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Peace & Reconciliation Report

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Welcome to our weekly membership newsletter. We encourage you to share your reflections, news items, and experiences with others in the MBB community via this newsletter.

To submit information for the next issue, please e-mail batokovambb@gmail.com by the end of the day on Friday. The newsletter will be sent out every Monday.

Mark Your Calendars:

November 14

Ghana-Liberia Fundraiser
Annapolis, Maryland, USA

November 23

MBB Presentation – Robert Creo
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

December 10

MBB LA Committee Meeting
Santa Monica, California, USA

January 21

Pathways to Reconciliation
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

January 21

The Promise of Nonviolence
Washington, D.C., USA

February 15 – 18

MBB Congress
St. Malo, Colorado, USA

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In the Field:

November 28 – Dec. 10

MBB Ghana Initiative
Buduburam Camp, Ghana

March 5 – 8

Hurricane Katrina Project Training
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

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What's New at MBB

New Interns join MBB Pittsburgh Office

Barbora Batokova returned and **Stephanie Della Camera** joined the Pittsburgh office in September. Barbora is a Professional Communications major at Chatham University and will be graduating this spring. Barbora's primary responsibilities include updating the website, producing the weekly membership newsletter and designing promotional materials. Stephanie is a junior at Chatham University majoring in Accounting & Management. Stephanie's responsibilities include processing new members and handling e-mail communication with new and existing members.

Regina Mullen to chair "Conflictpedia" Committee

Regina Mullen, *Founding Member, Seattle, Washington, USA*, has agreed to chair a project "Conflictpedia" to accumulate resources for MBB projects and general ADR and peacekeeping knowledge. The concept is to create an online resource, where contributions are made by members and student chapters in the form of summary of articles, PowerPoint presentations and other formats that can be searched and downloaded by the membership. If you're interested in volunteering for this project please e-mail Regina Mullen.



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Potential Projects

MBB has received formal and informal interest in initiatives in the following areas: Cambodia, East Timor, Ecuador, Fiji, Israel and Palestinian territories, Kosovo, Lebanon, Morocco, Nicaragua, Niger Delta, Nepal, Rwanda, Zimbabwe. Notices will go out on each area after the Board has had an opportunity to review and formulate specific activities.

Current Initiatives Updates

MBB Members to travel to Buduburam Settlement, Ghana

Robert A. Creo, *Secretary-Treasurer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA*; **Harriet Nettles**, *Founding Member, Mechanicsville, Maryland, USA*; **Ingrid Lundberg**, *Founding Member, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA*; **Prabha Sankaranarayan**, *Founding Member, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA*; and Tammy Craig, Program Director for Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, will travel to the Buduburam refugee settlement in Ghana to explore long-term initiatives involving Liberians currently in the Buduburam Settlement and former child soldiers.

Penelope Bissett, *Coordinator of the MBB Child Soldier Restorative Initiative and Researcher at the Ford Institute for Human Security at the University of Pittsburgh*; **Thomas Oswald**, *Founding Member, Boston, Massachusetts, USA*; and **Lisa Stefanac**, *Founding Member, Chicago, Illinois, USA*; are planning a follow-up trip in January 2008. The Project Implementation Panel consisting of **Prabha**, **Thomas** and **Ingrid** will issue a detailed report and project outline to the board for consideration after they return.

If you are interested in being considered for this project or have any information that might be beneficial to us, e-mail ghana.mbb@gmail.com.

To make a donation, mail a check to our Pittsburgh office or donate online via PayPal.



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MBB launches Hurricane Katrina Project

In response to Hurricane Katrina, MBB has formed a project to work in the Gulf area. We will partner with the Mississippi Mediation Project (MMP) founded by Laurel Kaufer of Los Angeles, California; and the Family Mediation Council of Louisiana, based in New Orleans and directed by Susan C. Norwood.

