

## **New Hampshire Conflict Resolution Association**

### **Board Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2009**

Present: Melinda Gehris, Margaret Brick, David Osman, Carol Stewart, Sam Farrington, Jocelyn King, Mary Sargent, Ellen Dinerstein

Absent: Alice Schierberl, Victoria Silver, Valerie Raudonis, Joan Gross, Charlotte Guyer

- I. The meeting was called to order @6:17.
- II. Approval of the Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was unanimous.
- III. Treasurer's Report: Mary reported that the organization has \$1524.09 in a Certificate of Deposit with Citizen's Bank that matures on 11/5/09 earning 1%. Melinda proposed rolling over the CD to a 6 month renewal. Ellen made a motion to do so which was seconded by Peggy. Approved. As of 9/24/09 the organization has \$6,221.02 in checking; \$3669.56 in Savings. Full report in November mtg.
- IV. Education Committee: 10/30 Workshop on mediating in short timeframe; John Cameron, Esq, Judge Boyle: the judge's expectations for small claims mediations; Karen Borgstrom: Administrative changes. Applying for continuing education credit approval for marital mediators. Members: \$85; non members \$105.00.  
  
11/20 Kevin Landry presenting USO update in Concord auditorium; Peggy will f/u with Kevin re making it a workshop suitable for beginning mediators. Will cover the importance of medical aspects and Healthy Kids Gold.  
  
Annual NH CRA meeting: 6/2/10. Discussion re: various places to hold the mtg. Planning workshops AM and PM.
- V. Membership: Apparently remains uncertain status Discussion re: possibly raising the dues concluded that we would wait until next year; rediscuss then.  
  
According to Constant Contact, there are 187 members, with 35 paid in full.  
  
Discussion re: rolling membership vs same time annually. Points made: keeping it simple; correct e-mail addresses, possibly distributing a simple survey @ the upcoming workshop. David and Jocelyn will complete survey by 10/30/09.
- VI. Legislative Committee: Karen Borgstrom is sending current information and upcoming issues to Ellen, who will edit and send to Carol to enter on our website.
- VII. Website: Assignments were allocated to :Spotlight on a member, articles of interest.

Carol doing an interview with a teacher from Nashua concerning prison teaching.

It was agreed that there would be two of us every 3 months reviewing articles (2 sets of eyes). Peggy and Melinda will edit for the next 3 months.

Vitally important to have new and interesting things on the website.

VIII. Old Business: Melinda discussed the status of the Grant application. She will send us the "meat" "of the information.

IX. New Business: We have apparently lost our non profit status as of July '07; possibly due to name change from NHMA to NHCRA. Discussion occurred re:tax ID #; EIN#, Fed ID#. David mentioned the name of an atty who is also a tax accountant should we wish to consult someone.

Ellen stated ( from the Cert. Board perspective): Candy Dochstader well under way toward the seat on the Board; Tammy had to withdraw; The Board is looking for diversity; ie non attorneys; mediation being viewed as a broader scope than just legally. Three names of candidates under consideration were brought up.

Ellen also noted that 2 mediator trainings have been cancelled due to low applications (North Country)?

Loose ends: Melinda requested that Carol get the pass code to the phone line on website from Bobbi to facilitate parceling the calls that are received.

Mary asked Carol to get whatever information Bobbi has re membership lists and get it to Mary.

X. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned @8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jocelyn King,

Secretary