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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

CCMO Celebrated our 25th Anniversary on November 12th!!! We are thrilled to have had great participation, with much fun reflecting on the past quarter century. The event provided great food and drinks with music provided by talented vocalist Megan Bunes. The event, which was originally scheduled as an opening celebration for the 2009 Statewide ADR Conference, was rescheduled due to the October snow storm. Even with the rescheduling, participants were able to find time in their busy lives for networking, reminiscing and fun. Thank you to all who were able to attend!





Here are some of our accomplishments in 2009:

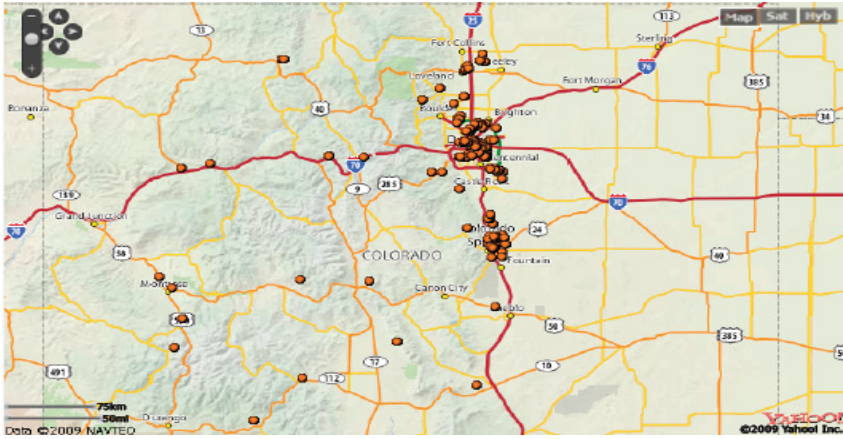
We want to thank all of our members who were able to attend the recent ADR conference sponsored by CCMO, DR section of the Bar, and the Office of Dispute Resolution. The preliminary feedback has been very positive. For those who weren't able to attend, we have conference binders available for you.

Also, we want to thank those who participated in the 25th Anniversary celebration. It was a great networking time with mediators who ranged in experience from having completed their 40-hours training 3 weeks ago all the way to some of the founding members from 1984! A lot of useful history and tips were exchanged in this venue.

We've recently begun updating our data and are discovering new ways to provide additional benefits for you. For example, we can now identify other CCMO members within proximity to your address on record and, in 2010, we plan to use this information to encourage more targeted networking opportunities.

Member benefits

- 25th Anniversary Celebration
- 3rd Annual Statewide ADR Conference (CCMO co-sponsored with DR section of the Bar and the Office of Dispute Resolution)
- CCMO Sponsors Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Conference
- Website improvement: secure login to allow members to self-update membership information
- Newsletter reinstatement to improve member communication



Internal operations improvements

- Board re-organization for more efficient future planning/execution
- Restructure of administrative team – including recent hiring of experienced coordinator, Brian Beck
- Recently hired our first Volunteer and Intern Coordinator (David Holland) to support existing committees and seek new energy and enthusiasm for the promotion of the mediation field

For 2010, we look forward to improving our membership communication and outreach, enhancing our services and expanding our impact in mediation-related areas.



Announcement of New Volunteer and Intern Coordinator



I am proud to present to you David Holland, CCMO's new Volunteer and Intern Coordinator. David is a dynamic individual with a breadth of knowledge in management and project development. He comes from a background in the IT world, and has much experience in mediation as well. Overall, David is well rounded in management and project development. Please contact David if you are interested in participating in any type of volunteer or committee activity with CCMO. We look forward to working with David and know that you will too. Please contact him at David@coloradomediation.org.

Control your own data!!!

CCMO is proud to announce the new user login section of our website for our members. Each member can now update their information LIVE on the website, simply by logging in. This gives each member the flexibility to customize their listing on the website. We encourage you to log in, check it out, and update your current information in our database.

Tell Us What You Think?

In addition to the annual membership renewal form, we're asking you to return the mini-survey enclosed to help us plan for our 2010 activities.

Instruction for the members to change their own information on our website

1. Go to our website: www.coloradomediation.org.
2. Please click on Current Member tabs.
3. Once you click on the Current Member, please click on Update Info on the below tabs.
4. Please add your information:
Username: First Initial (Capital Letter)+Last name (First letter is Capital Letter)
Password: (last 3 digits of your zip code)+ last name
5. Update your information then hit save.



NOTES FOR PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

Reminder for Professional Members the new Recommended Education and Training Guidelines are implemented with the 2010 renewal membership. Please submit your form with your professional membership renewal:

This form is on our website:

http://www.coloradomediation.org/ccmo/current_members/docs/REE-CE_Form.pdf

Continuing Education – 10 hours per year of continuing education in one or more of the following areas:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. components described in the Appendix 2. substantive knowledge in relevant subject areas. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lectures - books, articles, and other publications - observation of live or video mediations and role plays - interactive feedback (e.g. peer review, feedback from mediator observers) - electronic discussion groups - online training |
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- Continuing education in mediation could be obtained through:
- workshops
 - conferences
 - mentors

It is the mediator's responsibility to seek the most relevant continuing education. Mediators are encouraged to take advantage of a variety of educational opportunities, the focus of which may shift over time. For example, beginning mediators may find it helpful to focus more on process education, while more experienced mediators may find it useful to focus on substantive knowledge.



Get Involved- The Time is Now!!!



Board Positions Open:

It's time for our annual refresh of board positions. If you are interested in serving the mediation community please consider being a board member.

If you would like to apply for a board position, please e-mail us at ccmo@coloradomediation.org and we will send you an application.

Committee Positions Open:

If you are interested in a committee position. Return the mini survey on the back of your membership renewal, or contact our Volunteer Coordinator. David Holland david@coloradomediation.org.

We invite you to attend our Annual Meeting at the Burnsley Hotel in January. Come hear the new goals for the 2010 year and meet our new board members and Volunteer Coordinator.

Save the Date for January 23rd.



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Renewal Notice Enclosed

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Save the Date for the Annual Meeting: **Annual Meeting at the Burnsley Hotel in January 23rd, 2010.**