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2011 Annual Report

BUILDING PUBLIC TRUST



MAINTAINING TRANSPARENCY

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Message From The President

The Board of Directors joins me in presenting the 2011 Annual Report of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. With this publication, we affirm that the fiduciary and organizational responsibilities of our positions have been fulfilled.

The theme of this year's annual report, **BUILDING PUBLIC TRUST**, is the foundation of the NBCE's success. We believe that the best way to build public trust is by serving the chiropractic profession and the public, by adding value to the profession, by staying on the leading edge of exam development, by providing the best exam products at the lowest possible costs, by being fiscally responsible in all of our decisions, and by maintaining transparency in all we do.

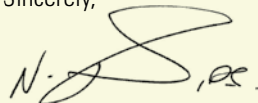
We continue to add value to chiropractic by focusing on testing needs. In 2011 this meant responding to specialty councils such as the Chiropractic Board of Clinical Nutrition, for whom we prepared, set standards for scoring, and scored a new exam. Additionally, in collaboration with the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB), we developed a chiropractic assistant's exam that will be pilot tested in 2012. We're proud that the expertise gained by the NBCE through pre-licensure testing of chiropractors transfers and adds value to others in the profession. In 2012 and beyond, the NBCE commits to respond to requests for additional testing. As a result of the development and administration of standardized exams, the public benefits from the safe practice of chiropractic.

Much of the NBCE's success is due to the excellent efforts of test committees, examiners, test administrators and proctors, plus the commitment of delegates and other stakeholders who helped us achieve our goals. We continue to believe that seeking the input of such experts in chiropractic keeps the NBCE on the leading edge of examination development. These processes, combined with the research and publication of the *Practice Analysis of Chiropractic*, demonstrate our willingness to open the exam development process to evolving practice concepts in chiropractic health care.

In every goal set by the NBCE Board and every action taken by our staff, we first consider the impact upon the students of chiropractic, the chiropractic profession and the public. For example, the publication of our full financials in the annual report represents our commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency. For several years now, we have opened our books to the scrutiny of delegates at the annual meeting. We also publish the annual report in its entirety on the NBCE website. Fiscal transparency is essential to building trust within the chiropractic community.

In the pages that follow, you will learn more about steps we took in 2011 to offer innovative exam development. We think you should be aware of the many ways we've demonstrated our competence to the chiropractic profession, the testing profession, and the public. In the end, we hope you'll agree that the NBCE's service is on the right track and that we continue to be a valuable team member in **BUILDING PUBLIC TRUST** in the chiropractic profession.

Sincerely,



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President

