



# Northern Community Mediation

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## BRIDGES

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### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



The Executive Committee pictured from left to right: John Marshall, Lisa Hoyt, Ted Teller and Joel Wurster.

NCM is very fortunate in that it has a dynamic board of directors. Of the panel 15, eight are from Emmet county, six are from Charlevoix county, and one could claim either of the counties. Six members are female, and nine are male. One is a judge, one is an attorney, and three are involved with the court system. Four are in the business world, two are in the financial sector, and one is involved with education. One director is from the tribe, and one is retired. As you can see, the board is well balanced.

The Board meets the second Thursday every other month, rotating between Charlevoix and Petoskey. At noon on March 8, the Board will meet at Giuseppe's in Charlevoix. Board meetings are open to the public; so, feel free to attend any board meeting. All dates and locations are posted on our website <http://www.northernmediation.org/board-meetings-76/>

### MEDIATOR ROUNDTABLE

The Mediator Roundtable scheduled for Tuesday, March 27 will take on a somewhat different format from previous roundtables. First of all, we have scheduled two hours for the session. Although this will still be an interactive training, attorney / mediator Steve Tresidder will explain the new mediation court rules and how they impact the CDRP centers. Emphasis will be placed on the new confidentiality requirements. Our plan is to begin at 3:00. If we do not need the full two hours, we will dismiss earlier than 5:00.

It would help for planning purposes if you would notify NCM if you plan to participate in the Mediator Roundtable.

### AGREEMENT WRITING

If a computer is not available, it is perfectly okay to write out an agreement long hand.

### THEATRE PARTY

**Why is Monday, March 12 an important date to remember?** Because that is the date of NCM's eighth-annual theatre party. And, ticket prices are still just \$25.00 each.

**What do you get for that \$25.00?** A sufficient number of appetizers to satisfy your dinner, hunger needs, soft drinks, non-alcoholic wine and beer, a chance to win a door prize, and opportunity to participate in a 50/50 raffle, and a movie of your choice.

**When do the festivities begin?** From 5:30pm to 7:00pm, you will be able to socialize, eat and drink. At 7:00 the movies begin.

**Where does this all take place?** At the Petoskey Cinema.

**Is it too late to get tickets?** Absolutely not unless you wait until after the 12<sup>th</sup> of March.

**How do I get tickets?** Contact NCM or purchase them at the Petoskey Cinema the night of the festivities.

**Why is this event important?** The Theatre Party is NCM's major fund raiser. Without the proceeds from this event, which accounts for approximately 5% of its budget.

### ADVANCED TRAINING

Looking for advanced training opportunities? Take advantage of what is posted on the NCM website. Whenever we receive notification of trainings that are going on around the state, we post that information on our website. Unfortunately, most of those trainings are not free, but you may find some sessions that you would want to attend. For a listing of what is going on in the state, go to <http://www.northernmediation.org/state-12/>

### CLARIFICATION

NCM has adopted the following practice in relationship to when it is necessary for an attorney who is serving as a mediator to announce to the parties that he/she is an attorney. Here is the NCM practice:

If there are other attorneys at the table, you do not need to (nor should you) announce that you are an attorney.

If there are not other attorneys at the table, you should simply say, "I need to let you know that I am an attorney, but I cannot and will not give you any legal advice." Keep it simple!