

Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting Mediation Association of Northeast Ohio

Date: 12/10/2008 **Time:** 8:00 – 10:10 pm
Place: Home of Matt Mennes, Shaker Heights, OH
Members Present: M. Mennes, J. Lanz, H. Spicknall, J. Leeds,
W. Hawbaker, B. Curtis,
Others Present: None

Call to order: By President Mennes at 8:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

***Motion by W. Hawbaker; Second by J. Leeds: That the Minutes of the Board meeting on Oct. 15, 2008 be approved by the Board.**

Action: Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported that the Account balance on November 30, 2008 was \$7,461.48. This was after the deposit for the Annual Conference facilities had been made to Corporate College.

The Treasurer discovered that the 501-C3 status had not been renewed. Reinstatement papers were filed and the reinstatement fee of \$25.00 was made. An appreciation payment of \$25.00 was made to Jerry's secretary for discovering the problem.

Committee Reports:

Annual Conference Committee:

The committee has met 2 times since the last Board meeting. The proposed budget for the Annual Conference was presented. (See attached)

***Motion by B. Curtis; Second by W. Hawbaker: That the proposed budget for the Annual Conference on April 3, 2009 is accepted.**

Action: Motion Carried

The Agenda and Format for the Annual Conference were discussed including, topics, session formats and possible speakers. It was decided that the main focus of the Conference will be on Dispute Resolution in Health Care, including Elder Care. Wendy and Jerry will contact possible speakers on these topics for breakout sessions within the next few days.

CLE credit requires at least 6 hours of instruction time. Adjustments will be made to the schedule to assure that the CLE requirements are met.

Public Outreach Committee:

A Powerpoint presentation has been developed for use by Members when making presentations to community groups. One presentation has been made to a local Rotary Club. Members will be notified about this presentation and asked for suggestion for presentations for other groups.

Old Business:

The use of pens or notepads as Advertising tokens for MANO was discussed. It was decided to purchase a small number of pens to use in the interim while the “branding” of MANO was considered.

New Business:

The development of a Member Newsletter will be developed to update the Membership regarding the Board and activities of other Members. Wendy will develop the first draft of the Newsletter and distribute it to the Board for suggestions by e-mail.

This Newsletter will dovetail with the “Members in the News” and be accessed through, membernews@manomediate.org.

OMA Update:

President M. Mennes attended the OMA meeting at which Chief Justice Moyer presented. The next OMA meeting will be in February in Cincinnati.

Nominations:

The process for nomination and election will begin in January. Secretary Harrold will circulate the timetable that has been used for the last two years. The Past Presidents will be responsible for this process.

By-Laws Revision:

President Mennes suggested that the Board consider another attempt to revise the MANO By-Laws. Harrold will provide the Board with copies of previous drafts of proposed changes.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Board will be January 13, 2009.

Adjournment:

***Motion by W. Hawbaker; Second by B. Curtis: That the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 pm.**

Action: Motion carried.

These Minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board on 01/13/2009.