

Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting Mediation Association of Northeast Ohio

Date: 07/14/09 **Time:** 6:30 – 10:30 pm

Place: Home of Bob Curtis, Novelty, OH

A delicious dinner was provided by Bob & Sue Curtis.

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

Others Present: J. Schieber, L. Bulmash

Call to order: By President Mennes at 7:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the Board meeting of May 6, 2008 were
not available. Approval was deferred.

Treasurer's Report;

Treasurer J. Leeds reported that the June 30, 2009 bank account was 8983.69. (including two outstanding checks)

Committee Reports:

Annual Conference Committee:

- Planning for the 2010 annual Conference needs get started.
- The Committee will meet on 09/10/09 at the home of J. Lanz.
- We need to pick a date in Early April and plan around that date.

Public Outreach Committee:

- The purpose of this committee is to promote the awareness and use of mediation to the general public.
- H. Beard has volunteered to chair this committee.
- Members of the board will discuss this topic with a person from the OH Supreme Court Mediation Office this month.

Membership Committee:

- MANO currently has 61 members
- It was a consensus that MANO needs to generate more interest and recruit more new members.
- The current member's dues forms will be checked regarding volunteers.
- The feasibility of Pay-Pal for payment of dues and conference fee will be investigated by J. Leeds
- Dues statements will be sent to former members by B. Curtis.

Professional Education Committee:

- The purpose of this committee is to provide professional education and training for MANO Members.
- The board discussed the possibility of offering training on Ethics and Credentials for CLE credit in the late fall or early winter.
- Possible speakers were suggested.
- Collaboration with the Metro Cleveland Bar Assn. on this or other training will be explored.

Old Business:

- The possibility of a joint meeting with OMA in NE OH will be discussed with OMA officers. MANO is willing to facilitate such a meeting.
- Board Composition for 2009-2010: according to the MANO By-Laws, the Board must consist of an uneven number of officers and others appointed by the Board. At this time, at least one Member-At-Large needs to be appointed. The names of several persons were suggested and will be contacted to see if they would be interested in serving on the Board.

***Motion by J. Leeds; Second by W. Hawbaker: That L. Bulmash be appointed to serve as Member-At-Large for 2009-2010.**

Motion Carried.

New Business:

- Suggestions for the September Membership Meeting were discussed. Suggestions for this meeting included: possible Summit Co. location; Cover a range of mediation areas, possible speakers, and formats, etc.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting of the Board will be called by the President.

Adjournment: 10:30 pm

***Motion by J. Leeds; Second by W. Hawbaker: That the meeting be adjourned.**

Motion Carried.

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

These Minutes were approved as amended by the MANO Board of Directors on 09/22/09.