

TMCA at a Conference near You

TMCA continues to attend meetings and conferences to promote and explain credentialing and the importance of quality in mediation. Look for us at the ADR Section of the State Bar in Houston, January 30th, and at the TAM conference in Dallas, February 27th and 28th. Stop by and visit with us if you're at either of these conferences. We'll be at seven more conferences during 2009. In 2008 we added the National Association of Social Workers/Texas Chapter conference in Galveston and found much interest in mediation and credentialing.

Jim Gibson Resigns

Jim has served on the TMCA board since its formation in 2001 in a number of roles including representative for TMTR and subsequently for trainers and very importantly as secretary of the organization. Jim has made an immeasurable contribution to TMCA during the formative and succeeding years. Thanks Jim for all the good work and collegiality. Commensurate with Jim's resignation, Cris Gilbert will move from consumer representative to become the trainers' representative on the board. Effective January 1, 2009, John Palmer will join the board as the consumer representative and assume the role of secretary.

Symposium Feedback

Feedback is now in from the Fourth Annual TMCA Symposium in November of last year. As with past symposia, we had maximum attendance with over 100 attendees. 79% of the evaluations rated the symposium as excellent. Amid a number of very useful presentations, Lee Taft's presentation on apology garnered particularly high marks as being substantive and applicable.

Renewals

TMCA saw substantial growth in 2008 with a total of 260 credential holders compared to 226 in 2007. We would like to build on this growth and hence encourage all 2008 credential holders to renew as soon as possible. Applications for renewal are available for download at http://txmca.org/renewal_info.html. Additional Information can be found at <http://txmca.org/Maintenance%20&%20Renewal.pdf>. We are again planning an ad in the State Bar journal this May and while the deadline to be included as a credential holder is March 1, please renew as soon as possible in case there are any questions that need to be resolved.