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CALENDAR

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NABE Administration and Finance Section Meeting

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

NABE/NCBP/NCBF Midyear Meeting

When: Feb. 8-12
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

IT'S ALMOST HERE! Next week, nearly 200 NABE members will converge on Salt Lake City for fun, learning, and maybe some skiing! For those of you planning to attend, here are a few reminders and some new information:

- Remember to bring one (or more) books appropriate for children from infancy to age 11 for the LexisNexis Cares Project. There will be a collection bin at the registration desk where you can drop off your book(s), which will be donated to The Family Support Center, a network of facilities designed to help families and children dealing with child abuse and neglect. This is the first LexisNexis Cares Project, so let's make it a huge success and flood Salt Lake City with children's books! Our thanks to LexisNexis for spearheading this project and inviting NABE, NCBP and NCBF to participate, and for their longtime support of NABE.
- There will be sign-up sheets at the registration desk for "dine arounds" on Thursday evening. If you don't have a president coming in – or other plans – sign up to have dinner with some of your colleagues. After dinner, you can join a group, led by yours truly, to hear the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at its open rehearsal, 8:00 p.m. at the LDS Conference Center (North Temple & Main Street, about 1 ½ blocks from the Marriott.)
- Bring your boots and coat. The weather forecast calls for a snow shower on Sunday, February 6. The rest of the week is partly cloudy, with temperatures ranging from 35/15° on Monday to 45/29° on Friday.
- Check the NABE website for handout materials, which will be posted shortly.
- For those bar associations that still have a placement service, there will be a meeting at the Wednesday morning breakfast for anyone interested in discussing placement issues and the possibility of holding a more in-depth meeting later in the year. Look for the table marked "Placement" and feel free to join us.

NEW NABE FORUM: Are your members getting their money's worth? Do your members scream when they receive their annual dues statement? Is your bar on its toes when it comes to member services? If you've ever wondered about the answers to those questions, consider joining the new and improved NABE Bar Member Services Forum

(formerly the Law Office Economics and Management Forum) to connect with other NABE members about how to continuously offer more and improved services even if – and especially – you’re on a tight budget. It doesn’t matter if you’re from a large integrated bar or a small local bar, we all have a common interest – keeping members happy!

The purpose of the Forum is for NABE members, regardless of position or association size, to share ideas and learn more about providing a variety of services, such as law practice management, forms and information, discounted services, training, electronic discussion groups, and specialized conferences and events, to their members. This forum provides an opportunity for you to learn about the cost of providing these services and the staffing issues involved and, more importantly, what has and hasn’t worked in other bar associations.

To join this new forum, email Maria Johnson at the Division for Bar Services (johnsonm@staff.abanet.org). The Forum is presenting a program, “Champagne Services on a Beer Budget: Tips on How to Provide Great Services with Little Time, Money, Staff,” on Wednesday, February 9 from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. You might want to stop in and find out what the forum has to offer.

DON’T FORGET THE CSE RETREAT: There’s still time – and space – to register for the CSE Retreat, March 8 and 9 in Chicago. The retreat begins Tuesday night with a welcome reception and dinner. Programming on Wednesday, March 9 includes negotiating executive compensation packages, setting personal and professional boundaries, and the ever-popular case studies. If you register by February 18, the fee is \$200; after that date, it increases to \$300. You can register online through the NABE web site, www.nabenet.org.

CLARIFICATION: A couple of clarifications to the technology overview article in last week’s NABE News:

- The Pennsylvania Bar Association does offer a free online legal research program to its members, but does not partner with anyone else. The PBA also has an arrangement with LexisNexis, as do several other states (New Jersey, Illinois, and Iowa), which provides it with content and functionality as it chooses.
- It was not my intent to promote any product or service over another, but merely to provide an overview of what bar associations are offering their members in terms of online legal research.

NABE-News will be on hiatus next week, but there’ll be a full round-up of the Midyear Meeting in a couple of weeks.