

# Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Mediation Association of Northeast Ohio

**Date:** 05/05/2008

**Members Present:** M. Mennes, J. Lanz, H. Spicknall, W. Hawbaker  
B. Curtis

**Others Present:** H. Beard

**Call to order:** By President Mennes at 7:15 PM

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the Minutes for the February and March Board meetings are still pending. They will be reviewed and approved by email and posted on the MANO website (manomediate.org) by May 9, 2008.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of \$8,920.46 on December 31, 2007, presented at the Annual Conference on 4/25/2008 was reviewed. A current Treasurer's Report, reflecting income and expenses of the Annual Conference, will be presented at the June Board meeting.

## **Committee Reports:**

The MANO Standing Committees are the **Public Outreach Committee, Professional Education Committee, and Membership Committee.** The Annual Conference Committee is an ad hoc committee.

## **Old Business:**

**1. Board Membership:** The MANO By-Laws require that the Board of Directors must have an odd number of members. With the current Co-Past Presidents, the Board currently has 6 members, and is required to appoint another member.

**\*Motion by W. Hawbaker that Hazel Beard be appointed Director-At-Large for 2008-2009. Second by B. Curtis. Motion carried unanimously.**

**2. Committees:** The Board discussed ideas to strengthen the committee structure and encourage more membership participation on these committees. Board members volunteered to serve as liaison to each committee as follows:

W. Hawbaker – Professional Education Committee

M. Mennes – Public Outreach Committee

H. Spicknall – Membership Committee

J. Lanz – Annual Conference Committee

**2A. Professional Education Committee:** The Board discussed ideas to be considered by this committee, including: Possible trainings on UMA, Ethics, Foreclosures, etc. This committee will also be seeking topics for the bi-monthly membership meetings, including : sending meeting notices by both email & USPS, providing CLE & CIU credits, providing a light supper at meetings, etc.

**2B. Membership Committee:** The Board discussed strategies for increasing MANO membership including: a high quality brochure with membership form, providing brochure & membership forms at

trainings given by related organizations, sending yearly membership/dues reminders by USPS, offering more well defined benefits in exchange for larger dues, etc.

- 2C. Public Outreach Committee:** The Board discussed ideas for expanding outreach activities, i.e. developing a high quality brochure, a MANO logo contest, strengthening relationships with other DR organizations, etc.
  - 2D. Annual Conference Committee:** Various alternatives regarding the 2009 Annual Conference were discussed, including: making the Conference self-supporting, sponsorships, using local presenters, providing workshops, collaboration with other DR organizations, marketing, celebrity speakers, etc.
- 3. Peacemaker Award:** There was a brief discussion of this item. The Board Delayed its decision regarding MANO's involvement with the Peacemaker Award until its June meeting.
- 4. Relationships with other DR organizations:**  
The Board discussed strategies for collaboration with other DR organizations, i.e. joint meetings or training, co-sponsoring events, etc.

**New Business:**

**1. Next Membership Meeting:**

**Tuesday, May 13, 2008**

**6:00 -Light Supper & Networking**

**7:00 - Program begins**

**Agenda:** Meet MANO's new officers and Board and participate in a discussion of what members would like to see MANO do during the next year. Time will be allowed for exploration of Committee activities.

The meeting will be held at the Brooklyn Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library, 4480 Ridge Rd Brooklyn OH 44144.

**2. Next Board Meeting:** June 9, 2008. Location to be determined

**Adjournment: 9:30 pm.**

**\*Motion by J. Lanz for adjournment. Second by B. Curtis. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Harrold W. Spicknall**

**Secretary**

**These minutes were presented and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on June 9, 2008**