

# Informational Guide for Interested Chiropractic Education Institution

Hello,

Thank you for reaching out, it's fantastic to know about your interest in becoming a part of the WCCS and serving as a representative for your university! We have created this informational document specifically for students and universities interested in gaining a better understanding of the organisation's structure and the opportunities it offers. In this document you will find all the relevant information about the WCCS, its structure, values and events.

## What is the WCCS and what is it about?

The World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS) is an apolitical, global not-for-profit organisation on which chiropractic students and new graduates are able to develop their leadership skills and a deeper understanding of the diversity within Chiropractic worldwide.

Unique to Chiropractic, the WCCS has always been a student run organisation, for students and by students, who are passionate about developing greater unity in the global profession. WCCS first gathered at Logan College in 1980 with 11 Chiropractic Colleges represented. During the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2019, hosted by Central Queensland University (CQU) in Brisbane, Australia, we saw approximately 150 chiropractic students and new graduates representing over 30 chiropractic colleges and universities from around the world. Due to many challenges brought by the pandemic, some chapters became inactive or dissolved. However, the Board of Directors ensured organisational survival during those trying years, and successfully reinstated in-person events in 2022. At AGM 2023, hosted by the University of Trois-Rivières (UQTR) in Québec, Canada, 30 representatives from 12 universities attended.

We aim to reinvolve more universities, amplify student representation, and advance the global chiropractic profession through inspiration, integrity and leadership in order to reach our main four goals:

1. Promote and advance access to chiropractic care by encouraging and supporting interprofessional collaboration, research and professionalism.
2. Promote unity by providing a politically neutral and inclusive platform where chiropractic students may respectfully share and debate both chiropractic and healthcare issues.
3. Provide the opportunity for the development and growth of leadership skills amongst chiropractic students.
4. Represent the values and opinions of chiropractic students to professional, governmental and non-governmental organisations.

## What opportunities can the WCCS give to chiropractic students?

The WCCS offers a platform for chiropractic students and recent graduates to enhance their leadership and communication skills. It provides them valuable insights into the organisational structure of a global entity and a deeper understanding about the diversity within the chiropractic profession. Additionally, it facilitates forming international friendships and connections, which not only are good for the soul, but also could prove beneficial in the short and long term for both individuals and the advancement of chiropractic research as well as intra- and interprofessional collaboration within the broader healthcare industry.

Chiropractic is unique and approached in different ways globally. By becoming a part of the WCCS and embracing the diversity it represents within the chiropractic profession, you may find that it challenges your current perceptions about chiropractic. However, it will also provide you with an opportunity to expand your horizons, gaining insight into the multifaceted nature of the profession and the wide range of teachings it has to offer.

