

**FAMILY MEDIATION CANADA**  
**Certification Committee Report for the AGM October 26, 2007 in Halifax, NS**

Chairperson: Linda Bonnell

Members: Judy McCann-Beranger, Dr. Howard Irving, Bev Porter, Cynthia Spratt-Goodmundson, Kent Taylor

The Certification committee met four times from Nov 2006 to present (February 5<sup>th</sup> 2007, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2007, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and September 18<sup>th</sup> 2007)

The Assessor contracts were reviewed, updated and signed for 2007.

Licenses to offer Certification Preparation Workshops were researched, and renewals sent out. The Justice Institute of BC has renewed their license.

The Applicant's Certification Preparation binder was updated and circulated.

Lilian Henrikson, our Certifying Administrator, spent an evening with the Committee answering questions about the application process, fee structure and special circumstances.

The Committee recommended to the Board that the window for applicants to submit their video exam be increased to two years from the date of application. The Committee also recommended that applicants who did not pass the written exam would only be required to re-write the portion of the written exam they did not pass. A bank of questions is needed in order to fulfill this plan. The fees associated with this initiative still need to be worked out. As well, it was recommended that the process to upgrade certification include a new updated application, proof of maintenance of certification for every year since the original certification was obtained, and a written exam. And it was recommended that there be no time limit placed on applications to upgrade certification.

A sub-committee working group met to discuss strategies for offering national certification preparation workshops. No one stepped forward to take leadership of this project. We were unable to carry out the Board's plan to offer national certification workshops across the country due to a lack of participation and resources. A member from Ontario tried, but was not able to get enough registrants to hold a certification preparation workshop.

Since our last AGM we have 13 new certified members.

This brings to 154 the number of Certified Members, reported by province as follows:  
British Columbia, 112; Alberta, 3; Saskatchewan, 1; Manitoba, 8; Ontario, 16;  
New Brunswick, 8; Nova Scotia, 1; Prince Edward Island, 3; Newfoundland, 1;  
And Nevada, 1

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bonnell  
Chair