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UPDATE TRAINING

There will be 41 of us participating in the update training on Friday, November 3. The breakdown is as follows:

15 attorneys

23 center mediators

3 attorneys who also mediate for NCM

This diversity will create interesting and stimulating dialog.

Remember, a continental breakfast will be served at 7:30 am. The morning session will go from 8:00am to Noon. Lunch will be served at noon. The afternoon session will go from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

For those of you who want to relax afterwards, the Perry Hotel has the Noggin' Room (casual, complete with popcorn) and the upstairs lounge (more dignified and quieter).

REMEMBER TO VOTE

ADIEU

Unfortunately, we are losing one of our recently trained mediators. Elizabeth Most has accepted a position outside of the area. Best of luck, Elizabeth! Hopefully, you will get involved with mediation in your new location.

FIRST AND FOREMOST

When we are observing or actually mediating, our only focus should be upon the mediation itself. Therefore, it is inappropriate to cross-stitch, read magazines or engage in any other type of activity while mediation is in process.

ON THE MEDIATOR LIST

Josie MacLean and Ken Rapelje have completed their 10-hour internships. It will be great having them as full-fledged mediators.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

MEDIATOR OF THE YEAR

If you have a suggestion for the Mediator of the Year, let me know. This year we will use two past recipients of the award, Kathy Lame and Jane Millar to make the final selection, but we would like your input.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

PASS THE WORD

Just a reminder that we have scheduled a forty-hour training on the following dates:

Thursday, January 18	5:00-9:00
Friday, January 19	8:00-5:00
Saturday, January 20	8:00-5:00

Thursday, January 25	5:00-9:00
Friday, January 26	8:00-5:00
Saturday, January 27	8:00-5:00

It will be held in the Charlevoix City Hall. Brochures and registration information is available at NCM.

JUST IN CASE YOU DID NOT KNOW

We have a white board, two metal easels, and two collapsible easels. Additionally, we have numerous magic markers and flip charts, including post-it flip charts. Feel free to use these during your mediations. They can be found in the storage room, but any of us on staff would be glad to help you set them up

REMEMBER TO VOTE

KUDOS

Karen Cole and Lee Hornberger were able to get an agreement on a particularly difficult divorce case. Although we were delighted at the outcome, we were surprised because going into the mediation, it appeared that they would be lucky to get the parties to talk with one another, let alone come up with an agreement. That just goes to show what having skills and perseverance can do!

LEE HORNBERGER QUOTE

“The mediator’s opening statement is a crucial part of the process” but we must remember that “the client’s portion of an opening statement is” also “crucial.”

ANNUAL MEETING

The tentative date of Thursday, January 11, 2007 has been set for the annual meeting. We are going to try a morning meeting from 9:00 to 10:30 am.