In March, 2008, MBB will send its first Project Team to Mississippi and New Orleans to work with local community based mediators to improve their skills in a variety of areas. Founding Members on the project team that will present a diverse set of skill-building workshops for local mediators in both states include:

Ken Cloke, *MBB President, Santa Monica, California, USA*
Nan Waller Burnett, *MBB Director, Golden, Colorado, USA*
Joan Goldsmith, *MBB Director, Santa Monica, California, USA*
Marvin Johnson, *Silver Spring, Maryland, USA*
Louise Phipps Senft, *Baltimore, Maryland, USA*

Louise Phipps Senft wrote an article published in the ACR magazine, ACResolutions in 2005, titled " Katrina: Turning Problems into Opportunities. The article is available for download on the website listed below.

We are asking all MBB members who are interested in contributing to this project team and either traveling to Mississippi and/or New Orleans to continue our work or supporting our efforts in other ways to contact our Pittsburgh office by e-mail neworleans.mbb@gmail.com. No funds are available for travel, but local mediators have volunteered to put people up in their homes.



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Harriett Nettles and Tammy Craig to travel to Monrovia, Liberia

Harriett Nettles, *Founding Member, Mechanicsville, Maryland, USA*, and Tammy Craig, Program Director for Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, will travel to Monrovia, Liberia for networking purposes and to identify potential partners for MBB.

Student Chapter News

University of Pittsburgh

Sponsors a movie night

MBB Student Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA showed a documentary “Why We Fight” filmed during the Iraq War that dissects America’s military machine on Nov. 7. The chapter’s adviser **Robert A. Creo**, *MBB Secretary-Treasurer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA*; and **Barbora Batokova**, *MBB Intern*, attended the event.

Trains members in Conflict Management

On two Saturdays in October **Bernie Behrend**, *Founding Member, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA*; and **Martha Harty**, *Founding Member, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA*; volunteered to lead training in basic conflict management skills for over a dozen student chapter members.

Contributes to Child Soldier Restorative Initiative

Chapter members have volunteered to research and summarize current academic literature and initiatives involving former child soldiers. This work will ultimately be available through “Conflictpedia.”

New Chapter chartered at University of Florida, Gainesville

A new chapter was chartered in November at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., USA. The president is Johann Josef Smith and Emily White serves as the treasurer. The chapter’s faculty adviser is Leonard Riskin with MBB Contact person **Lynn Cole**, *MBB Director, Tampa, Florida, USA*.



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New Chapters in Progress:

Regis University, Denver, Colorado, USA

A new chapter was also established at the Regis University. The chapter is also looking into forming a Colorado MBB Intercollegiate Consortium to involve other schools in the Denver-Boulder area. The chapter will hold MBB Interest Meeting on November 27 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Regis University Mountain View Room and on November 29 from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. in the Regis ALC Room 303.



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University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

The administration of the university has approved the formation of MBB Student Chapter. **Lynn Cole**, *MBB Director, Tampa, Florida, USA*, is serving as the adviser.

Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, USA

Washington University in St. Louis is also forming a new chapter with **C.J. Larkin**, *MBB Director, St. Louis, Missouri, USA*; as faculty adviser.

The students are interested in organizing and managing “Shadow Observation Program,” where student members from any MBB Chapter could attend as an observer an ADR process with an MBB member, while on their semester breaks. If you are interested in participating in this potential project, please e-mail shadow.mbb@gmail.com.

Regional Committee News

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

Founding Members continue to facilitate meetings and dialogue between Somali Bantu refugees and public schools in Pittsburgh.

Maryland & Washington D.C., USA

Rachel Wohl, *MBB Director, Annapolis, Maryland, USA*; facilitated the first meeting on October 31.

Los Angeles, California, USA

Kenneth Cloke, *MBB President, Santa Monica, California, USA*; will host the first meeting in his office at the Center for Dispute Resolution 2411 18th Street, Santa Monica, California from 6:30 - 8 p.m.



