



Northern Community Mediation

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BOARD MEETING



Will Bruce Herbert arrive for the November board meeting on his bicycle like he did in July?

THREE NEW GRADUATES

Congratulations to Suzy Engle, Mary Horan and Roger Postmus. They have completed their 10-hour internship and are now full-fledged mediators.

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

Mediator Hugh Conklin had to have surgery as a result of a broken collar bone. Evidently, Hugh had an accident on his bike. Ouch! Hope you were wearing your helmet, Hugh, and hope you are well on your way to recovery.

IMPORTANT LIONS

Two of our mediators are highly involved with the Lions Club in Charlevoix. Walt Hufford is the incoming treasurer, and Ron Moore is the King Lion. Wow! That is impressive.

STAFF RETREAT

On Friday, November 13, the NCM staff will be involved in an all-day staff retreat. If there are any issues that you would like to see us address, let us know by Wednesday, November 11.

HOLIDAY PARTY

It is hard to believe that the holidays are almost at our doorsteps. This means festivity, which leads into the NCM holiday party. It is scheduled for

Tuesday, December 15
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
415 State Street

Set this date and time aside. See you at the party.

GENERAL LAW TRAINING

NCM will offer the Six-Hour, General-Law Training for Non-Attorneys from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday, January 15. Board President and attorney Steve Tresidder will facilitate this SCAO-approved course. Lunch will be provided. Details of the location will be available in December.

HELP US

The staff of NCM needs your help in a couple of areas:

1. At the Charlevoix office, if you take the computer out of the office into the conference room, please remember to plug the computer back in when you return it to the office. The reason this is important is so that the battery will have a chance to recharge.
2. For those of you who do small claims, please report to the courts at least 20 minutes early. Also, remember to complete the Consent to Mediate form, as this is a SCAO-required document that must be included in the case file. Additionally, whether or not mediation takes place at small claims, you should turn in the completed follow-up form so that we can reimburse you for your gas mileage.
3. If there are documents that need to be shredded upon completion of mediation, please designate which ones they are so that we can take care of that for you.