

ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT 2024



Pictured in the back row from left to right: Josh Galle, Denise Drake, Bill Cattin, Mark Andresky, Mitch Brown (president), Kirstyn Horan (2023 president), & Brian Kasiborski (2022 president). Pictured in the front row from left to right: Cyndy Tonkavich, Judy Zorn, Jody McLeod, Jenny Brower, Lisa Hoyt, & Jason Guthrie

On Monday, February 19, the Northern Community Mediation Board of Directors gathered at 5:00pm at The Weathervane in Charlevoix for their annual board retreat. They were very busy focusing on NCM's upcoming Capital Campaign and Mediation Celebration, the annual fundraiser, which will be held in the Community Center at the Emmet County Fairgrounds on June 21. In fact, they had so much information to cover that they worked while eating dinner.

The main thrust of the Capital Campaign will run from March through July. There will be a permanent plaque in the NCM office recognizing the various individuals, companies and organizations that contribute to the various levels of giving:

\$10,000 & Above	Visionary
\$5,000 - \$9,999	Champion
\$2,500 - \$4,999	Advocate
\$1,000 - \$2,499	Partner
\$500 - \$999	Friend
\$1 - \$499	Supporter

As successful as Mediation Celebration was last year, this year's event will be even more spectacular. And, yes, there will be line dancing. So, put on your dancing shoes, put June 20 on your calendar and do not miss the event of the year. You will not be able to help but have a wonderful time.

A big thank you is in order for present president Mitch Brown and past board presidents Kirstyn Horan and Brian Kasiborski who facilitated the board retreat in the absence of the executive director Dr. Jane Millar.

NEW CASE MANAGER



Our new case manager is Elise Borow. I think that you will find that she is delightful, friendly, dependable, helpful and knowledgeable. It is serendipitous how she became the candidate of choice. When we began the search for a new case manager, coincidentally Elise called NCM because she was interested in becoming a mediator. She had no idea that we were looking for a case manager. I asked her if she might be interested in such a job, she put in her application, and the rest is history.

FOLLOW UP

Every year, the state Court Administrative Office sends each center a list of 50 randomly selected cases that were mediated to agreement the previous year. Each center is to then contact the plaintiff/initiator for each of those cases to find out if the agreement was upheld, partially upheld, upheld but not yet completed, not upheld or unable to contact. Below are the percentages for each of those categories;

Upheld	74%
Partially Upheld	6%
Upheld Not Yet Completed	4%
Not Upheld	12%
No Response	4%

NEW MEDIATOR

Having joined the NCM Board in January, not only is Jody McLeod a new board member, but having just completed her 40-hour training, she is a new mediator. Fantastic, Jody.

MEDIATOR ROUND TABLE

Thursday, March 7 from 4:00 to 5:30pm at NCM. Feel free to bring some snacks and adult beverage if you so desire.