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New Members

Founding Member status extended until January 2008

To show our appreciation for your continued support, we have decided to extend the Founding Member status to all mediator members who join before January 15, 2008. Please direct everyone who is interested in joining to our website www.mediatorsbeyondborders.org to fill out an online application or download a printable pdf available in the Downloads section to be sent to our Pittsburgh office.

MBB Welcomes new Founding Mediator Members

Jelena Arsenic, *Belgrade, Serbia*; **Kalid Day**, *Florida, USA*; **Mary Damianakis**, *Quebec, Canada*; **Craig Distelhorst**, *Annapolis, Maryland, USA*; **Emily Gould**, *Montpelier, Vermont, USA*; **Patricia Miller**, *Annapolis, Maryland, USA*; **Suzie Norbeck**, *Mesa, Arizona, USA*; **Tracy Ohlson**, *Vancouver, Canada*; **Ilse Scarpetti**, *Zurich, Switzerland*; **J. Mark Weiss**, *Seattle, Washington, USA*

MBB Welcomes new Citizen Supporters

Lawrence Cerrillo, *Evergreen, Colorado, USA*

Member Presentations & Media Presence

MBB presentation at ACR attended by over 100 people



On a late Friday afternoon in Phoenix at the ACR Conference in October, President **Ken Cloke**, *MBB Secretary-Treasurer Robert A. Creo* and *MBB Directors Richard DeWitt, Lynn Cole, Rachel Wohl, C.J. Larkin* and *Founding Member Harriett Nettles*, detailed the vision, progress and direction of MBB to a packed room to great enthusiasm. The audience so captivated that many people stayed beyond the allocated time to continue the dialogue.

Numerous MBB Founding Member made presentations at ACR. A special activity was *MBB Director C.J. Larkin's* and *Founding Member Pamela DeVoe's* workshop with Nepali Mediators.



ACR Listing of MBB Presentations: <http://www.mediatorsbeyondborders.org/pg73.cfm>

Penelope Bissett Presents on Child Soldiers at Chatham University



Penelope Bissett, *Coordinator of the MBB Child Soldier Restorative Initiative and Ford Institute Researcher*, gave a presentation titled "Vicious Cycle of Violence – The Consequences of Ignoring Child Soldiers" on Nov. 1 at Chatham University, Pittsburgh, Penn., USA. The event was co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Conflict directed by **Sandi DiMola**, *MBB Director, New York City, New York, USA*.

Sarah Drinkwater, *MBB Student Chapter University of Pittsburgh Student Member*, **Jean Jacques Sene**, *Chatham University Professor*, and *MBB Interns Barbora Batokova* and **Stephanie Della Camera** attended the event.

Robert A. Creo attends World Mediation Forum Congress in Jerusalem



Robert A. Creo, *MBB Secretary-Treasurer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA*, presented and promoted MBB at the World Mediation Forum Congress in Jerusalem in October. There were a number of mediators that enthusiastically embraced the MBB mission. Bob also had the opportunity to spend two days in the West Bank hosted by Palestinian families.

President Ken Cloke presents at Southern California Mediation Association

Ken Cloke, *MBB President, Santa Monica, California, USA*, keynoted Southern California Mediation Association Conference held on November 4 at Pepperdine University School of Law. He spoke about Mediators Beyond Borders and over a dozen of the audience members expressed an immediate desire to participate in our activities.

Member Publications

Judith Meyer, *Founding Member, Philadelphia, USA* published a Review of MBB Secretary-Treasurer, treatise, ADR Law, Procedures and Commentary in the November issue of The Pennsylvania Lawyer.

Nan Waller Burnett, *MBB Director, Golden, Colorado, USA*, published "Calm in the Face of the Storm: Spiritual Daily Practice for the Peacemaker" (2007).

Please let us know about your recent publications. E-mail batokovambb@gmail.com.

Members Reflections

Please send us your thoughts to be published in this section. E-mail batokovambb@gmail.com.

