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Annual Meeting

On Friday, January 21, Northern Community Mediation (NCM) held its annual meeting via Zoom. President Bob Banner opened the meeting by having those present introduce themselves. He then acknowledged the outgoing board members, each having served for six years on the board. Ed Engstrom was thanked for his design of the donor campaign graph, Stuart Fenton for having served as secretary, and Bill Meengs for his oversight as treasurer.

Banner then welcomed the three new board members. Phil Harmon is the Executive Director of Unit 1 of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa, Brooke Jacoby is an attorney, and Suzanne Kanine is the Emmet County Clerk.

Executive Director Jane Millar presented the annual report. She stressed the fact that although the year 2020 presented unbelievable challenges, the staff, mediators and board members rose to the occasion. They gave more than one-hundred percent of their energy to ensure that NCM continued to offer quality services by adapting to a new way of doing business: working remotely and taking advantage of technology, such as Zoom, DocuSign and GoToMyPC.

Millar also emphasized the fact that NCM ended the year 2020 financially stable with projections that 2021 will be fiscally productive as well. Much of this is due to the Payroll Protection Plan and funding from both the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. In fact, 2020 was so successful for NCM that it was rated as the most efficient of the 17 Citizen Dispute Resolution Centers in the state of Michigan.

A complete copy of the annual report can be found at <https://www.northernmediation.org/annual-reports/> on the NCM website.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict

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