

MINUTES OF THE 07/08/10 MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE INSTITUTE OF MICHIGAN (CPIM)

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Peter Everts at 8:03 a.m.
DIRECTORS PRESENT AND QUORUM	<p>The following Directors were present by telephone:</p> <p>Deb Berecz Peter Everts Natalie Alane Monika Sacks Marian Kromkowski Toni Wander Jill Messer Lori Becker Paul Kowal Ann-Marie Love</p> <p>Absent: Erica Salerno Judy Margerum Mary Lier Randy Velzen Sharee Burkel</p>
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	Approved.
TREASURER'S REPORT	Natalie reported that our financial position is a positive one with all expenses accounted for through the month of June. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and seconded; all approved.
LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT	Peter reviewed the non-renewing members list and congratulated Board members for contacting members. It has resulted in several membership renewals. He also reported that he would be working with Ann Marie Love and the Leadership Team in developing a CPIM Membership survey for review and approval at the next Board meeting. He hopes that it will be a useful tool for gaining membership opinion regarding CPIM as the Board engages in a long-range planning strategy in the near future.

LIVE TEAM REPORTS	
A. Basic Training	<p>Natalie provided an excellent summary of the Basic Training held by CPIM in May, 2010. In total 38 people attended. Out of 31 new, in-state attendees, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of them have joined CPIM. Evaluation of the PRISM trainers and training experience (Deb Berecz, Randy Velzen, Peter Everts, Sue Keener and Gaylene Stingl) were positive. Financially CPIM experienced a net gain of \$2378.29—a substantial improvement financially over the last two CPIM-sponsored Basic Trainings. Discussion ensued regarding the advisability of CPIM acquiring its own projector, microphones and remote control. The cost of renting this equipment each year is quite high and NSSSB's projector was unavailable to use this past training. Natalie will research the cost of this equipment and report back to the Board before we decide to purchase these items for future conferences. It was also noted by Monika that Steven Fabick, a former CPIM Board member, may have borrowed and not returned some of CPIM's technology equipment.</p>
B. Advanced Training	<p>Paul Kowal presented a proposal for this September's Advanced Training seminar. Tom Darnton and Zena Zumeta will be leading a 2 ½ day workshop on advanced interest-based negotiating skills in the Collaborative process. The workshop will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi on September 23-25, 2010. Registration will be \$375 for early registration; \$400 thereafter. This will cover cost of food, workshop materials, etc. Doubletree will offer a discount for workshop attendees staying at the hotel. His proposal was seconded and approved. Paul will send out a notice to the membership and assist in creating a registration form for workshop attendees. Peter wondered if this workshop could receive Advanced Mediation Training accreditation for attendees who might be mediators and need to earn CEUs. Monika will contact Zena Zumeta to follow through with this. Once approved we will let our membership know about the mediation credit benefit.</p>

C. Public Education	<p>Lori Becker updated the Board about the progress being made in developing a Collaborative Divorce video for CPIM's website. Ann Marie Love, Marian Kromkowski and she have been hard at work generating ideas and scripts for this effort. Much is still in process; efforts are being made to include a mix of professions and regions of Michigan when selecting Collaborative professionals for the video. Ann Marie challenged us to think of symbols and metaphors that would capture what Collaborative divorce is about in an effective, visual way for viewers of the video. We were encouraged to send ideas to the Public Education team in the next few weeks. Production of the video will hopefully be sometime in the latter part of August.</p>
D. Newsletter	<p>Deb Berez reported that another full and informative newsletter was sent out at the end of June. Several Board members were complimentary of the quality of the newsletter and its articles. Thanks to those who contributed to it. Deb wondered if in the future whether there might be an interest within CPIM for a journal in which professional articles could be submitted. Peter will include a question related to that in the survey he is putting together to assess CPIM's membership opinion.</p>
E. Website	<p>No report as both Randy Velzen and Mary Lier were absent.</p>
F. Uniform Collaborative Law Act	<p>Monika updated us regarding the status of the Uniform Collaborative Law Act. It was approved by the Executive Committee of the Uniform Laws Commission. It will be placed on the agenda for the ABA Board of Commissioners in Feb. 2011. The primary change in the version passed is that it is restricted to family law cases. It also permits states to handle the implementation of the act by court rule or legislation. It is unclear what the Michigan State Bar will do with the proposed act at this time.</p>
NEXT BOARD MEETING	<p>Thursday, August 12, 2010, 8:00 a.m via telephone conference 218-486-1600 Access Code: 702476#</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.</p>
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED	<p>Peter Everts, President, for Sharee Burkel, Secretary</p>

