



February 18, 2025

Re: 2025 Welcome Letter, Membership Dues and Deadlines

Dear New Mexico Collaborative Practice Group Member:

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to the opportunities and connections we will make in 2025. Here's are review of our accomplishments in 2024:

- Melissa Valles-Relyea, President of M Marketing (mmarketing.guru), continued to head up our marketing campaign enhancing our social media presence, advertisements in local publications, updating our website, setting up our networking meetings, and helping us recruit new members.
- Kathryn Terry (Terry & deGraauw, P.C.) and Jessica Roth (Armstrong, Roth, Whitley, Johnstone, LLC) continued their efforts for our Collaborative movement, conducting the Collaborative Family Law class, offered by the UNM School of Law. The class will be offered again this Spring semester: February 28 – March 2. NMCPG will be sponsoring lunch for the students, please plan to attend and share your experience as a Collaborative Practitioner. Lunch will be on Saturday, March 1st from 11:30am – 12:15pm.
- This year we had a tie again for the 2024 Best Collaborative Practitioner of the Year: James Bristol & Jensen Wallace! Congratulations to them, as well as to all our nominees!

Thank you to all our NMCPG Board Members of 2024—your continued contributions of your time and energy to our cause are much appreciated! Rachel Biro (Treasurer), Morgan Honeycutt (Vice President), James Bristol (Secretary), Bobbie Batley, Ken Gilman, Julie Wittenberger, Jensen Wallace and Emma Whitley. In 2025 we look forward to working with our new Board Member, Elizabeth Ashton.

All great organizations are dependent on their members to be active and involved – and there's never a shortage of need for passion and commitment! We have several committees that can use leadership and assistance, and there's no better way to network with your colleagues than working together to accomplish a shared goal. Please consider serving on one!

NMCPG COMMITTEES (CHAIRPERSONS)

- Membership (vacant)
- Communications (vacant)
- Community Outreach (vacant)
- Advanced Symposium (Bobbie Batley & Emma Whitley)
- New Collaborative Practitioner (vacant)
- Marketing (Rachel Biro & Ingrid Roosild)
- Alternative Fee Committee (Ingrid Roosild)

The NMCPG serves in many capacities! Membership in a statewide organization provides family law attorneys, financial experts and mental health professionals with the tools and support to develop and participate in the Collaborative Divorce process:

- **Networking:** NMCPG provides a group of like-minded professionals that share the values of divorcing clients in a respectful and interest-based fashion;
- **Website promotion:** As a member of NMCPG, you are listed on the NMCPG website directory as a Collaborative Professional. This is a great resource for promoting our members and Collaborative Divorce (nmcollaborativedivorce.org);
- **Marketing:** Promotes Collaborative Practice by raising awareness of the availability of Collaborative Practice in New Mexico;
- **Sponsorship:** Supports and sponsors local group collaborative efforts, education and recruitment;
- **Education:** NMCPG organizes educational symposiums with top-level, national speakers for advanced practitioners, entry level training for new practitioners and workshops to further hone and advance our skills as Collaborative Practitioners;
- **Organization:** Centralizes administrative functions such as dues renewals;
- **IACP member benefits** include national and international access to the best current thinking in Collaborative Practice, opportunities for networking and educational forums, a personal profile page on their website and a subscription to the acclaimed *Collaborative Review* packed with articles to enhance your practice;

Included with this letter is your combined dues renewal form. Dues renewal notices are for the combined state (NMCPG) and national/international (IACP) groups. As with previous years, we request that you **do not respond to any dues renewal notices from IACP** as we take care of submitting payment to each organization on your behalf.

All members will receive a QuickBooks Invoice for 2025 dues from nmcollaborativedivorce@gmail.com. If you do not receive one, please contact Rachel Biro to request she re-send the invoice at rachel.biro@REDW.com. Don't forget to print, sign and forward your renewal form to us!

Membership deadlines are as follows:

- The "early bird" registration fee deadline is **March 1, 2025**.
- The final deadline to submit your dues is **March 15, 2025**. If we do not receive your renewal by March 15th, you will be removed from the NMCPG website and email distribution lists.

The NMCPG Board is hopeful that 2025 will bring more opportunities for our members to meet, network, learn, and continue our work to promote Collaborative Divorce in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

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