



February 6, 2026

Re: 2026 Welcome Letter, Membership Dues and Deadlines

Dear New Mexico Collaborative Practice Group Member:

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and are looking ahead to the opportunities and connections we'll make in 2026. While I have stepped down as President, I've truly valued working alongside everyone on the Board and look forward to continuing to serve as a board member and on various committees.

Here's a review of our accomplishments in 2025:

- Melissa Valles-Relyea, President of M Marketing (mmarketing.guru), continued to lead our marketing initiatives, with a focus on strengthening our social media presence and overseeing a comprehensive redesign of our outdated website.
- Kathryn Terry (Terry & deGraauw, P.C.) and Jessica Roth (Armstrong, Roth, Whitley, Johnstone, LLC) continued their leadership in advancing the Collaborative movement by teaching the Collaborative Family Law course at the UNM School of Law. This year's class was held earlier than usual, on Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7. NMCPG once again sponsored lunch for the students, and we hope many of you were able to attend and encourage participants to consider becoming involved in Collaborative Practice.
- Congratulations to our 2025 Best Collaborative Practitioner of the Year: Ken Gilman!

Thank you to all our NMCPG Board Members of 2025—your continued contributions of your time and energy to our cause are much appreciated! Rachel Biro (Treasurer), Morgan Honeycutt (Vice President), James Bristol (Secretary), Elizabeth Ashton, Bobbie Batley, Ken Gilman, Julie Wittenberger & Emma Whitley. In 2026 we look forward to working with our new Board Members: Laura Horton, Brandon Ilgen, Chelsey Pelzman & Sheila Vaughn.

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 (Julie Wittenberger, James Bristol, Sheila Vaughn)
- Marketing & Communications (Elizabeth Ashton)
- Community Outreach (vacant)
- Advanced Training (Bobbie Batley & Emma Whitley)
- Basic Training (Katie Terry & Jessica Roth)
- D.O.N.E Divorce Committee (Ingrid Roosild)
- Best Collaborative Practitioner (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;
- **Marketing:** Promotes Collaborative Practice by raising awareness of the availability of Collaborative Practice in New Mexico; 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);
- **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.

For the first time in over 20 years, we have adjusted our dues to account for the rising costs of the professional services that support our organization. To continue welcoming and retaining new professionals, we are offering a \$100 discount to all members—new or renewing—who are within the first five years of their careers.

All members will receive a QuickBooks Invoice for 2026 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!

The **deadline to submit your dues is March 15, 2026**. If we do not receive your renewal by March 15th, you will be removed from the NMCPG website and email distribution lists. **Dues received after March 15th will incur a \$50 late fee.**

The NMCPG Board is hopeful that 2026 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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