

New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators

Board of Directors Meeting - January 24, 2019

Montclair, NJ (Following Retreat)

Minutes prepared by Felicia T. Farber, Secretary

Present:

Officers

Gabrielle Strich, Esq., APM – President

Carl Peters, P.E., L.S., P.P., C.O. – Executive Vice President

Tam Abitante, Esq. – Treasurer

Felicia Farber, Esq., APM – Secretary

Carl Cangelosi, Esq., APM - Immediate Past President

Directors

Richard Steen, Esq., APM

Suzanne English, MA

Virginia Maroulakos-Rucinski, Esq, APM – Vice President

Lynn Norcia, Esq.

Mitsu Rajda

Absent:

Hon. Bradley Ferencz (Ret.)

Ben Feigenbaum, Esq., APM

Member:

Anju D. Jessani

1. Call to Order: 1:30 PM
2. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2018:
Motion to Approve 12/13/18 Minutes with Change of Term “Listing Fee” to “Searchability Fee”
– Suzanne English, Seconded- Gabrielle Strich, **Approved** Unanimously
3. Reports:

- A) Treasurer Tam Abitante –To date we’re ahead due to bulk of membership fees collected early + mediation trainings. On target with anticipated amounts
- B) Membership- Suzanne English: Need to retarget non-renewing members after website is up and running. Carl: When website is up all members will have to “reclaim” their membership. He will double check with web developer
- C) Website- Carl Cangelosi: When website is ready to launch, need one letter to members announcing the launch and another saying non-members have 14 days to renew or they’ll be removed from listserve. Gabrielle will write these letters. Everything but old course information will be migrated to new website. Anju will download all old trainings. Website launch date will be January 31, 2019.
- D) CLE Report- Mitsu Rajda: 2 Advanced Trainings, Annual Conference 2018, 2 40-hour trainings. For future programs, Mitsu requested that organizers send agendas & speaker bios in advance and allot at least 50 minutes to each segment (50 mins =1 CLE credit)
- E) General Meetings- Gabrielle Strich Program Chair: Next meetings: Feb 14, 2019 Joint Meeting with Inn & DRS at Basking Ridge Country Club (open to all NJAPM members); Feb 27, 2019 at Middlesex College; and March 27, 2019 at Law Center
- F) Webinars- Carl Cangelosi.: Next webinars: February 25, 2019 - Donna Miller on Social Media; March 2019 - Michael Lehner

4. New Business

- 1) Gabrielle Strich: Need to address Spring Conference.
- 2) **GS nominated Rick Stein to take the place of Judge Harper on the Supreme Court Committee for CDR.** He accepted. **Approved** Unanimously.
- 3) A company Fiscal Tiger sent an email requesting NJAPM link to financial resources for single parents. Additional information needed
- 4) Gerald Scola resigned as a Nominating Committee member. Katherine Newcomer will replace him. Chair Carl Cangelosi : **Motion to Replace Jerry with Katherine**, Seconded: Suzanne English **Approved** Unanimously
- 5) Cost for General Meetings: Currently Free for members. \$10 for Non-members (NJAPM’s cost is \$20pp) Future pricing???
- 6) Spring Conference: Need Conference Date and Chair. Carl C volunteers to be chair of divorce segment. Suzanne, Lynn, Anju & Tam volunteer to assist.
- 7) Somerset Baseball: Bob McDonnell cannot do Somerset Patriots Baseball Outing this year. Suzanne & Tam volunteered to replace him
- 8) Anju will do publicity for Spring Training

Proposal I. Suzanne English Moved: **First 3 months free to be searchable on website:** Carl P Seconded; All **Approved** except GS & FF (who would have approved a shorter free time period)

Proposal II: Costs for Searchability For Non-APMs: \$35 May-September, \$75 for following year. Carl P: Moved. Lynn N Seconded. **Approved:** Unanimously.

5. Adjourned at 2:57 PM