

New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators

Board of Directors Meeting - November 1, 2018

Regus Iselin-Metropark Center

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

Carl Cangelosi, Esq., APM - Immediate Past President

Virginia Rucinski, Esq, APM – Vice President

Felicia Farber, Esq., APM – Secretary

Tam Abitante, Esq. – Treasurer

Directors

Richard Steen, Esq., APM

Mitsu Rajda, Esq.

Ben Feigenbaum, Esq., APM

Lynn Norcia, Esq.

Absent:

Hon. Bradley Ferencz (Ret.)

Suzanne English, MA

1. Call to Order: 9:35 AM
2. Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2018 with correction that Lynn Norcia was not present
Motion to Approve - Gabrielle Strich. **Approved** Unanimously
3. President:
 - A) Next General Meeting – January 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM, Law Center, Speaker Bernadette Strout
“Avoiding Financial Pitfalls in Mediation”
 - B) Need Chair for Program Committee

- C) Divorce Apprenticeship Program
- 4. Carl Cangelosi explained process of preparing & distributing the Agenda
- 5. Reports:
 - A) Treasurer Tam Abitante - **Motion to Approve Budget:** Tam Abitante, Seconded – Felicia Farber. **Approved** Unanimously
 - B) CLE Coordinator Mitsu Rajda – NJAPM approved as a provider; CPEs needed as well; Email to be sent to membership asking for interest in NY & PA credits
 - C) Listserve Software: Carl Cangelosi - Discontinue LSoft – **Motion to Give Formal Notice that NJAPM is Terminating Contract:** Gabrielle Strich, Seconded- Carl Cangelosi. **Approved** Unanimously
 - D) Website: Carl Cangelosi – Proposal to **Contract with Insomnia Graphix (Rich Harris) to Redo the Lotem WordPress Website.** **Motion** – Carl Cangelosi, Seconded – Lynn Norcia. Abstain: Ben Feigenbaum; **Approved** : All others in favor
 - E) New Technical Advisory Committee – **Motion to Form This Committee When New Website is Up and Running and to Make Carl Peters Webmaster** – Gabrielle Strich, Seconded Carl Cangelosi. **Approved** Unanimously
 - F) Marketing: Ben Feigenbaum - Update
 - G) Membership: Gabrielle Strich – Discussed decline in numbers
 - H) Late Fee Proposal by Suzanne English – **Motion to Modify SE’s Proposal to Extend Membership Deadline to December 1, 2018 for This Year ONLY** – Carl Cangelosi, Seconded Gabrielle Strich. **Approved** Unanimously
 - I) Webinars: Carl Cangelosi. Next in early December 2019
 - J) Proposal NOT to Record General Meetings – Carl Cangelosi – Withdrew Proposal.
 - K) Proposal to **Establish Special Meeting/Retreat to Discuss the Future of NJAPM** to be led by Donna Miller – **Motion** – Carl Cangelosi, Seconded Rick Steen. No: Gabrielle Strich, **Approved:** All Others in Favor. Committee: Carl, Lynn, Felicia
 - L) Proposal to **Discontinue Constant Contact and Use the Announcement Feature of Mail-List.Com Instead** – Carl Cangelosi. No action taken at this time
- 6. New Business
 - Rick Steen – Conflict of Interest Document for Board Members
 - Carl Cangelosi – Proposal to put on Strategic Planning Retreat with Donna Miller
 - Gabrielle Strich – Last In Person Meeting scheduled for September 26, 2019
 - Felicia Farber – Post Free Dec 6, 2018 Program on Women, Business & Conflict to NJAPM members? Send information to Board
- 7. **Motion** to Adjourn at 12:00 PM – Rick Steen, Seconded Mitsu Rajda. **Approved** Unanimously