Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting
Mediation Association of Northeast Ohio

Date: 10/21/2009 **Time:** 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Place: Home of Jessica Schreiber
Members Present: M. Mennes, J. Lanz, H. Spicknall, J. Leeds, J. Schreiber, L. Bulmash
Others Present: None

Call to order: By President Mennes at 6:58 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

***Motion by J. Schreiber; Second by L. Bulmash: That the Minutes of the Board meeting on 09/22/09, as amended, be approved by the Board.**
***Action: Motion Carried**

Treasurer's Report: **Treasurer, J. Leeds reported the balance of $8936.51 as of 09/30/2009. An Email dues invoice, including the availability of PayPal, will be sent to former members.**

Committee Reports:

Conference Committee:

The Ohio Supreme Court has offered to financially support the MANO Annual conference. The board will get a written commitment from the Court.

- **Motion by J. Leeds; Second by J. Lanz; That the Board approve the Supreme Court of Ohio's generous offer to cosponsor the MANO Annual Conference and Training on April 16, 2010. The offer is to pay for all expenses of the Conference. The Conference will be free of charge for all attendees with a preference given to MANO Members with early registration.**
- **Motion Carried.**

The focus of the Conference will be on Advanced Practical Mediation Skills. The Committee chair will contact Corporate College regarding facilities.

Public Outreach Committee:

J. Lanz requests email input regarding the format and content of the MANO Brochure. She will attempt to have a moderate supply of the brochures printed before the November meeting.

Membership Committee:

The Board discussed ideas for increasing MANO Membership, including:

Email to Members regarding use of PayPal to pay dues.
Bring a friend to MANO meetings drive.
Have brochures available for MANO & other meetings.
Design a logo for use on all MANO communications.

Professional Education Committee:

All presenters are set for the CLE presentation on December 12, 2009 at the Corporate College. Alternative moderators are being discussed. The cost of the CLE training will be moderate to attract attendees.

Foreclosure Mediation Bill Review Committee: (ad hoc)

The ad hoc committee met last week to review the proposed Foreclosure Mediation legislation and identify issues of concern to MANO members. The committee will edit their comments and share them with members, allow time for comment, edit comments, and offer as comments by MANO as professional advocates.

Old Business:

The next Membership Meeting will be held on November 10, 2009 in Green, at The Chapel. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm with networking and light supper. The formal meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. This meeting will focus on mediation practice in the Southern part of the MANO region.

New Business:

The Board will consider another MANO Book Club for then membership meeting in January. Once a main speaker is chosen for the Annual Conference, the Book Club might review a book by the speaker.

Next Meeting Date: The next Board Meeting will be held at the Corporate College on November 17, 2009.

Adjournment:

***Motion by J. Leeds; second by J. Schreiber; That the Board meeting be adjourned.**
***Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Harrold W. Spicknall, Secretary

These Minutes were approved by the MANO Board of Directors on 12/10/2009.