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Center Directors:

The Institute for Continuing Legal Education has asked my input on the following proposal, and has permitted me to invite your comment.

ICLE is studying whether to adopt a half-price fee for CDRP volunteers attending the annual Advanced Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Institute conference, typically held in Plymouth. The CDRP rate would be \$132.50 per person.

Each center would be limited to five volunteers, and it is central to ICLE's offer that the individuals attending under the reduced rate do not earn a living as mediators and can't afford ANDRI but would attend because of the subsidized rate. The rate would only be available through the center; a volunteer could not separately call ICLE and request the rate. The funds would be collected by the CDRP center and sent to an ICLE contact person. It's unclear whether each participant would receive a manual or USB containing the conference materials. The one concern I did share with ICLE was that it might put directors in the uncomfortable position of choosing among volunteers and explaining ICLE's policy. An active volunteer who also privately mediates would not be afforded the subsidized rate.

In any event, I agreed to invite input on this proposal, so feel free to let me know your thoughts, ideally by Thursday next week. Again, this remains strictly a proposal at this time.

Thanks (and kudos to ICLE for trying to find ways to assist CDRP centers)!

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