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Center Directors:

To revisit a topic we've discussed at several Directors' Meetings, 2010 will mark the 20th anniversary of CDRP funding and, despite our state's continued economic decline, our office is interested in learning any ideas you may have for recognizing this milestone. We previously discussed convening a statewide "skill-building" event, however in light of many centers' funding challenges, using CDRP funds for such an event would appear counterproductive.

SCAO staff would be happy to hear any additional suggestions you, your staff, mediators, and board members may have to help recognize this anniversary. Printed materials, low-cost items such as lapel pins or mugs, noon tele-conferences on selected themes in mediation practice, regional events, and webinars, could all be considered.

As the new year begins, feel free to pass along any thoughts on this.

Separately, yet still on the topic of celebration, I would like to take this occasion to recognize Howard Lischeron, Executive Director, Wayne Mediation Center, who is retiring in the days ahead. Under Howard's leadership, the Wayne Mediation Center has become a highly visible and highly regarded agency that is increasingly partnering with a very diverse set of community constituents to address a wide array of conflict. We salute Howard's many accomplishments at WMC, and wish him well in his retirement (which, he advises, will be punctuated by return forays into the field, to mediate and train.)

Best New Year's wishes to all.

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