

NABE-News

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Communications Section Workshop

When: Oct 6 - 9
Where: Minneapolis, MN
"Make Tracks to
Minnesota. . .Where
Creative Ideas Run Wild!"
Click [here](#) to register online.

NABE Board of Directors meeting

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

GR Section Workshop

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

NABE Administration and Finance Section Meeting

When: Feb. 7 - 8
Where: Salt Lake City, UT

NABE/NCBP/NCBF Midyear Meeting

When: Feb. 7 - 8
Where: Salt Lake City, UT

CSE Retreat

When: March 8 - 9, 2005
Where: Chicago, IL

Bar Leadership Institute

When: March 10 -12, 2005
Where: Chicago, IL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LATEST EDITION OF BAR EXECUTIVE ONLINE

The Fall 2004 edition of *Bar Executive*, NABE's newsletter, is posted on the website, www.abanet.org/nabe/newsletters.html. The newsletter has articles on

- "golden-handcuff" member benefits
- making sure your bar president is prepared for the media
- best practices in employee performance feedback and
- tech talk: are you ready for disaster? (Something I'm sure the people in Florida could give us some firsthand pointers on!)

There's also an article about some hapless person who got beat by Ken on *Jeopardy!* (Wonder who that was?)

LAW PRACTICE TODAY FOCUSES ON MENTORING

The August issue of the "e-zine" *Law Practice Today* focuses on mentoring techniques and programs. While the articles are slanted to internal law firm mentoring, they contain information useful to bar staff and leaders. You can find the August issue at www.abanet.org/lpm/lpt; you might want to forward this URL to the chair and members of your mentor committee.

Law Practice Today is a free publication, available to anyone, that is published by the ABA Law Practice Management Section. If you subscribe, you get an e-mail each month alerting you when the new issue is online.

(Thanks to Jim Calloway, Director of the Management Assistance Program at the Oklahoma Bar Association, and vice-chair of NABE's Website/Knowledge Management Committee, for sharing this information.)

WALCH TO LEAVE LA BAR

Rich Walch, who has served as Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Bar Association for more than 20 years, will leave the association in early January. He plans to join Walch Consulting, a firm currently operated by his wife, which provides leadership coaching, strategic planning and guidance on best practices to corporate foundations and other non-profit organizations. Our best wishes on your new career, Rich!

NABE PROGRAM COMMITTEE RECAP

The NABE Program Committee, ably chaired by John Norwine of the Cincinnati Bar Association, met last Friday and Saturday in Salt Lake City, site of the 2005 midyear meeting. In the midst of flirting with Justin the waiter at dinner Friday night, and discussing "leopard diceys," the committee worked very hard at pulling together the program. It is an ambitious schedule, with more than 20 different programming choices for those attending. The focus will be on membership recruiting and retention, especially with regard to young attorneys; providing the best customer service to our members; and

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more on the new email/fax regulations. There will be breakout sessions for small bar and seasoned execs, and several technology and HR programs. You'll be receiving a registration form shortly; the deadline for early registration is December 10. Remember – the NABE headquarters hotel is the Downtown Marriott, and I can vouch that it is directly across the street from the convention center, contrary to what the map shows!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

LexisNexis, a longtime sponsor of NABE's midyear and annual meetings, has offered to coordinate a community service project in which NABE members attending the meetings can participate. Lexis will take care of all the arrangements and handle publicity. The projects could range from a food drive for the local food pantry to working on a Habitat for Humanity house. The Program Committee discussed the feasibility of offering this option on a Thursday afternoon at an upcoming meeting, and would like your feedback. If you would be interested in participating in such a project, please let me or John Norwine (jcnorwine@cincybar.org) know.

HEAD NOTE OF THE WEEK

When charging up the hill with an idea, make sure someone is following you.