## How is the WCCS structured?

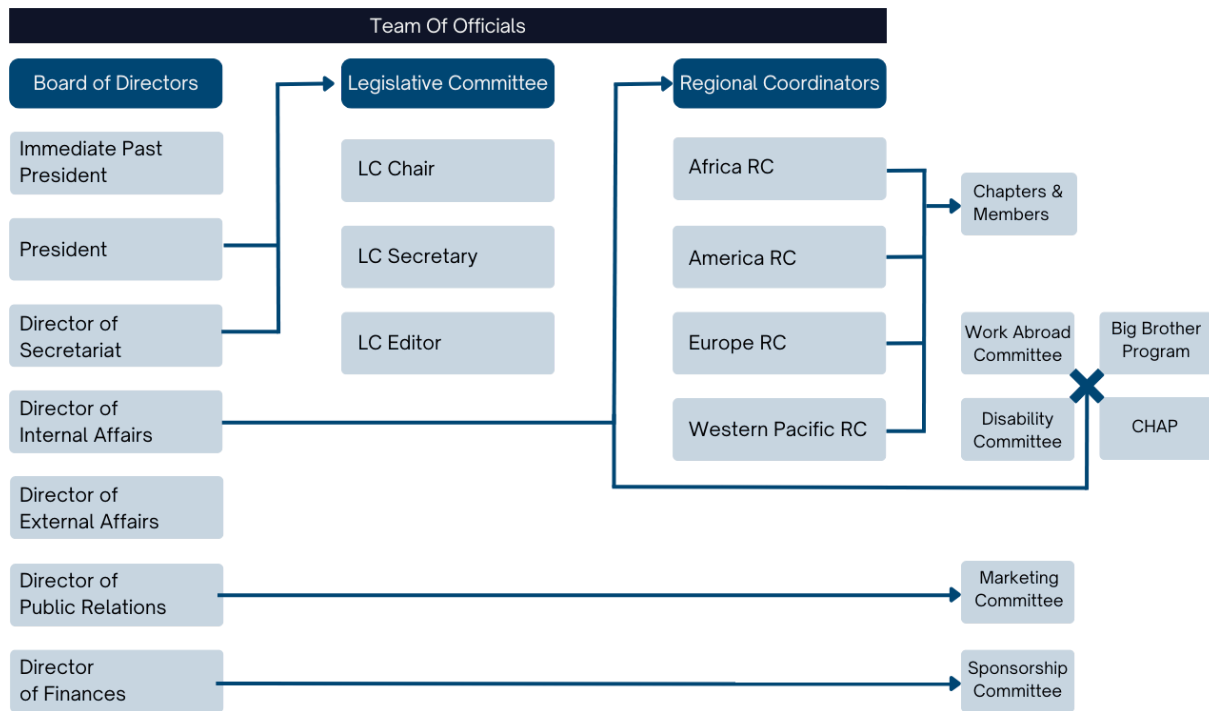
Chapters: Chiropractic educational institutions are represented through entities known as “chapters”. A chapter is formed by a specific group of individuals who represent their respective universities within the WCCS organisation.

Team of Officials (ToO): The Team of Officials consists of the Board of Directors (BoD), the Legislative Committee (LC) and the Regional Coordinators (RC).

Board of Directors (BoD): The BoDs are an elected group of outstanding individuals entrusted by the Congress to carry out the vision and mission of the WCCS throughout the year. They represent the WCCS global organisation as well as their respective regions. The BoD consists of seven individuals, serving the following roles: President, Immediate Past President, Director of Secretariat, Director of Finance, Director of Public Relations, Director of Internal Affairs and Director of External Affairs.

Legislative Committee (LC): The LC consists of three positions: the chair, the secretary and the editor. They manage the WCCS Standard Operating Procedures and Policies (SOPPs) and are responsible for maintaining and enforcing the SOPPs, by-laws and the values of the corporation. Moreover, they ensure that the Team of Officials and members of the organisation stay accountable to all legislative matters.

Regions and Regional Coordinators (RC): The WCCS is organised into four regions: Africa, America, Europe, and Western Pacific. These regions were established to facilitate discussions on common issues and topics at a regional level for chapters. That way, member engagement through regional meetings and Regional Events (RE) can be promoted. Each region is overseen by one or more Regional Coordinators, tasked with advancing the WCCS at a regional level and enhancing diversity within our organisation. Regional Coordinators strive to enhance and are the bridge of communication between chapters and the Team of Officials.



## What are the chapter's responsibilities?

A chapter usually consists of a Head of Chair (aka President), Vice Chair (aka Vice President), Secretary and Finance (aka Treasurer) position. However, based on the chapter's size and requirements by their university, an individual may take on multiple roles, or a chapter might introduce additional positions. The roles and responsibilities of a chapter encompass:

