



# Mediators Beyond Borders™

Partnering for Peace & Reconciliation

## Peace & Reconciliation Report

November 19, 2007

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](mailto:batokovambb@gmail.com) by the end of the day on Friday. The newsletter will be sent out every Monday.

### Mark Your Calendars:

#### November 29

**Student Chapter Meeting**  
Columbia, Maryland, USA

#### December 10

**MBB LA Committee Meeting**  
Santa Monica, California, USA

#### January 7

**Meeting for MD, D.C. & Northern VA**  
Washington D.C., 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-Liberia Initiative**  
Buduburam Settlement, Ghana, Africa

#### March 5 – 8

**Hurricane Katrina Project**  
Biloxi, Mississippi, USA  
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

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## What's New at MBB

### MBB hires a new administrative assistant

Mediators Beyond Borders hired a new administrative assistant Maria Aurand to help with daily administrative functions including processing new members and communication. Maria will join us full time in December.

### MBB adopts new human resources manual

MBB has 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.

## Current Initiatives Updates

### Current & Proposed Projects:

This report was compiled by **Ken Cloke**, *MBB President, Santa Monica, California, USA*. If you wish to volunteer with a project, e-mail to the e-mail address below each project.

#### • Pittsburgh Somali Refugee Project:

**PROJECT BOARD LIASION:** **Sandi DiMola**, *MBB Director, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA*

**Project Implementation Panel:** **Prabha Sankaranarayan & Martha Harty** *Founding Members, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA*

**MBB Members Involved:**

**Project activities:** Facilitating meetings and dialogue between Somali Bantu refugees and public schools in Pittsburgh.

**Upcoming events:** Facilitating meetings and dialogue.

**Supporting Student Chapter:** University of Pittsburgh (?)



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#### • Ghana-Liberia

**PROJECT BOARD LIASION:** **Bob Creo**, *MBB Secretary-Treasurer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA*,

**Project Implementation Panel:** **Harriet Nettles**, *Founding Member, Mechanicsville, Maryland, USA*, **Ingrid Lundberg, Prabha Sankaranarayan**, *Founding Members, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA*

**Project Partners:** During the assessment trip, meetings will be held with numerous potential collaborators on this initiative.

**Project Activities:** Tammy Craig, Maryland, USA and **Harriett Nettles** will spend several days in Monrovia, Liberia engaged in meetings on this initiative. Mediation training at the Buduburam Settlement. **Bartuah Ninwillay**, *Founding Member, Buduburam Settlement, Ghana* has been working very hard in preparation for the trip. He will assist with the logistics component of the trip and will also be a presenter during the trainer. He is also a great local resource for cultural and local issues.

**Upcoming events:** November 2007 – training and needs assessment trip to Ghana and Liberia  
January 2008 – follow-up trip

**Supporting Student Chapter:** University of Pittsburgh

Penelope Bissett – Coordinator of Child Soldier Restorative Initiative



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#### • Hurricane Katrina Project – Mississippi/New Orleans

**PROJECT BOARD LIASION:** **Nan Waller Burnett**, *MBB Director, Golden, Colorado, USA*

**Project Team:** **Ken Cloke**, *MBB President, &*, **Joan Goldsmith**, *MBB Director, Santa Monica, California, USA*, **Louise Phipps Senft**, *Founding Member, Baltimore, Maryland, USA*, **Marvin Johnson**, *Founding Member, Greenbelt, Maryland, USA*, **Linda Hughes**, **Tony Nowak**, *Founding Member, Hernando, Mississippi, USA*, **Patricia Porter**, *San Antonio, Texas, USA*

**Project Partner:** Mississippi Mediation Project – Laurel Kaufer; Mediation Program at the Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court – Director Sharon Norwood, Coordinator for the Louisiana Supreme Court.

**Upcoming events:** March 5-8, 2008 training and needs assessment trip to Mississippi and New Orleans.

**Supporting Chapter:** Regis University (?)



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## • Nepal

**PROJECT BOARD LIASION:** C.J. Larkin, MBB Director, St. Louis, Missouri, USA

**Project Implementation Panel:** TBD

**MBB Members Involved:** Alan Gross, Founding Members, Pocono Pines, Pennsylvania, USA, Caryn Espo, Los Angeles, California, USA

**Project activities:**

**Upcoming events:** 2008 – a fact-finding and training trip being considered

**Supporting Student Chapter:** Washington University in St. Louis (?)



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## • Zimbabwe

**PROJECT BOARD LIASION:** Ken Cloke MBB President, & Joan Goldsmith, MBB Director Santa Monica, California, USA

**Project Panel:** David Bristow, Founding Member, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Sharon Maier, Founding Member, Mill Valley, California, USA, Anna Spain, Founding Member, Washington, D.C., USA

