

**Notes from ACR Chapter Leaders Teleconference
September 7, 2006**

Agenda items for the call:

- I. LPP
 - II. Conflict Resolution Day
 - III. Master Calendar of Events
 - IV. MMM Update
 - V. Annual Conference and Leadership Council Discussion
 - VI. Next Steps
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Participants:

- Tara Fishler – ACR Chapters Director
 - Ed Blumstein – Greater DE Valley
 - Ruth Lusby - Arizona
 - Ken Starr – Florida
 - Christina Franco – Georgia
 - Art Benson – Minnesota
 - Debra Romanski – Greater DE Valley
 - Ashley Parker – ACR Membership and Chapters Associate
 - Pat Shanahan – Northern California
 - Tazewell Hubbard – Virginia
 - Art Finkle – New Jersey
 - Greg Firestone – LPP
 - Ray Lanier – ACR President-Elect
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I. LPP

Discussion: ACR has been closely following the UMA (Unified Mediation Act) and is aware of cases of UPL (Unauthorized Practice of Law.) Go to www.ncusl.org, to the legislative page to see where the UMA has been adopted. Greg reported that he is aware that the ABA is writing opinions based on the Model Standards. We are discussing whether or not to get involved in that issue. Ruth reported that Arizona passed a UPL rule for mediators. Go to www.viriniacourts.com for articles on what is legal information versus what is advice.

II. Conflict Resolution Day

Discussion: We continue to get proclamations and make plans. Georgia is having a Conflict Resolution Day Fair. Updates are constantly added to the ACR website at <http://www.ACRnet.org/crday/crday2006events.htm>. Events held in the past can be found at <http://www.ACRnet.org/crday/crday2005.htm> and ideas for events can be found at <http://www.ACRnet.org/crday/ideas.htm>. Make sure you let Ashley (Chapters@ACRnet.org) know so she can promote it on the ACR website.

Note: Please always send announcements through Ashley so that all of the appropriate persons are notified and your advertising/announcements reach all of the venues they can (the Master Calendar, *ACResolution* magazine, *ACRUpdate*, Conflict Resolution Day website, etc.) Please be aware that information for *ACRUpdate* must be received by Ashley by the 20th of each month so that it may be distributed on the 1st.

III. Master Calendar of Events

Discussion: ACR's Master Calendar is up and running. Please visit it at <http://www.ACRnet.org/webcalendar>. If you have any events going on, please let Ashley know (Chapters@ACRnet.org) and they will be posted.

IV. MMM Update

Discussion: ACR is running a campaign to recruit new members from within Chapters, by using the membership lists provided as part of the Annual Reports. ACR has sent a letter to each Chapter that has sent in the membership list, asking for the President to co-sign a letter with Ray Lanier to encourage the Chapter members to join ACR. ACR is also asking that each Chapter have the President along with others make personal calls to their membership to encourage enrollment. A big thank you to those Chapters that have already sent in their signatures. Packets of these letters, an issue of *ACResolution* magazine, a Sections brochure, an Annual Conference postcard, and an application have been sent to members of the Georgia, Florida, Greater Delaware Valley, New Jersey and Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapters (Minnesota packets went out shortly after this call took place.)

V. Annual Conference and Leadership Council Discussion

Discussion: There will be a Chapters table at the ACR Annual Conference. We will be distributing fortune cookies with Chapter-related messages ("Nurture your network, get involved in a Chapter" "Your Chapter needs your expertise" "Networking increases your net, get involved in a Chapter today" "Get more out of life and your career, get involved in your ACR Chapter" plus the website,) buttons saying "Ask me about my Chapter," and possibly balloons. Each Chapter is encouraged to supply fliers, brochures, applications, and program announcements to be distributed.

Discussion: The Leadership Council agenda is still being planned. Anyone with questions or topics they would like discussed should contact Tara.

Discussion: Each Chapter is strongly encouraged to send a representative. ACR will reimburse Chapters for Tuesday night's hotel and dinner (for one person.)

Tara Fishler (tara@tarafishler.com) is always interested to learn what issues you'd like to talk about on future calls. Please send her your requests!

**Our next Chapter Leaders Conference Call will take place on
Thursday, October 5, 2006.**

Please save the date for a call on the first Thursday of each month.