- Conducting regular calls with the Regional Coordinator and other chapters (1-6 per semester).
- Ensuring a sound understanding of the SOPPs and ByLaws, especially by the Head of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.
- Regularly monitoring the chapter's emails and effectively sharing WCCS information to chapter members.
- Representing their chapter on social media platforms (ex: Instagram, Facebook), sharing WCCS updates, and posting chapter activities to keep the chapter and university members informed. Before creating an account, please contact the Regional Coordinator, as previously enrolled chapters may already have accounts.
- Organising & managing financial resources (e.g., through fundraisers and sponsors to aid in the participation of chapter representatives at the AGM and RE)



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## Important Events:

- **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** Each year, representatives from chapters around the world come together for a week at a nominated chiropractic college or university, to address the organisation's affairs. This includes the election of the new Team of Officials and voting on proposals that change the way our organisation is managed and operated. Furthermore, the Board of Directors updates WCCS members on past and future activities. In addition to handling administrative matters, participants have the opportunity to expand their knowledge by listening to speakers and participating in workshops covering a wide range of chiropractic and general healthcare topics. During various social activities, the attendees also have the opportunity to explore in and around the area of AGM, establish international connections and meaningful friendships that often last a lifetime. The AGMs are always filled with enjoyment and a strong sense of community.
- **Regional Event (RE):** The Regional Events are held once a year within each region. It usually lasts 2-3 days and aims to provide a platform for chiropractic students in that specific region to come together, connect, and further educate themselves within the scope of their studies. This event allows chiropractic students from that respective region to engage in an international exchange regarding research, education, various techniques, and other compelling topics within our profession, broadening their horizons. During a Regional Event, speakers are typically invited to make valuable contributions to this exchange. In addition to traditional presentations, workshops are offered to encourage active participation, allowing students to practise practical skills and discuss questions or topics in detail within smaller groups.
- **Outside of in-person events:** In addition to the AGM and RE, the WCCS offers its members numerous opportunities to enhance their knowledge and actively engage with the organisation. Among the many avenues available, the WCCS hosts an enriching Online Speaker Series, allowing members to gain insights from industry experts and thought leaders. Furthermore, members can take an active role in shaping the organisation's initiatives by participating in various committees dedicated to different aspects of the WCCS. The WCCS facilitates extensive online exchange opportunities for student members and recent graduates across the globe. Through the platform, individuals can connect, share knowledge and foster international collaborations, thereby enriching their understanding of chiropractic on a global scale. Notably, being part of the WCCS opens doors to scholarship opportunities from both local and international organisations. These scholarships can serve as a stepping stone for members to further their education, pursue research, or participate in projects that promote involvement and underscore its dedication to the growth and advancement of the WCCS.

## What are the costs:

In General: To be part of the WCCS, a mandatory Chapter fee of \$1000 CAD\* must be paid (2025-2026 term). Despite the fact that the WCCS is a non-profit organisation, certain expenses must be covered throughout the year. These fees are necessary to support the organisation's general operating costs during the year. This amount must be paid 30 days before the start of the AGM. For more details regarding the annual fees, please refer to the document describing this matter.

Annual General Meeting: For representatives attending the conference in person, an additional individual AGM fee is applicable for each attendee. This fee covers accommodation, convention fees, meals, and most social activities during the AGM duration. Transport / flights and optional social activities are not included.

The AGM Individual fees are around \$1200 CAD\*. However, these amounts may vary based on the economic conditions of the hosting university's country. The aforementioned AGM costs were determined based on the expenses of the AGM hosted by the University of Quebec in Trois-Rivière (UQTR), Canada, in 2023.

Regional Event: The expenses for Regional Events are notably lower when compared to the AGM. Participants are required to pay an individual member fee to take part. This fee typically falls in the range of \$85-175 CAD, varying based on the economic conditions of the hosting university's country. The fee covers congress expenses and meals during the event. However, transport / flights and accommodation costs are not included in this fee.

\* The Chapter fee & AGM attendance fee are subject to change annually

## How to apply?

To become a part of WCCS, please complete the application form.

Should you have any more questions, feel free to contact us at [info@wccsworldwide.org](mailto:info@wccsworldwide.org).

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