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NCM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Pictured from left to right Vice-President Julie Kuchnicki, Treasurer Bill Meengs, Secretary Stuart Fenton, and President Kate Scollin

The Executive Committee for Northern Community Mediation consists of the four officers seen above. The Board of Directors meets every other month beginning in January. On the months that the full Board does not meet, the Executive Committee meets with the Executive Director. NCM is fortunate to have board members who believe in the services that NCM provides and who are dedicated to the advancement of mediation.

A CELEBRITY AMONG US

The beginning of the year 2016 has been an exciting one for new board member Chelsea Townsend Platte. First of all, she went from Chelsea Townsend to Chelsea Townsend Platte because she had a beautiful wedding in Mexico, where she was surrounded by family and friends. Then, at the Charlevoix Chamber Annual meeting, she was recognized as the Young Professional of the Year.

ANOTHER CELEBRITY

Bill Meengs, who is treasurer of our Board of Directors, has put his name in the hat. He is running for Emmet County Board of Commissions for district 7, which covers most of Petoskey.

USELESS FACT

Navajo is a verb-centered language. Even adjectives have no direct translation into Navajo; descriptions are given through verbs. It's a prefix-heavy language, with 25 kinds of pronominal prefixes which can be stacked onto one another. This forms incredibly long phrases like chidí naa' na' í bee' eldóhtsoh bikáá' dah naazniligíí which means "army tank."

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Attorney and Mediator Steve Tresidder will facilitate the General Civil, Advanced Mediator Training, which will be held on Friday, May 13 and Friday, May 20 from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

Part I components are as follows:

- The Michigan Court System
- Steps in a Civil Lawsuit
- Substantive Law of Contracts
- MCR 2.411, 2.412, 3.216 and 2.403

Part II components are as follows:

- Substantive Law of Torts
- Substantive Law of Property
- Substantive Law of Business Organizations
- Substantive Law of Employment Relations
- Ethical Standards of Conduct for Mediators

This training has been approved by the State Court Administrative Office. For details, go to the NCM website <http://www.northernmediation.org/local-83/>

REVIEW OF BADGER/BEGIN

- Begin
- Accumulate Information
- Develop the Agenda
- Generate Options/Movement
- Escape to Caucus
- Resolve the Dispute

Last month, the **Begin** of BADGER was reviewed. This month, **Accumulate Information** is being reviewed. This includes the uninterrupted opening statements of the involved parties and clarification of their concerns. During this time, it is important that mediators listen attentively, take notes and pay attention to body language. The groundwork for the mediation is being laid during **Accumulate Information**.

REMEMBER TO SAY THANK YOU

Northern Community Mediation writes many thank-you notes because of the generosity of businesses, organizations and individuals who support NCM in many ways. Recently, Brady's Carpet Cleaning in Charlevoix along with Polly and John Cheney covered the cost of having all of the carpeting cleaned in the NCM offices. This would not have been possible without their generosity.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading." ~ Lao Tzu