

NHCRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Present: Ellen Dinerstein, Joan Gross, Elizabeth Christensen, Carol Stewart, Bobbi Sym, Melinda Gehris, Sally Stalker, Wendy Lasch-Williams, Cindy Clark

Absent: Gail Morrison, Frank Marafiote

I The meeting was called to order at 6:22 p.m.

II Approval of March 5, 2007 Board Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and revised.

Sally moved to accept the minutes as revised. Melinda seconded the motion. All present concurred.

III Treasurers' report

Elizabeth distributed Treasurer's Report for March 1, 2008 through April 1, 2008. There was discussion of possibly changing account to a bank offering higher interest rates. Elizabeth and Wendy agreed to look into interest rates at other banks.

Joan motioned to approve the April 1, 2008 Treasurers' Report. Bobbi seconded the motion. All present concurred.

IV Committees

Legislative & Courts Committee

Melinda reported updates on HB 841 now in the Senate. The bill still requires parenting coordinators to hold a graduated degree.

The Board discussed changing the status of the Board from a C-3 nonprofit status to a C-4 status, which would allow Board members to lobby. Melinda agreed to e-mail an article explaining the difference and Elizabeth agreed to look into how to effect the change.

Education Committee

Carol reported on the Health Insurance Workshop held last month. Despite the snow, there was a good turnout.

The Board discussed the possibility of offering credit for future workshops for those unable to attend prepaid workshops under special circumstances. It was agreed that the Education Committee will make these decisions on a case by case basis.

There was additional discussion on the annual meeting to be held in June and possible speakers for the meeting.

Communications Committee

Bobbi distributed minutes of the Communication Committee meeting.

The committee discussed getting contributions to the Newsletter. It was reported that the NHCRA website has had an increase in "hits" recently.

There was discussion regarding advertisements and e-blasts for ADR events sponsored by nonmembers. The development of Mediation Brochures and Workplace Mediation and NHCRA List of Specialties will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

Nominating Committee

Ellen reported that the Nomination Committee is proceeding on schedule. There are nine possible openings and the Nominating Committee is looking to add five Board members.

V. Old Business

Melinda discussed possible speakers for the conference and speaker fees. Elizabeth and Melinda will work together in negotiating price and topics with possible speakers.

VI. New Business

The Board discussed NHCRA's facilitation/sponsorship of a statewide conversation about the future of ADR in NH. A meeting will be held the end of April to set progress and agenda.

The Board will begin meeting at a new location beginning in May. The new location is 501 Hall St., Bow NH.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.