Grants & Funding

Morocco, Sri Lanka, Uganda USAID proposals not accepted

Grant proposals that were prepared over the summer by Emily Hench and submitted to USAID weren't accepted.

USIP Ghana-Liberia Grant pending

USIP Ghana Grant was drafted and filed under the leadership of Harriet Nettles, *Founding Member, Mechanicsville, Maryland, USA*, and is pending for response by March 1. The sum of approximately \$40,000 was requested to provide mediation and conflict management activities in the Buduburam Settlement, Ghana.

Ghana Initiative fundraisers

Rachel Wohl, *MBB Director, Annapolis, Maryland, USA*, is having a fundraiser for the trip to Buduburam Camp in Ghana on November 14 at 92 Quarterly Road in Annapolis, Maryland.



To make a donation, call 412-441-1151, mail a check or donate via PayPal.



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Donors

Mark Modlin donates funds to support MBB Interns

Mark Modlin, *Founding Member, Louisville, Kentucky, USA*, donated funds to support student interns from Chatham University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA.

Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, PC donate funds for Ghana-Liberia Initiative

Pittsburgh-based Dickey McCamey & Chilcote PC attorneys donated funds for meals for refugees participating in the MBB activities at the Buduburam Settlement in Ghana at the request of its partner **Ingrid Lundberg**, *Founding Member, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA*.

Jill Albrecht, Jane Anderson, Bob Delgreco, Rick Dorfzaun, Katherine G. Horigan, Linda V. Hernandez, Steve Houghton, Joseph Luvara, Jim Miller, Susan K. Wright.

John Deere Foundation makes a donation for Ghana-Liberia Initiative

John Deere Foundation donated parts for a tractor for the Buduburam Settlement, Ghana.

We thank all the donors for their support.

In the Field

Please let us know your travel plans and activities.

Upcoming Events

MBB to hold its First Annual Congress in St. Malo, Colorado on Feb 15-18, 2008

Mediators beyond Borders will hold its first congress titled “**Transforming the World, One Conflict at a Time**” in the St. Malo Retreat Center in Colorado, USA. Topics of discussion include strategies to help save the planet; indigenous/environmental disputes; culture, prejudice and bias reduction; role of VORP and restorative justice and many others.

Speakers include: **Kenneth Cloke**, JD, LLM, Ph.D., *President of Mediators Beyond Borders*
Daniel Bowling, Esq. Co-Author “Bringing Peace into the Room”
Erica Ariel Fox, JD, *MBB Director, Harvard Program on Negotiation Insight Initiative*
John Paul Lederach, Ph.D. & **Herman Weaver**, Ph.D. “Peacebuilding: Songs from the Road”

Costs: \$695.00, double/ \$895.00 single *Price includes lodging, all meals, supplies, retreat and MBB Congress.



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Administration

OVERHEAD

Currently all administrative expenses and overhead are provided from membership dues and supporter donations. **Robert A. Creo**, *MBB Secretary-Treasurer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA* and **Sandi DiMola**, *MBB Director, New York City, New York, USA* donate office space for MBB. All directors, officers and mediators serve as volunteers and do not receive any compensation for their administrative or professional services. Directors and members expend their personal funds to participate in conferences and activities on behalf of MBB. Neither the officers or directors receive any reimbursement for travel. MBB has also recently adopted a Human Resources Manual drafted by **Lynn Cole**, *MBB Director, Tampa, Florida, USA* and **Kenneth Cloke**, *Santa Monica, California, USA* to reflect values of MBB.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues statements are mailed once each quarter, with quarterly payment option or annually, with \$ 1 per day minimum.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Financial statements are issued monthly for Board of Directors and distributed annually to membership. If anyone would like a copy of the most recent one, please e-mail **Kimberly A. Cox**.

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501(c)(3) Status

The filing was made in July and the IRS sought additional information, which was submitted in November. We hope to have a favorable response in the upcoming weeks.

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