

MANO Board Meeting July 14, 2007
Meeting called to order 9:12 am

Board members present: Bob Curtis, Veronica Rice, Dave Waldorf, Harrold Spicknall, Jerry Leeds

First order of business was to review minutes from last board meeting. Wendy wanted the minutes to reflect that the April 25, 2008 meeting is the annual conference and we added that there was a discussion with collaboration with OMA.

Motion made by Harrold to amend the minutes and Veronica seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Item 2: Treasurers report – Dave Waldorf: account balance is \$9037.43 and only one payment remaining to make from the annual conference to The Good Books for approximately \$400.00. Dave indicated that he would have a final accounting of the annual conference at the next board meeting, but estimates that we lost about \$1200.00 on the conference.

Item 3: September general meeting is going to be held at Patti Berchsler's office Independence as they offered their facility at no cost. This location is south west and is keeping with the idea of rotating locations for meetings.

Loretta Feller is going to talk on work place mediation and then we are going to do some role playing on mediation in a fish bowl format. The fish bowl format is with audience participation during the role play.

Because of the location and time of the meeting a motion was brought forward to provide a light supper for the meeting instead of candy snacks. The snack would consist of either a deli ring or wraps. We estimate that we will have 20 people or so and MANO would pick up the cost.

Motion to provide snack at MANO's cost was made by Dave and seconded by Veronica and it passed unanimously.

Item 4: UMA training as co-sponsor with Ohio Supreme Court. There is no cost to MANO to co-sponsor the October 19, 2007 training. This is a way to get our name out and are only obligation is to advertise the training that will be held in Akron. The Ohio Supreme Court will provide the presenter, training, etc. It was requested that we find out where we are to advertise to avoid duplicate efforts.

Motion was made by Harrold to co-sponsor the event and the motion was seconded by Jerry and it passed unanimously.

Item 5: Bernie Mayer presentation and whether MANO should commit to co-sponsoring the event with Center for Dispute Resolution for a cost of \$1000 – \$1500. Bernie Mayer is a well know mediator and the event will be held in December. Profits, if any will be split by co-sponsors. The board had some questions regarding the program.

How will we split the profits and on what basis?

What is the cost to attend the event?

Is there an option to pay less than \$1000?

Because of the time frame and wanting to have this decision made prior to the July board meeting the following motion was presented:

Jerry made a motion to authorize Bob Curtis and or Wendy Hawbaker to spend up to \$750.00 on the Bernie Mayer conference providing they are satisfied with the answers to the 3 questions above.

Dave seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Item 6: Report on Summit meeting. Dave attended the June 8, 2007 meeting and reported the following:

There was a discussion on the results of the survey of members trying to determine how to publish the results. There were approximately 100 respondents.

Discussion on developing a marketing plan for mediation in Ohio to make consumers aware of the option for mediation. A professor from University of Cincinnati offered to help with the program.

Next topic was Quality and Standards for mediation/mediators. What do we as a board think the Summit should try to accomplish like standards. We as mediators need to address the issue, not let someone else do it for us. This includes competency for mediators.

Item 7: MANO/OMA Bob was speaking for Wendy as she had a conversation with Jay Patterson. Jay's concern was that all mediation groups should speak with one voice but not necessarily merger together. We should also be collaborating together, try to avoid scheduling conflicts with each other keep annual conference subjects different.

Item 8: Annual conference. We were presented with a list of potential speakers and the board should look at the list make any additions to the list and forward their top 3 picks to Wendy and Bob.

Item 9: Bob and Wendy made a mailing to people that had not renewed their membership for 2007-2008. They had a number of people join and it was decided to do another mailing with specifics for the September meeting targeting the people who were members last year and have not joined. Included with the mailing would be a box of candy red hots with the idea that things are heating up for this year and we want you back.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50