fellows, Honors and Awards

A.4.1 Fellows of the International Chiropractors Association

Policy: The Fellows of the International Chiropractors Association (FICA) is an honorary designation granted to individuals from the membership who have distinguished themselves through service and dedication to chiropractic and to the International Chiropractors Association.

Process: Individuals of merit are elected to the FICA by the members of the body of Fellows.

Criteria for candidacy to Fellows' status shall be determined by the Fellows at large. It is clearly understood that this body shall function on the basis of merit and honor.

Members of the Association with a record of service and dedication both to the Association and the profession may be considered for membership.

Not more than ten (10) Fellows may be elected in any calendar year.

The Board of Directors of the Association shall maintain copies of all documents pertinent to the organization, rules and regulations of the Fellows Honorary Fraternity and have oversight jurisdiction.

A.4.2 Chiropractor of the Year

Policy: It shall be the policy of the International Chiropractors Association to annually elect a Chiropractor of The Year.

Purpose: The idealistic purpose of this procedure is to honor that member of the Association who has, through his or her effort and ability, earned the admiration and respect of the profession. Such selection should be based upon that member's cumulative or outstanding services or achievements. It is intended that the designation "Chiropractor of the Year" shall be the highest honor the Association can bestow upon a distinguished member.

Process: The Fellows of the ICA shall elect a Chiropractor of the Year and shall make known the elector at a time and place specified by the Board.

On an annual basis, the membership shall be provided the opportunity to submit the name of an ICA member for consideration. The notification to members of the Association to include a nominating form. The notification shall be made through one or more of the official ICA publications.

Members shall be invited to complete ballots indicating a preference for Chiropractor of the Year and the reason for naming such person. Such nominations should be submitted by the deadline indicated which shall be no less than 30 days after the date of publication.

The Board of Directors and the Representative Assembly shall be polled for nominations electronically (through email or other digital delivery). Nominations must be returned to the Secretary of the Fellows at the office of the Association by the deadline provided.

The nominations shall be given to the Distinguished Fellows of the ICA at the start of their annual function, have those in attendance review all information and nomination results and shall choose from among those nominated a worthy individual to be the recipient of the ICA “Chiropractor of the Year.” Such award shall be made at a convention event or at the annual meeting or as may be determined by the Board.

A.4.3 Herbert Ross Reaver Lifetime Achievement Award

Policy: The Association shall present an annual Dr. Herbert Ross Reaver Award to a member of the Association who has dedicated a significant portion of their chiropractic career to service to International Chiropractors Association and the chiropractic profession.

Purpose: The purpose of the award is to honor a meritorious member of the Association who has contributed significant efforts throughout their chiropractic career to the International Chiropractors Association.

Process: The Board of Directors shall meet in Executive Session, nominate individuals for consideration, discuss each individual nominated and vote by secret ballot. The results of this process and the name of the recipient shall be announced prior to the announcement of the ICA Chiropractor of the Year.

A.4.4 Other Awards

Policy: The President of the Association may from time to time issue awards such as the ICA Warriors Award and the ICA Perseverance Award.

Purpose: The purpose of these awards is to recognize individuals who have shown particular dedication to fulfilling the Associations’ Mission through specific service or accomplishment.

Process: The President may issue awards at any time during the year, most typically during the annual meeting or convention.

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