

Minutes
December 1, 2005

Conflict Management Week – 2006

To the reader: these minutes summarize a meeting held in Columbus on December 1 to plan for next year's recognition of Conflict Management Week in Ohio. Those attending the meeting included: Shirley Cochran, Ohio Mediation Association & Ohio State Bar Association DR Section; Jay Patterson, Ohio Mediation Association; Maria Mone, Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management; Christy Walker, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas & Association of Minority Professionals in Dispute Resolution; Rob McLaughlin, Ohio Community Mediation Association & Antioch University; Bruce Heckman, The Supreme Court of Ohio, Dispute Resolution Section; Jack Spille, Cincinnati Mediation Council.

The purpose of directing these minutes to you is to encourage you or the organization with which you are associated to consider planning an event or activity during Conflict Management Week that would highlight the value and rewards of mediation and other forms of dispute resolution. **Conflict Management Week 2006 is Monday, May 8th through Friday, May 12th.**

The members of the planning committee whose names are indicated above have agreed to be advisors to local groups in planning local events. To request assistance contact Jack Spille at John.Spille@uc.edu.

Conflict Management Week Activity/Program Possibilities.

- Preparation of articles relevant to the field or specifically Conflict Management Week activities in local papers or organizational newsletters.
- Preparation of videotaped training programs for bar associations that might also serve as Continuing Legal Education credits.
- Programs to recognize the contributions of local mediators.
- Educational programs on ethics and professionalism for mediators and advocates.
- Educational program on the new Model Standards of Conduct for mediators.
- Videotape a presentation at a Ohio State Bar Association meeting for later distribution to interested groups.
- Develop programs that 'market' the services of local mediation organizations encouraging use of these services as well as resulting in public media coverage.
- Contact local courts and federal court magistrates to encourage participation in Conflict Management Week
- Invite the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference to participate in activities during Conflict Management Week.
- Local mediation organizations and court-connected programs sponsor 'open houses' to meet each other, promote services and activities, share information/data on program success, recognize outstanding individuals with awards, and invite the local media to cover these events.

Recruitment of Additional Representatives to Participate in Planning

It was agreed that chair people and representatives the various local bar association DR

sections around the state as well as university faculty involved in dispute resolution education would be good candidates to join the Conflict Management Planning group. Bruce agreed to make contact with the Akron and Cleveland bar associations. Maria will contact faculty at Kent State University and Capital University. Contact will also be made with University of Toledo and Antioch University. Jack will contact Marjorie Aaron at the University of Cincinnati.

[At the next planning meeting the group agreed to explore the most effective ways to make new contacts and thereafter determine levels of interest and activity.]

Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution & Conflict Management website

The OCDR website contains information with regard to past Conflict Management Week activities (www.disputeresolution.ohio.gov/cmweek05.htm). From the opening page click on Resources followed by CM Week under Commission Publications. For other details and suggestions for additions contact Maria Mone at mmone@cdr.state.ohio.us.

Conflict Management Week 2006 Calendar of Events

To date, the following activities are scheduled for Conflict Management Week 2006

Tuesday May 9th - Bullying Prevention Symposium 10 AM - 4PM

Ohio Statehouse Atrium AM and 31st Floor Riffe Center PM - Columbus, Ohio.

Sponsored by the Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution, Ohio Department of Education and other state and nonprofit program partners

Keynote speaker is Dr. James Garbarino, Co-Director of the Family Life Development Center and Professor of Human Development at Cornell University. Dr. Garbarino is nationally recognized as a leading authority on childhood development and youth violence.

Afternoon Workshops on a variety of topics related to bullying prevention

Wednesday May 10th - Workplace Mediation Program - 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, 31st Floor Riffe Center, Columbus, Ohio

Sponsored by the Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution

Wednesday May 10th - Mediator Open House - Tentatively 5-7PM, Franklin County Courthouse, Columbus

Franklin County Courts, Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio, and the City of Columbus

Thursday May 11th - Positive Strategies for Effective Classroom Management - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, 31st Floor Riffe Center

Sponsored by the Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution, Ohio Department of Education and other state and nonprofit program partners

Keynote address by Dr. Larry Brendtro, President of Reclaiming Youth International and past president of Starr Commonwealth where he continues to serve as Dean of Research. He has been a professor of Special Education in the area of Behavioral Disorders

at the University of Illinois, The Ohio State University, and Augustana College. He is a licensed psychologist and has authored over 150 publications including 10 books.

Friday May 12th, Ohio Mediation Association Annual Conference, 31st Floor Riffe Center, Columbus

Robert Benjamin - Advanced Mediation Skills Training

Robert Benjamin, M.S.W., J.D. is a negotiation, medication and conflict management consultant, teacher and practitioner. He presents courses nationally and internationally and is a Fellow at the Straus Institute for Conflict Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law, and an Adjunct Professor at Washington University, GWB School of Social Work, and Southern Methodist University, Conflict Resolution Department. He is the author of many articles and book contributions and an editor and frequent contributor to mediate.com.

Evaluation of 2005 Conflict Management Week

It was agreed that a theme or slogan for the week would not be generated for 2006. And, it was agreed that the planning group would review the materials contained in the OCDRCM website indicated above and make recommendations for 2006 additions and revisions.

For 2006 production of a brief video (that would be produced on CD-ROM) was discussed featuring the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as a means of recognizing Conflict Management Week and welcoming participants around the state to the various local events and programs. A similar video was produced in 2005 and was well received.

Next Planning Meeting: Thursday, January 26 – The Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio.