

A TRULY DEDICATED MEDIATOR



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Get busy living or get busy dying.” ~ Stephen King

USELESS FACT

A Greek Canadian man invented the “Hawaiian” pizza.

APPRECIATION GALA CONTINUED

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Many of those in attendance were thanked for the contributions in time and financial support:

- Tina DeMoore & David Fershee as original founders of NCM
- The present Board members
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- Zoom mediators Hugh Conklin, Renee McDuffee, Mark Muniak, Cyndy Tonkavich, Stephanie Brew, Tom Cook and Fred Mulhauser
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Tech mediators Katie Allen, Steve Hall, Bruce Herbert, Bill Killoran, Rob MacKenzie, Kate Scollin, and Amy Stikovich

UPCOMING ADVANCED TRAININGS

From 8:30am to 12:30pm on Friday, September 16, NCM will offer a four-hour, advanced mediator training titled *Writing Sustainable Agreements*.

From 9:00am to 12:00pm on Friday, October 14, another four-hour, advanced mediator training titled *Standards of Conduct* will be offered. One hour will be done asynchronously prior to the training.

Both trainings will be via Zoom. To register for either or both of these workshops, go to the NCM website at <https://www.northernmediation.org/workshops-trainings/>

As an FYI, there are 33 of the NCM mediators who have not maintained the requirement of having to participate in at least eight hours of advanced mediator training every two years. The State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) has been putting pressure on the CDRP centers to ensure that their mediators are up to date on their trainings.

MEDIATOR ROUND TABLE

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