

ATTENTIVE BOARD MEMBERS



Pictured: Lisa Hoyt & Mark Andresky

In the late afternoon on Monday, August 1, four Board members (Brian Kasiborski, Kirstyn Horan, Lisa Hoyt and Mark Andresky) met with some of the members of the Loco Locals Fund Raising Committee (Lindsey Bur, Corrina Bergson, Loriel Grigsby, Robyn Rakoniewski & Sally Crowley). Although it gave chairperson Jenny Brower an opportunity to have a short discussion about the fund raiser, the get together was primarily a social one focusing on getting to know one another. Thanks to Kirstyn, we had delicious nibbles: barbeque meatballs, shrimp and two pates. Yummy!

RETURNING

Charlevoix Theatre Party will return on Monday, October 11. Details to follow later in the month.

A COUPLE OF REMINDERS

One, payment from the state has nothing to do with whether or not an agreement is reached. Two, try to keep caucuses to no longer than 15 or 20 minutes. Three, only the parties who are actually coming to an agreement should sign the agreement. Four, when you report the length of your mediation, also remember to include your prep & debrief time, which is not necessarily limited to the time just before mediation. It can include any research you may do.

KEEP FORGETTING TO TELL YOU

The happy news is that on Saturday, May 14, board member Phil Harmon got married. Congratulations, Phil. The sad news is that on Monday, May 9, past mediator June Jackson died. Other sad news is that mediator Juli Ryner's brother was hit by a car and killed.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITES

From 8:30am to 12:30pm on Friday, September 16, NCM will offer a four-hour, advanced mediator training titled *Writing Sustainable Agreements* via Zoom. Go to <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/> on the NCM website to register for the training.

From 4:00pm to 5:00pm on Tuesday, September 27, there will be a Mediator Round Table addressing where the funding for NCM comes from, how the weighted caseload is determined and what is meant by weighted caseload. This will be via Zoom.

From 9:00am to 12:00pm on Friday, October 14, another four-hour, advanced mediator training titled *Standards of Conduct* will be offered via Zoom. One hour will be done asynchronously prior to the training. Go to <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/> on the NCM website to register for the training.

STATEWIDE CDRP ANNUAL REPORT

The summary of the CDRP annual report is available at <https://www.northernmediation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/State-CDRP-Annual-Report-2021.pdf> on the NCM website. Some of the highlights of the report are as follows:

- 69% of mediated cases reach an agreement.
- The average amount per settlement is \$5,191.
- The average days to disposition are 27.
- The average duration of a mediation is 1.4 hours.
- For general civil, agreements are kept in 82% of the cases
- For family division, agreements are kept in 71.8% of the cases
- For education-related, agreements are kept in 88.1% of the cases.
- The 17 CDRP centers handled more than 23,000 cases in 2021.
- The market value of the volunteer services of the CDRP centers equals more than \$1.8 million.

The report also highlights the fact that 90% of participants are satisfied with the use of Zoom. Additionally, in 2022 MI-Resolve will expand to include more than two-party disputes, disputes involving parenting time and the presence of attorneys

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Stay foolish to stay sane.” ~ Anonymous

USELESS FACT

A shrimp's heart is in its head.