

A FUTURE MEDIATOR?



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- Brian Kasiborski, President & Staff Compensation Committee Chairperson
- Kirstyn Horan, Vice President & Funding Committee Chairperson
- Suzi Kanine, Secretary
- Hugh Conklin, Treasurer
- Mitch Brown, Member-at-Large & Facilities Committee Chairperson

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- Jenny Brower, Marketing Committee Chairperson
- Bill Cattin
- Phil Harmon
- Emily Hoffman
- Maureen Hollocker
- Lisa Hoyt
- Hob Ingleson
- Brooke Jacoby
- Cyndy Tonkavich

MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION PROGRAM



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SURVEY ABOUT PEACE

Simple question. Is world peace possible? Yes or No. Send your answer to jane@northernmediation.org

USEFUL FACT ABOUT PEACE

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