

ELDER MEDIATION COMMITTEE 2013 REPORT

The Elder Mediation Committee for 2013 was comprised of the following FMC members:

Colleen Currie, Co-Chair

Patricia Donihee, Co-Chair

Judy McCann-Beranger

Andrew Pavey

Elizabeth Reagh

Elizabeth Sterritt

1. The EM Committee focus this past year was on outreach. To this end:
 - We developed a brochure on elder mediation that has now been approved by the FMC Board. We plan to have the brochure available by the end of the calendar year. A special thanks to Greg McCann-Beranger and Andrew Pavey for their hard work and endless patience in getting the EM Committee to a final product.
 - We, together with Mary Damianakis, reached out to the Alzheimer Society of Canada with the hope of creating an on-line link between FMC and the Alzheimer Society websites. We believe it is a natural alignment and a valuable source of support to link those whose loved ones are suffering from Alzheimer's disease with elder mediators. This is an on-going dialogue.
2. The EM Committee started the process of aligning the certification standards for Elder Mediators with the FMC certification standards. There is much work that needs to be done in this area, both in the written materials and on the website. The EM Committee intends to work with the current Registrar for Elder Mediators, Greg McCann-Beranger, as well as with Linda Bonnell, the new Registrar for Family Relations Mediators and Family Comprehensive Mediators, in order to accomplish this important task.
3. We also looked at some governance aspects for the EM Committee. We agreed:
 - that all motions presented to the FMC Board must be approved by the Committee in advance;
 - that our Committee meeting minutes would be provided to the FMC Board;
 - that it would be helpful to have some corporate memory, particularly as the Chair of the EM Committee rotates annually. To that end, "Notes to the Chair" were developed, which Notes can be built on by each subsequent Chair.

It has been a pleasure working with the Family Mediation Canada Board, whose important work on mediation in all its specializations I whole-heartedly support. I thank Carrie for her positive, 'can-do' attitude and diligence. It was also a privilege to be co-chair of the Elder Mediation Committee. Unfortunately, due to family commitments, I am unable to contribute more to the Board or the EM Committee at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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