



## President's Message April 2017

I am honored to serve as TAM's President this year. I hope you are having a very pleasant Spring and enjoying this delightful time of year! Spring is a time when everything is in bloom and all things are made new once again. This time of year invites thoughtful reflection as we consider ways to foster self-renewal in many facets of our lives, both personal and professional.

This Spring TAM is making efforts to support its members' renewal, self-improvement, and skill building so we can be more effective dispute resolution practitioners. TAM is fortunate to have a very dedicated board of talented and accomplished professionals who voluntarily give their time, energy, skills, and experience in serving our organization. As TAM President, I will do my best to lead our Board in continued service to our members.

TAM is committed to helping its members become better practitioners by continuing to provide opportunities to sharpen their conflict resolution skills. We strive to provide many training and development opportunities for our members through our annual Professional Development Conference. Our most recent conference was well attended, and the evaluations received to date show 56% of respondents rating the conference as "excellent" and 41% as "good." These stats are very impressive, and TAM is proud to have delivered another successful conference. Your feedback is very important to us, so if you have not completed the conference evaluation, please provide your input.

With the TAM e-Newsletter and TAM social media, our members receive very useful information and stay abreast of current ADR news, events, and professional development opportunities. TAM is looking into redesigning our email platform to enhance timely communication and broaden the scope of our outreach to increase membership. We are also considering investing in new website technology to allow us to host webinars and online training opportunities. In addition to providing the best services and high quality programs for its members, these advancements will also help TAM maintain fiscal responsibility.

TAM Members are urged to submit ideas and requests for programs, and we will do our best to meet your professional development and networking needs. Great ideas will only grow with continued support from our members, so please renew your membership and get involved. It is my hope that you continue to advance your mediator skills, knowledge, training, and networking opportunities through your association with TAM.

Wishing you a joyful, peaceful, and abundant Spring!

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