

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

**Present:** Ellen Dinerstein, Joan Gross, Carol Stewart, Melinda Gehris, Elizabeth Christensen, Vicki Silver, Margaret Brick

**Absent:** Gail Morrison, Sam Farrington, Bobbi Sym, Valerie Raudonis, Alice Schierberl

**I The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.**

**II Approval of February 4, 2009 Board Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed. Revisions were discussed. Elizabeth moved to accept the minutes as revised. Vicki seconded the motion. All concurred.

**III Treasurers' report**

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

Elizabeth noted that CD purchased last year is maturing. The Board authorized Elizabeth to roll the CD into another CD yielding the highest interest rate available for up to a 2-year period.

There was discussion regarding notices of membership renewal being sent out. Carol agreed to call Bobbi regarding access to the membership program which keeps track of membership renewal dates and method of contacting members for renewal.

Elizabeth requested information on the payment of \$2,000.00 to the Project on Statewide ADR conversation was discussed. Melinda agreed to make contacts and coordinate payment with Elizabeth.

Joan motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Carol seconded the motion. All concurred.

**IV Committees**

Legislative & Courts Committee

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

Melinda reported speaking with Karen Borgstrom regarding sending NHCRA legislative updates.

#### Nominating Committee

Elizabeth distributed a spreadsheet with the list of possible nominees and their strengths coinciding with the Board's needs. There was discussion regarding nominations. Full recommendations will be made at the next meeting.

#### Communication Committee

The Board discussed the Brown Bag lunches being held by OMA and the Board's desire to host other meetings in different areas of the state for mediators. Joan agreed to host a meeting in the Seacoast along with Alice. Vicki also agreed to help with that meeting.

There was discussion regarding the website. Elizabeth and Ellen presented a list of changes and ideas for the website.

#### Education Committee

Peggy reported on the upcoming workshop on Training Interns and discussed the timetable for upcoming workshops. Ideas for future workshops that the education committee has been looking into were also discussed.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of having a Spring Conference in 2010.

### **V Old Business**

Melinda and Ellen reported that they will be working with Mary Day on defining the project on the Future of ADR in New Hampshire and funding for the project.

There was discussion regarding the Vermont Mediation Association requesting support and the possibility of the members of their board meeting with NHCRA Board before the May meeting.

Peggy reported that the American Society for Association Executives holds workshops and will work with associations.

VI Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.