

**CALENDAR**  
from [www.nabenet.org](http://www.nabenet.org)**Program Committee meeting**

When: Sept. 10 - 11  
Where: Salt Lake City

**Communications Section Workshop**

When: Oct 6 - 9  
Where: Minneapolis, MN  
"Make Tracks to Minnesota. . .Where Creative Ideas Run Wild!"

**NABE Board of Directors meeting**

When: Nov. 5 - 6  
Where: Destin, FL

**GR Section Workshop**

When: Nov. 10 - 12  
Where: Washington, DC

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****ANNUAL MEETING RECAP**

While the weather in Atlanta was not as hot as usual, the NABE meeting sizzled with over 200 attendees, great programs, and loads of first-time attendees. Thanks to Program Committee Chair Julie Armstrong and her committee (John Norwine, Jan Ambruso, Susan Andres, Sam Clinch, Susan Jacobs, Leah Johnson, KaLyn Laney, Keith Norman, Julie Rowe, Abby Shaine, Barry Simpson, and Dana Collier Smith) for another outstanding job. If you were unable to attend, make sure you go to the NABE web site ([www.nabenet.org](http://www.nabenet.org)) and download Bob Harris' materials on the association self-audit; they're not to be missed! Thanks also to Membership Committee Chair Cynthia Hill for the wonderful job she and her committee did in welcoming the first-time attendees: Brant Bittner (Orange County, FL); Fran Czajka (Anne Arundel, MD); Suzanne Duffey (Montgomery County, MD); Sophia Gianacoplos (New York County Lawyer's Assn.); Brita Horvath and Jennifer Infanger (Indiana State Bar); Brandie Ingalls (Northern Kentucky); Dinah Leach (Lee County, FL); Jennifer Lefevre (Chicago); Richard Montgomery (Maryland State Bar); Holly Nash (Winnebago County, IL); Richard Page (Boston); Gwen Rowan (Cook County, IL); Harry Shipley (Iowa State Bar); Rick Troy (Macomb County, MI); and Bill Wheeler (Dayton, OH). And, finally, thanks to Past President Tom Pyrz for his great service; it's largely due to Tom's leadership, and the efforts of the Sponsorship Committee under the able guidance of Jack Lockridge and Susan Jacobs, that NABE now has a comfortable reserve.

**BOARD WRAP-UP**

At its meetings in Atlanta, the NABE Board of Directors: 1) received a clean audit report for 2003-04; 2) approved Bob Oleson (Oregon State Bar); Mary Howerton (Mecklenburg County Bar); George Bousliman; and Jim Smith (Allegheny County Bar) for honorary membership; 3) accepted the report of the subcommittee on restructuring of the midyear and annual meetings (more on that in future NABE News); and 4) clarified that the only non-members who can attend NABE meetings are those who work for bar associations, which should solve the problem of "would be" sponsors paying the non-member fee and attending the meeting to push their products or services. The Board also selected Wanda Claiborne, Director of Meetings (*continued*)

and Bar Liaison at the Maryland State Bar to fill the unexpired one-year term of Allan Head as state bar director on the Board. Allan was elected vice president of NABE. Other officers for 2004-05 are: Tom Edmonds, Vice President; Rod Wegener, Secretary, and Ev Sullivan, Treasurer.

### **COMMITTEE/FORUM SIGN-UP**

One of my goals as NABE President this year is to forever dispel the perception of NABE as “cliquish”. One of the ways to accomplish that is for each member to get involved in a small group! If you haven’t already signed up for a committee or forum, now’s your chance. A sign-up sheet is attached. If you don’t volunteer, you will be drafted. . .

### **SO YOU WANT TO BE IN PICTURES**

One of my other goals this year is to publish a NABE pictorial directory. (It’s not because I’m getting old and forgetful and have trouble putting faces and names together . . .actually it is!) Fran Sandweg of Legal Directories Publishing will be taking pictures at the Midyear Meeting in Salt Lake City if you missed him in Atlanta, or you can email your picture (and no, it can’t be of Brad Pitt, but nice try, Lorenzetti) to Maria Johnson at [johnsonmaria@staff.abanet.org](mailto:johnsonmaria@staff.abanet.org).

### **NEW NABE DIRECTORY**

The 2004 NABE Directory was mailed prior to the Atlanta meeting so if you don’t have it already, you will soon. Thanks to Jill Werner and Maria Johnson for getting it done in record time.