

NHCRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Present: Ellen Dinerstein, Wendy Lasch-Williams, Joan Gross, Frank Marafiote, Carol Stewart, Melinda Gehris, Sally Stalker, Gail Morrison, Bobbi Sym, Elizabeth Christensen

Absent: Cindy Clark, Roberta Emerson

I **The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.**

II Approval of October 3, 2007 Board Minutes

There was discussion regarding getting the minutes of the Board meetings to the Board within 2 weeks of the meeting and the agenda of the next meeting out 2 -3 days prior to meetings. It was suggested that notice of additions should be e-mailed to Ellen as soon as possible.

The Board discussed the October 3rd minutes and corrections were made.

Gail moved to accept the minutes as changed. Frank seconded the motion. All present concurred.

III Treasurers' report

Elizabeth reviewed and compared the 2007/2008 Budget with the 2007 Actuals to date. It was noted that the workshops held so far this year have made a profit.

The May 2, 2007 - October 3, 2007 Treasurer's report was reviewed. There was discussion regarding income and expenses for the workshops.

Bobbi motioned to approve the May 2, 2007 - October 3, 2007 Treasurer's Report. Sally seconded the motion. All present concurred.

The October 3, 2007 - November 7, 2007 Treasurer's Report was reviewed and discussed.

Frank initiated discussion on the treasurer's reports being generated on a monthly basis rather than from meeting date to meeting date in order to accurately compare income and expenses from month to month.

Melinda moved to approve the October 3, 2007 - November 7, 2007 Treasurer's Report. Joan seconded the motion. All present concurred.

Elizabeth reviewed and explained the Annual Report filed with the state.

The Board discussed the budgeting process with proposed committee budgets due in the Spring. It was suggested that this year the committees have budget proposals prepared for the April meeting.

IV Committees

Ellen distributed a breakdown of the NHCRA Organization, listing Board Members, Officers, Committees, and Positions/Liaisons. There was discussion over committee members with additions to the list made.

Legislative & Courts Committee

Sally distributed minutes of the October 30, 2007 meeting to the Board. The Legislative & Courts Committee reaffirmed its goals.

There was discussion of the committee serving as a clearing house to get information to the membership.

It was reported that Irene Garvey had recently spoken to Karen Borgstrom regarding Karen attending some of the committee meetings.

Melinda agreed to be the new coordinator of the committee and agreed to research the status of the Stakeholder's Advisory Group and the organization's 501 status.

Ellen discussed the need for someone to be Family Court Liaison and a letter from Judge Dalianis inviting her to be a member of the Office of Mediation and Arbitration Policy Committee.

There was discussion regarding the OMA Policy Committee and the Stakeholder's Advisory Group.

Melinda agreed to check on the status of the Stakeholder's Advisory Group and to call Karen Borgstrom regarding NHCRA representation on Stakeholder's Advisory Group.

Education Committee

Carol distributed the registration form for the Domestic Violence and Mediation at the Crossroads workshop scheduled for November 30, 2007.

There was discussion regarding working with court personnel and the Coalition on the workshop.

There was discussion on using the signs for the conference with the old logo and the possibility of having new signs made with the new logo.

Frank motioned to have new signs made. Wendy seconded the motion. All present concurred.

The Board discussed the Peer Mediation Conference. Joan agreed to work with Carol on the conference. Melinda suggested putting out an e-mail to members re: interest in working on the conference.

Communications Committee

The Board discussed using the distribution list and if information should be distributed through the Communications Committee.

Bobbi discussed problems contacting Joe Kingston of Graff Solutions and problems with the data base. She will try e-mailing her.

The Board continued discussion regarding posting the need for members to work on Peer Mediation Conference on the web site. Carol agreed to do the write up to post on the web site.

Bobbi suggested input from the committees to reach out to members.

Wendy spoke on improving the looks and add-ons to the web site and making the site more dynamic.

Frank discussed getting news out to the public and developing and improving the site. Frank agreed to work on trying to simplify the procedure of getting information from committees to put on the website and via e-mail. He added information on gathering e-mails and specifically asking for permission to use because of the rules regarding spam.

Nominating Committee

Elizabeth agreed to join the Nominating Committee. Ellen will set up a meeting which may be via conference call or e-mail.

Ellen suggested that Board members begin sending her names of potential candidates for election to the Board.

V. Old Business

NH Marital Mediator Certification Board Appointments - Ellen announced that she and John Cameron were approved and sworn in as Board members.

Mission Statement and Goals - Frank passed out Mission Statements and Goals for the Board to consider and send comments on.

VI. New Business

Food/Dinner for Board Meetings - The Board discussed having food delivered for Board meetings. Melinda agreed to order food for meetings. The Board members will pay for their own orders and a \$10.00 amount was agreed upon.

Elizabeth motioned to have food delivered to the meetings. Wendy seconded the motion. All present concurred.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.