

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

**Date:** 06/17/2010

**Time:** 6:40 – 8:10 pm

**Place:** Corporate College East

**Members Present:** J. Leeds, H. King, M. Mennes, L. Bulmash

**Others Present:** None

**Call to order:** By President Bulmash at 6:40 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of the Board Minutes for 05/03/2010 was deferred until the next regular Board meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer J. Leeds reported a balance of approximately \$7,000.

**Committee Reports:**

**Annual Conference Committee:**

Details of the 2011 Annual Conference were discussed: Including Securing Zena Zumeta of Ann Arbor, MI - a well-known mediator and national speaker as the keynote speaker for either Friday, March 11, 2011 or Friday, April 8, 2011.

The Board focused on March 11, 2011 for the Annual Conference. CCC and The Forum were suggested as possible locations for the Conference. The Board is focused on CCC. Jerry Leeds agreed to contact person at CCC regarding room availability (Carletta Swann).

J. Leeds will negotiate a rate with Zena Zumeta for the Annual Conference. Her going rate is \$2500 for a full day plus hotel. Our budget is \$2,000 which exceeds her day rate.

Proposed format for Annual Conference: Including high level videotapes of professional mediations and discussion of Comparative Facilitative Mediation vs. Caucus Style Mediation.

### **Membership Committee:**

The Board discussed developing an Organizational Group Rate for organizations such as the Cleveland Mediation Center. Allowing a group rate of \$50 with a commitment to purchase two tickets at the Annual Conference was also discussed.

The Board discussed the need for new members, and to encourage old members to rejoin. It was suggested that MANO mail out a cover letter with a sales pitch to members to join and rejoin with a tiny financial incentive for allowing people to join for \$20 until a certain date, after which it would be raised to \$25. A statement/bill would be sent to those who did not renew and individuals that have not paid. Labels and membership forms are needed.

### **Professional Education Committee:**

The Summer MANO Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, July 22nd, 2011 at 6:30 pm at Lis Bulmash's house.

The discussion subject will be Challenging Conflict: Mediation Through Understanding by Gary Friedman/Jack Himmelstein. Specifically, we will discuss Chapter 10 – “The Neighbors: Positive Neutrality.” (pp. 199-228)

The Membership meetings during the 2010-2011 MANO Season will use a “Meet the Mediator” format. Membership meetings will be held on the Third Thursdays every other month.

Thursday, September 16, 2011

Thursday, November 18, 2011

Thursday, January 20, 2011

The locations will be at local libraries: Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, Orange, or Beachwood. L. Bulmash and H. King will work together to secure locations for these various membership meetings.

Possible speakers for membership for the “Meet the Mediator” format include: Bill Leahy, former Partner and trial attorney at Buckingham Doolittle and current mediator and professor at Case Western Law School, Tom Ripicky, Chagrin Falls Mediator, Rebecca Wetzel, ADR Administrator Cuyahoga County.

The fourth MANO Membership meeting will be for Members to meet the 3 New (2011-2012) MANO Board of Directors. This meeting will be on Thursday, April 28, 2011.

The MANO Annual Conference will be held on Friday, March 11, 2011.

**Old Business:**

**Revision of By Laws:** H. King and W. Hawbaker plan to meet to discuss the revisions to the bylaws. Two individuals they asked to be on the by laws committee politely declined to participate.

**Next Meeting Date:** To be announced.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

**These minutes are based on notes taken by President Bulmash and formatted by Secretary Spicknall.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:  
Harrold W. Spicknall, Secretary**

**These minutes were approved by the MANO Board of Directors on August 24, 2010.**