

New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators

Board of Directors Meeting - June 27, 2019

Via Zoom

Minutes prepared by Felicia T. Farber, Secretary

Present:

Officers

Gabrielle Strich, Esq., APM – President

Virginia Maroulakos-Rucinski, Esq, APM – Vice President (beg. at 10am)

Tam Abitante, Esq. – Treasurer

Felicia Farber, Esq., APM – Secretary

Directors

Suzanne English, MA

Lynn Norcia, Esq.

Carl Cangelosi, Esq., APM - Immediate Past President

Richard Steen, Esq., APM

Mitsu Rajda

Ben Feigenbaum, Esq., APM

Committee Chair

Diana Longo

Absent

Hon. Bradley Ferencz (Ret.)

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

Call to Order: 9:42AM

1. **Motion to Approve 5/23/19 Minutes.** Motion by Carl C. Seconded Tam **Approved** Unanimously
2. Discussion of Meeting Location. Why Somerset? Free. Central. Presently 50% meetings by Zoom

3. Reports:

- A) Financials - Tam Abitante: NJAPM Income is front-loaded due to membership dues but we're on track for \$10,000 loss. Carl believes we might break even. Learning that the baseball game is historically a \$400-500 loss (expense), Felicia F raised the issue of whether it makes sense to continue offering. Will make a future proposal re. same
- B) Programs – Gabrielle Strich: Several members are interested in helping with programming
- C) Marketing Committee – Diana Longo needs to be able to contact website designer directly to understand website better and would like administrative access to social media. Asked Board to be more active on social media & include blog section on website. Gabrielle suggested reaching out to membership to see who is interested
- D) Membership – Suzanne English. Perhaps add new event(s)? Half of members have claimed their listing -more APMs than non-APMs. Suzanne English - **Motion to Send Out Snail Mail Renewal Notices: Seconded GS. Approved unanimously**
- E) Listserve – Carl Cangelosi: Discussion re. how to handle disruptive members such as Tony Tocci. His membership was not renewed years ago due to similar behavior. Suzanne will send out general reminder of appropriate listserve conduct. Lynn will prepare proposal for next meeting
- F) Website- Suzanne English: Need to get in touch with web designer
- G) Ambassador Program - Felicia Farber: Additional Ambassadors are needed, and a couple more did sign up at 2019 Spring Conference.
- H) Trainings - \$7542 new profit from annual civil trainings; \$22, 732 net profit from annual divorce trainings. Both are reductions from prior years. Most recent 6-hr supplemental divorce training was canceled. 2019 Spring Conference = \$1852 profit
- I) Webinars – Carl Cangelosi: Last webinar not well-attended. Need September presenter. Bruce Maetz will present in October

4. New Business

Proposal 1 – Motion by Lynn Norcia: Seconded by FF. **Part I - Motion for Conference Organizers to Attend for Free** – In Favor: Lynn, Felicia, Tam, Rick. Abstention: Virginia, Mitsu, Gabrielle, Opposed: Ben, Carl C, Suzanne **Not Approved.** **Part II - Motion for 2019 Spring Conference Organizers (4 people) to be Allotted \$50 each for Wrap-up Dinner.** Opposed: Ben F, Abstain: Virginia. All others in Favor. **Approved**

Proposal 2 – By Felicia Farber: **Motion to Hold Board Meetings via Zoom Except for 2 In Person-** In Favor: Felicia, Ben; Opposed: Gabrielle, Suzanne, Carl C, Lynn N, Rick S, Virginia, Mitsu, **Not Approved.**

Amended Motion by Lynn Norcia, Seconded Gabrielle: **Amended Motion to Hold Board Meetings via Zoom Except for 4 in Person (1 per quarter).** Abstain: Felicia, Suzanne, Tam. All others in favor. **Approved**

Motion by Suzanne English, Seconded by Lynn Norcia. **Motion to Change Time of Meetings: Zoom will start at 9:00AM, In Person will start at 10:00AM.** Members who want to attend can contact Gabrielle for Zoom access info. **Approved Unanimously.**

Proposal 3 – By Felicia Farber. Seconded: Lynn Norcia: **Motion for People Who Register for 40-Hour Civil and Divorce Trainings to Become Members for Free Until September 30, 2019.** In Favor: Felicia, Lynn, Ben. Opposed: Carl C, Suzanne, Tam, Rick, Virginia. Abstain: Gabrielle. **Not Approved.**

Amended Motion by Suzanne English, Seconded by Gabrielle Strich – **Amended Motion To Offer People Who Register for 40-Hour Civil and Divorce Trainings Half Price Membership.** Opposed: Felicia. Abstain: Ben. **Approved**

Next Board Meetings: July and August via Zoom. September and October in person

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM