

## **Certification Committee Report**

The FMC certification committee is chaired by Judy McCann-Beranger (NL) and the members are: Cynthia Spratt Goodmundson (MN), Betty Ife (BC), Eric Skoglund (NL) and Linda Bonnell (BC)

As of September 8, 2014 we have a total of 142 certified members: 2 from Alberta, 114 from British Columbia, 5 from Manitoba, 1 from New Brunswick, 2 from Newfoundland, 1 from Nova Scotia, 12 from Ontario, 3 from P.E.I., 1 from Quebec, and 1 from Saskatchewan. Since our last AGM we have 9 new FMC Certified mediators, we currently have 11 candidates in the application process. Last year 3 certified members retired. The committee continues to review the FMC certification Program and has examined some of the challenges that continue to prevent mediators from acquiring their certification. FMC certification is considered by most in the field to be the gold star training program, exemplified by also having achieved the status as an IMI certifying organization.

Over this past year the committee addressed protocols for people renewing their certification credentials after a lapse in membership; reviewed the PLAR program, (Prior Learning and Recognition); reviewed and approved family mediation training on request and we are in the process of reviewing and updating all our policies and procedures. Work is ongoing with regard to a database system for tracking certification maintenance hours and practicum requirements. The updated Program Manual, Candidate's Manual, Trainer's Manual, and Assessor's Manual was revised and in use since last year.

A very special thanks to our Certification Committee for their dedication and donation of expertise and many precious hours. Thanks to our Certification Registrar, Linda Bonnell who oversees the assessment process and all its entails. Thanks to assessor Kirstin Lund for her ongoing support to Linda and the program.

Thank-you to Carrie Cekerevac, for her support to the committee and who is the first contact with our new certification candidates. Carrie does the referral to either the Certification Registrar or the Certification Committee for assistance.

Thanks to the Board of Directors, whose ongoing recognition, commitment and support of this exemplary program allows us to continue promoting and developing this necessary standard.

Judy M. Beranger, Certification Committee Chair