**Project activities:** Sharon Maier has made numerous trips in 2007 to the location.

**Upcoming events:** TBD

**Supporting Chapter:** TBD



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## • Arab-Israeli Conflict

**PROJECT BOARD LIASION:** Rachel Wohl, MBB Director, Annapolis, Maryland, USA

**MBB Members Interested:** Dorit Cypis, Founding Member, Los Angeles, California, USA; Jonathan Reitman, Founding Member, Brunswick, Maine, USA

**Project activities:**

**Upcoming events:**

**Supporting Chapter:** Maryland and Washington D.C. Chapter (?)



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## • Kosovo

**PROJECT BOARD LIASION:** Lynn Cole, MBB Director, Tampa, Florida, USA

**Project Implementation Panel:** TBD

**Project activities:**

**Upcoming events:** Fall 2008

**Supporting Chapter:** University of Ljubljana, Slovenia



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## • Cambodia

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**MBB Members Involved:** Mneesha Gellman

**Project activities:**

**Upcoming events:** Fall 2008

**Supporting Chapter:** TBD



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## • East Timor/Fiji

**PROJECT BOARD LIASION:** TBD

**Project Implementation Panel:** Susan Mullins, Founding Member, Los Angeles, California, USA, Calum Campbell, Founding Member, Perth, Australia

**Project activities:**

**Upcoming events:**

**Supporting Chapter:** TBD



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## • Ecuador

**PROJECT BOARD LIASION:** TBD

**MBB Members Involved:** Anthony E. Nowak, *Founding Member, Hernando, Mississippi, USA*, Tom Fiutak

**Recent project activities:** Work in the rainforest with indigenous people, environmental groups, and farmers and ranchers.

**Upcoming events:**

**Supporting Chapter:** TBD



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## • Nicaragua/Central America

**PROJECT BOARD LIASION:** TBD

**Project Implementation Panel:** Richard DeWitt, *MBB Director, Coral Gables, Florida, USA*

**Project activities:**

**Upcoming events:**

**Supporting Chapter:** TBD



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## • Lebanon

**PROJECT BOARD LIASION:** Lynn Cole, *MBB Director, Tampa, Florida, USA*

**Project Implementation Panel:** TBD

**MBB Members Involved:**

**Project activities:**

**Upcoming events:**

**Supporting Chapter:** TBD



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## • Sister Organization Support

**PROJECT BOARD LIASION:** Richard DeWitt, *MBB Director, Coral Gables, Florida, USA*

**MBB Members Involved:**

**Project activities:** Identifying a list of organizations working in other countries, such as Doctors Without Borders, Choice, and Engineers Without Borders, and offering mediation assistance and training their members to resolve conflicts on their trips.

**Upcoming events:**

**Supporting Chapter:** TBD



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## • Morocco, Uganda, Sri Lanka

If interested in volunteering in these areas, please e-mail us.



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## Student Chapter News

### Regis University

TJ Bowen established a Facebook group for Mediators Beyond Borders. The group currently has over 120 members.

## Regional Committee News

### Maryland, Washington D.C. & Northern Virginia Committee

A meeting is scheduled for January 7 – please see upcoming events for more info.

### Pittsburgh Committee

Pittsburgh Committee meets the last Tuesday of every month.

## Board Member Profile

**Kenneth Cloke**, *MBB President, Santa Monica, California, USA*



**Kenneth Cloke** is Director of the Center for Dispute Resolution and a mediator, arbitrator, consultant, and trainer specializing in communication, negotiation, and resolving complex multi-party conflicts, including community, grievance and workplace disputes, collective bargaining negotiations, organizational and school conflicts, sexual harassment and discrimination lawsuits, and public policy disputes, and in designing preventative conflict resolution systems for organizations. He has mediated conflicts in over 20 countries.

He is also a nationally recognized speaker and a published author of many journal articles and several books. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at Pepperdine University School of Law, and Harvard University's School of Law, in the Program on Negotiation's Insight Initiative.

He is married to **Joan Goldsmith**, who is a member of the MBB Board of Directors.

