

**NHCRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 4, 2009**

**Present:** Ellen Dinerstein, Joan Gross, Carol Stewart, Melinda Gehris, Gail Morrison, Elizabeth Christensen, Vicki Silver, Valerie Raudonis, Margaret Brick, Alice Schierberl

**Absent:** Sam Farrington, Bobbi Sym, Cindy Clark

**I The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m.**

**II Approval of December 3, 2008 Board Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed. Elizabeth moved to accept the minutes. Gail seconded the motion. All concurred.

**III New Business**

There was discussion regarding the circulation of a petition to promote the use of conflict resolutions to President Obama and whether this should be sent to the membership. A copy of the petition was distributed to the Board. Gail moved to present the petition to the membership. Vicki seconded the motion. All concurred.

**IV Treasurers' report**

Elizabeth distributed and reviewed the Treasurer's report from December 1, 2008 through February 1, 2009.

Elizabeth noted an increase in income from membership dues and minimum expenditures during this time period. Melinda moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Val seconded the motion. All concurred.

Elizabeth distributed a list of NHCRA Treasurer Responsibilities and explained the duties of the Treasurer for Board members to consider interest in the position for next year.

**V Committees**

Legislative & Courts Committee

The Legislative and Courts Committee was unable to meet since the last meeting.

There was discussion regarding SB12 passing the Senate to change the name of the Marital Mediation Certification Board to the Family Mediation Certification Board. It was noted that NHCRA will also have two additional members to the board in January 2010. Gail agreed to watch SB12 and relay information back to the Board. Gail will notify the Board if she is unable to attend the Executive Session.

There was additional discussion regarding HB38 which proposes raising the minimum child support from \$5000 per month to \$150.00 per month, HB195 which addresses the relocation of residency of a child less than 100 miles, and HB467 addressing the review and adjustment of Child Support Orders less than three years old.

Melinda discussed looking for upcoming bills and going to hearings. Melinda agreed to discuss the issue of sending legislative updates out with Karen Borgstrom.

#### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has been discussing possible nominees. Board members gave their suggestions for possible nominees. The committee will be meeting on Thursday, February 12th and requested any additional names be submitted to them by Wednesday, February 11th.

#### Communication Committee

There was discussion regarding membership renewal and reverting back to a once a year renewal of membership for all members rather than a rolling membership.

The Board discussed the introduction of brown bag lunches. Val agreed to help facilitate getting meetings started in different areas. Val and Ellen will draft a letter to go out to the membership.

There was discussion regarding the website. Elizabeth will be meeting with Philip Lee to update and make changes on our website within the next month and will forward the list to Carol.

#### Education Committee

Peggy discussed the change in members on the committee. There was discussion regarding ideas for workshops and intermediate and advanced workshops.

Carol will work on developing the calendar and will look into how to add the

calendar to the website.

**VI. Old Business**

Ellen and Gail discussed working with OMA Policy Committee.

Melinda reported the Bar Association agreeing to be one of the sponsors for the project on the Future of ADR in New Hampshire and the Board of Governors being interested and excited about the project. A vote is being taken in the next week by the Bar ADR Section regarding matching NHCRA funds of \$2,000.00

**VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.**