

**New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators**

Board of Directors Meeting - December 13, 2018

Via Zoom

*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

Tam Abitante, Esq. – Treasurer

Felicia Farber, Esq., APM – Secretary

Directors

Richard Steen, Esq., APM

Ben Feigenbaum, Esq., APM

Suzanne English, MA

**Absent:**

Hon. Bradley Ferencz (Ret.)

Virginia Maroulakos Rucinski, Esq, APM – Vice President

Mitsu Rajda

Lynn Norcia, Esq.

1. Call to Order: 9:42 AM
2. Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2018  
**Motion to Approve** – Felicia Farber, Seconded- Gabrielle Strich, **Approved** Unanimously
3. Reports:
  - A) Treasurer Tam Abitante –To date we’re ahead due to bulk of membership fees & annual conference (conference profit will be approx. \$6000)
  - B) Accreditation – Andrew Smith not present
  - C) Divorce Apprenticeship – Carl Cangelosi believes program should be reformed. To be discussed at 1/24/19 retreat

- D) Annual Conference - CLE authorization was obtained by Mitsu Radja
- E) General Meetings- Gabrielle Strich Program Chair: Next meeting: Jan 23, 2019 - How to Avoid Financial Mistakes in Mediation Process at NJ Law Center
- F) Marketing- Ben Feingenbaum: Marketing on hold pending website & retreat results. BF has resigned as Marketing Chair, but is willing to resume duties if the Board determines that would be a good match with the goals and marketing agenda developed during the retreat in January 2019
- G) Membership- Suzanne English: 225 members-64 accredited, 150 general, 11 student/emeritus . Donna Miller recommended calling all members that have not renewed. SE called all APMs and many said they'd renew. NJAPM on annual decline. GS suggested waiting until website is up before contacting non-renewing members
- H) Webinars: Carl Cangelosi.: Dec 17 webinar with Ken Neumann -over 50 people registered; January 21, 2019-Bob Margulies; February 25, 2019-Donna Miller on Social Media,; March 2019-Michael Lehner
- I) Website: CC, GS & SE working on it. Website on track to be completed by Dec 31, 2018. We have working directory. In second phase.

4. New Business

Carl Cangelosi:

**Proposal I. Reduce annual fee for general members (non-APMs) to be listed from \$100 to \$75:**

Currently, General Membership is \$125 and Accredited Membership is \$165. General members will also have to pay \$100 to be listed on the web site. Carl Cangelosi proposed reducing the listing fee from \$100 to \$75. **Motion:** 1 Abstain- Ben Feigenbaum, **Approved-** All others in favor

**Proposal II. Adopt renewal policy & Amend bylaws to remove provisions re. suspension & termination:**

First Discussion

**Proposal III: To Authorize President to Take Remedial Action with respect to Marv Schuldiner –**

Carl took survey of divorce course within last 4 years -Anju complied with requests for information, Marv did not. We are still paying for server to host old listserve (\$470/yr) & Marv has still not taken it down and has been unresponsive. Marv refuses to be part of technical advisory committee unless NJAPM uses his site. Alleged Marv holds organization hostage but receives \$15,000 in annual teaching fees. Should we investigate whether someone else should teach civil course? Gabrielle will put together a letter to Marv to be reviewed by board

Gabrielle Strich – Board meeting will follow January Board Retreat if conference room available

Felicia Farber – New Member Welcoming Committee. FF will be Chair. Suzanne advised that board previously approved this program and it still exists but is not in effect. Will need to form committee and obtain new member info from C-3

Suzanne English- Will discuss at retreat whether board should call non-renewing members;  
Difficulty to post to NJAPM Facebook site as member; Need social media committee chair

5. Adjourned at 11:21 AM