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Talk To Me!



WMA new WEB Message Forum is now "live"! The Message Forum is a chat room/message board for WMA members and web site guests. How wonderful is this!

To register, go to <http://www.washingtonmediation.org>. Go ahead, talk to us and each other about your thoughts, triumphs, oops and ideas!

Welcome to the fall edition to the WMA newsletter. We recently held our September board meeting and the WMA board is dedicated to serving our members. We are excited to have Kathleen Nichols, Lars Watson, Dorothea (Dot) Lintz, and Kevin Cornwell join our board. Their new insight and contributions to the board are a welcome addition. Please contact

Dear Eleanor,

Welcome to the Washington Mediation Association eNews! If you have articles or news to submit, please contact our editor. And don't forget to use the forward feature at the bottom of the page!

1st National Conference on Transformative Mediation

This conference entitled, **Looking Back, Looking Forward** Transformative Practice Ten Years After

"The Promise of Mediation" will be held November 7 & 8, 2004 at the Sofitel Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. Robert A. Baruch Bush and Joseph P. Folger, co-authors of "The Promise of Mediation" will give the plenary and keynote presentations.

The registration fee for the two-day conference is \$275 or \$300 if received after October 31st. One-day conference registration and full-time student rates are available. For more information on the First National Conference on Transformative Mediation or to register on-line, visit www.transformativemediation.org or contact Sheryl at transformconf@aol.com.

Good Read Or Bad Read? How do you know. If you sometimes pick up a book, read a few chapters and never pick it up again - you probably would love to get a rating scale for books about mediation. Well, here you go! Download this article, "Essential Readings in Dispute Resolution."

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Words Of Power - How About NO!

by Barbara Ashley Phillips



>From Of Seeds and Sowers, NAICR's distinguished newsletter that includes current programs, projects and tele-classes, as well as humor and inspiration. Visit the <http://www.crtraining.org/> to learn more about the work of

Barbara Ashley Phillips and Kenneth Cloke.

What is it that gives words power?

Words Of Power Article »

News From Washington

New Director for ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Effective September 22, 2004, Ellen Miller will become the Director of the ABA's Section of Dispute Resolution replacing acting

our website
([washingtonmediation.org](http://www.washingtonmediation.org)) with ideas on how we can better meet the needs of mediators in Washington State.

We want to encourage all of our members to keep abreast of the Uniform Mediation Act (UMA) in the state of Washington. Many members, the Washington State Bar, Resolution Washington and state and local governmental alternative dispute resolution programs have worked to develop the current proposal. The WMA supports efforts to raise the minimum standards for mediators in the state of Washington. As Henry Ford said "Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is process. Working together is success."

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Director Gina Brown. Ellen currently is the Director of the Civil Mediation Program for the San Diego Superior Court and co-chair of the Section's Court ADR Committee. She previously worked for the State Bar of California as ADR Program Developer. She has served on the board of the California Dispute Resolution Council, and currently serves on the board of the San Diego chapter of ACR and a number of other organizations. She is a trained mediator and facilitator. Ellen can be reached at MillerE@staff.abanet.org.

Quick Bits of Info



WMA Region 1 Members Building Partnerships

WMA Region 1 members are supporting two area initiatives to develop conflict resolution programs within area schools.

Members lent their support to the Snohomish/Island County Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) effort to develop a partnership with Antioch University and Bellevue Community College to provide college conflict resolution certificate programs to university and college students.

Additionally, Region 1 members are supporting Skagit County DRC's work with students from a LaConner High School Communications and Mediation class and their plan to work with students next school year to develop an on-going mediation program based on Bellevue's Parent-Teen mediation program. Region 1 encompasses Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, and San Juan counties. Members prefer to stay connected via email. For more information about Region 1 activities and their mediation partnerships, contact Chris Koser at chris.koser@noaa.gov, Kathleen Nichols at kathleen.nichols@ci.seattle.wa.us, or Laura Pierson at lperson@voaww.org.

Region 5 and Community Mediation Services are co-hosting a meeting of SW Washington mediators, private practitioners and volunteers on Wednesday, September 29, 2004 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Vancouver City Hall Council Chambers, 210 E. 13th Street. Refreshments and prizes will be provided. For more information, contact Kevin Cornwell, (206 306-2516) www.washingtonmediation.org or Debbie Nelson, (360 619-1149) www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/chservices/mediation/.

Case Summary: Rojas v. Superior Court, Cal.

The California Supreme Court's decision in *Rojas v. Superior Court, Cal.* LEXIS 6281 (Cal., July 12, 2004) upheld the principle that confidentiality is essential to effective mediation when it ruled that mediation photographs and statements prepared for mediation are privileged and therefore inadmissible.

A full opinion of the court's finding is available online at: <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/opinions/documents/S111585.PDF>

Job Opening - Director PCDRC - Tacoma -- Call 253.572.3657 for information on applying.

CONGRATULATIONS to new and newly certified WMA members!

New Members:

Debra Brown, James Christensen, Joyce Ebbert, Raymond Gill, Rina Goodman, Julie Harper, Brian Jaeger, Timothy Kruschek, Shane Miller, Kathryn Olson, Susan Whaley,

Certified Members:

Michael Fraidenberg, Deborah Norris, Eleanor Cozart, Cary Craig, Joyce Ebbert, PamElla Waters, Marcella Fleming Reed

FINAL REPORT UMA

An Ad Hoc Work Group under the auspices of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) and composed of members from a wide range of interest groups within the WSBA and from some outside the WSBA including WMA has concluded that the Uniform Mediation Act (UMA) would constitute a substantial improvement over existing Washington law and recommends that the Washington State Bar Association support adoption of the UMA by the Washington State Legislature.

The UMA is expected to be introduced in the Washington State Legislature possibly as early as 2005. The WSBA Board of Governors will consider whether to adopt the Work Group's recommendations and amendments and co-sponsor the UMA. WMA supports the Work Group's recommendations and the adoption of the UMA by the State Legislature.

WMA would like to recognize Nick Wagner and thank him and the WSBA for their outstanding leadership in this effort.

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