## New Members

### MBB Welcomes new Founding Mediator Members

**Nina Dodge Abrams**, *Huntington Woods, Michigan, USA*; **Lawrence Cerillo**, *Evergreen, Colorado, USA*; **Dorit Cypis**, *Los Angeles, California, USA*; **Claire Holland**, *Altamonte Spring, Florida, USA*

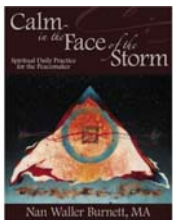
## Member Presentations & Media Presence

### Robert A. Creo presents about MBB in Philadelphia

**Robert A. Creo**, *MBB Secretary-Treasurer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA*, presented at the Association for Conflict Resolution – Delaware Chapter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA about Mediators Beyond Borders. Over 30 members of the ACR Delaware Chapter attended the dinner meeting hosted at Wolf, Block, Schor and Solis-Cohen, LLP. The discussion and presentation on the history and current status of MBB was received with enthusiasm. The audience engaged in a lively discussion and Q&A period. The ACR chapter is going on a listening tour of Israel and the Palestinian territory early in 2008. Robert A. Creo also discussed his recent October visit to the area including the 2-day stay in the West Bank, where he was hosted by Palestinians. Douglas Frenkel, Practice Professor of Law and Clinical Director at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, met with Robert A. Creo afterwards to discuss starting a University of Pennsylvania MBB Student Chapter. They discussed the recent trip by 5 third-year law students to the Buduburam Settlement, where the students were taking statements from the refugees under the direction of the Minnesota Advocate, working with the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Liberia.

## Member Publications

### Calm in the Face of the Storm: Spiritual Daily Practice for the Peacemaker



**Nan Waller Burnett**, *MBB Director, Golden, Colorado, USA*, published "**Calm in the Face of the Storm: Spiritual Daily Practice for the Peacemaker**" (2007). The book, featuring 365 meditations and reflections for every day of the year, is meant to help you get out of the "vortex of the storm of conflict" and help you find the right path to ensure commitment to your mind, health and spirit.

*"A beautiful, inspiring, immensely practical book. It is perfect to curl up with, reflect, and meditate on, or guide you in handling life's most difficult conflicts."*

*~ Ken Cloke, MBB President*



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## Members Reflections

### MBB Launches First International Effort by Harriett Nettles

Harriett Nettles writes about mediation training in Buduburam Settlement in Ghana in August.



Full reflection: [www.mediatorsbeyondborders.org/pg86.cfm](http://www.mediatorsbeyondborders.org/pg86.cfm)

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## Grants & Funding

## Donors

### Towne Drug in Aspinwall, Pennsylvania donates medical supplies for Buduburam Settlement

Robert Akanowicz of Towne Drug in Aspinwall, Pennsylvania donated medical supplies to Buduburam Settlement in Ghana.

### Ghana-Liberia fundraiser brings in close to \$1,000

The Wine and Cheese reception for the Liberian Peacebuilding Initiative organized by **Rachel Wohl**, *MBB Director, Annapolis, Maryland, USA* on November 14 was very successful as the event raised close to \$1,000 to support the travel of the MBB Project Implementation Team to conduct mediation training at the Buduburam Settlement. **Rachel Wohl** spoke about the mission of MBB and **Harriett Nettles**, *Founding Member, Mechanicsville, Maryland*, spoke about her experiences at the refugee camp. The potential of Liberia recovering from the 14 years of Civil War was recognized by all. MBB Founding Members who attended the event include **Joan Rowell** and **Patricia Powel**, *Annapolis, Maryland, USA*.

## In the Field

### Lynn Cole provides commercial mediation training for Slovenian legal community



As a part of the efforts of the U.S. Embassy in Slovenia to promote and support judicial reform in Slovenia, **Lynn Cole**, *MBB Director, Tampa, Florida, USA* who is a dispute resolution professional with more than 26 years of experience, led a 3-day training in October organized by the Slovenian Association of Mediators and co-funded by Embassy Ljubljana. Participants, who included representatives from law offices, companies, government ministries, courts and law schools, received training in the practice of business mediation and reaching agreement with the assistance of a third party.

## Upcoming Events

### Exploring Possibilities for Global Peace: Regional Meeting for Maryland, Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia

**When:** Monday, January 7, 2008  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

All Interested people are welcome. Come learn about MBB, and opportunities to volunteer your conflict resolution skills to help build global peacemaking capacity.

**Where:** Seekers Church (*no affiliation with MBB, which is a secular nonprofit*)  
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## 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, LL.M., Ph.D., *President of Mediators Beyond Borders*  
**Daniel Bowling**, Esq. Co-Author “Bringing Peace into the Room”  
**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, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 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.

### 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**.

### MBB INTERNS

Barbora Batokova and Stephanie Della Camera are interning at the MBB Office in Pittsburgh. Barbora is originally from the Czech Republic and is currently a senior at Chatham University, majoring in Professional Communications. Steff, originally from Philadelphia, is a junior at Chatham University majoring in Accounting and Management.

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