Perspectives



Stansilaw Wm. Stolarski, DC

Dr. Stolarski is a member of our profession who, throughout his thirty year chiropractic career, has combined a busy practice with a very active political involvement. He has served the profession in many capacities at both the provincial and national levels.

He entered the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC) in September, 1954, after considering a career in either accounting or teaching. He was invited to attend a lecture at CMCC and as a result of which he and his family became patients of Dr. Fred Clubine. He then decided that chiropractic was the profession for him. Like many students, he had to finance his education by working, which consisted of sorting parcels for CP Express on the night shift. He graduated in May, 1958 and established his own practice in New Toronto. (Now known as South Etobicoke.)

In 1960, he, together with Dr. Fred Barnes, founded the York-Peel Chiropractic Society. Before this, the area was served by the Lakeshore Chiropractic Council which had a too limited area and membership. Dr. Stolarski served as Secretary-Treasurer under the presidency of Dr. Barnes and then in 1962 he assumed the position of President. During his presidency he established biennial seminars with the help of Dr. David Artis. At one of these events, they brought Dr. Carl Remelin of Anaheim, California, as the feature speaker. He went on to become the Ontario Chiropractic Association's Convention Chairman in 1965, at which Dr. James Parker was the guest speaker. It resulted in an overwhelming turnout and one of the best conventions the OCA had presented. As a result of this success, he became the recipient of the York-Peel Chiropractic Society Award of Merit.

In 1966, Dr. Stolarski was elected as a Director of OCA and he chaired the Ethics and Discipline and Insurance Committees. He was also in charge of publishing the OCA Newsletter to the profession. After two years, he became Vice-President and was heavily involved with the negotiations with the Ministry of Health to have Chiropractic care included in the public health insurance program. After many months of wrangling chiropractic care was covered under the provincial health insurance plan in July, 1970. At this time, he was also the Director for Ontario on the Canadian Chiropractic Association Board. He continued in this capacity for twelve years and served as Chairman of the Malpractice Insurance and the Finance and Budget Committees, and as Vice-President in 1975 for one term.

From 1970 to 1978, he served as the Executive Director of the OCA to see to the daily administrations of the organization. Along with all his other duties, he found time to serve as a member of the Chiropractic Review Committee from 1975 to 1981.

As a result of his tireless service to the profession, he has

received two Chiropractor of the Year Awards. The first in 1972 was from the Parker Research Foundation. He used to charter a plane and make all the travel arrangements for Ontario Chiropractors to attend the Parker Seminars. The second Award was from the Ontario Chiropractic Association in 1974 for all his work on the OCA and CCA Boards.

In January, 1981, Dr. Stolarski decided to give up his practice and take on the position of Registrar of the Board of Directors of Chiropractic, the licencing body in Ontario. He felt after 23 years he needed a change and that this position would add a new dimension to his career. He found that he missed treating patients for a couple of years but he also enjoys the problem solving capacity and administrative duties this new position offers.

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