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Annual Meeting

When: August 2-4, 2005

Where: Chicago, IL

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NABE Communications

Section Workshop

When: September 28 -

October 1, 2005

Where: Orlando, Florida

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KUDOS: More achievements by and news about NABE members:

- Chuck Turner, Executive Director of the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations, will celebrate his 25th year on May 15.
- Avery Eli Okin, Executive Director of the Brooklyn Bar Association, was selected to receive the Brooklyn Volunteer Lawyers Project Annual Award.
- Wendy Hoffman is the new Executive Director of the Chester County (PA) Bar Association and Richard M. Page, Jr. is the new Executive Director of the Boston Bar Association. Welcome both of you!
- Ginger Banks, former Communications Director for the State Bar of Texas, is recovering well from her surgery, as is her miniature dachshund, Mandy, who recently had back surgery. If you would like to send a card to Ginger, her home address is 3108 West Terrace Drive, Austin, TX 78757-4332. She appreciates the concern and support shown by NABE, especially the Communications Section, and says the encouragement has really helped a lot. We wish you and Mandy a complete recovery!

LEXIS OUTREACH AWARDS: One of the tasks undertaken by the NABE Board at its spring meeting in Memphis was the selection of the Lexis Outreach Award winners. All the entries were wonderful and worthwhile programs, and it was difficult to select just one winner in each category, but here they are:

- State Bars with more than 18,000 members – **The Missouri Bar** for its “Missouri Library Outreach: Helping Patrons Find Answers to Legal Questions.” This program, a joint effort of The Missouri Bar, the Missouri Library Association, and the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law Library, provides librarians throughout the state with free training and resources to help patrons who come to libraries looking for answers to legal questions.
- State Bars with fewer than 18,000 members – **Indiana State Bar Association** for its “Children, Mental Health & the Law Summit.” The Indiana State Bar Association brought together more than 250 national, state and local leaders to address the vastly neglected needs of children with mental health disorders. The participants’ purpose was to explore the best ways to serve children with mental health needs before they come in contact with the judicial system.

- Local Bars with more than 5,000 members – **Allegheny County Bar Association** for “This is a Joke – Making Fun of Others is Not!” This program targets children from kindergarten through the 5th grade, and is designed to teach them the difference between a good joke and a bad one, and why making fun of others is wrong.
- Local Bars between 2,000 and 5,000 members – **Hillsborough County Bar Association** for its awards program at the West Tampa elementary school. West Tampa was the only elementary school in Hillsborough County to receive a “D” on its annual report card for 2004. The goal of this program was to provide a positive incentive for the children who are making the effort to achieve by rewarding them with the right to attend events.
- Local Bars with fewer than 2,000 members – **Toledo Bar Association** for its “Color of Justice” program. This program, which targeted public junior high schools, presented positive role models for minority children who may consider a future career in a law-related field.

A program is tentatively being developed for the Annual Meeting highlighting these projects as well as others that were submitted. Thanks to all who submitted an entry – you’re doing great public service work!

BAR ACTIVITIES INVENTORY: How do bars across the country deal with section fund balances? What about attorney discipline matters? Data to answer these and other recurring questions is being collected for publication in the 2005 Bar Activities Inventory. This information also will assist the Division for Bar Services in maintaining its clearinghouse of information about bar associations. The deadline for participating in this survey has been extended to mid-May. All state and major local bar associations were sent the link to the survey in early April. If you have not responded and need the link sent again, contact Joanne O’Reilly at oreillyj@staff.abanet.org or 312/988-5348. **As an added incentive to complete the survey, all bars that participate will be entered into a drawing for a free registration to the 2006 Bar Leadership Institute.**

In addition, the NABE Compensation and Benefits Survey will be sent in the next few weeks, so be on the lookout for it. All bar associations that complete the survey will receive a free copy of the bound results. Our thanks to the State Bar of Texas for their assistance with this project and to the Surveys Committee, chaired by George Brown, Executive Director of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE LOOMS: The deadline to apply for one of the six scholarships being offered for the Chicago Annual Meeting is May 16. Those receiving scholarships will have all registration fees waived and receive a check for \$500 to defray travel and lodging expenses. Scholarship guidelines and application can be downloaded from NABE’s web site, www.nabenet.org. If you have questions about the scholarships, please contact Mary Corbitt, chair of the Scholarship Committee, at 585/546-1817 or mcorbitt@mcba.org. If you’d like to attend the annual meeting, but your bar’s finances won’t permit it, apply for a scholarship now!

NABE ELECTION: May 16 is also the deadline for returning your ballot in the NABE election.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BAR COMMUNICATIONS: Join the Communications Section for its Annual Workshop at the Hilton in Walt Disney World™ Resort in Orlando, FL from September 28 to October 1, 2005. The group hotel rate is \$169 and it's good for three days before and three days after the workshop. Call Hilton Reservations at 800/548-8690 and indicate that you're attending the NABE Communications Workshop. The early registration fee (before September 7) is \$260 for Communications Section Members; \$295 for non-section members (it includes membership in the section); and \$350 for non-NABE members. Check the Communications Section web site (www.abanet.org/nabe/nabecomm/htm) for information about the programs and speakers.

19TH ANNUAL STATE LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP: NABE's Government Relations Section, in cooperation with the ABA's State Legislative Clearinghouse, is presenting the 19th Annual State Legislative Workshop, November 7-9, 2005, in Austin, Texas. The room rate at the Doubletree Guest Suites is \$89 per night and is guaranteed until October 24. Call 512/478-7000 or 800-HILTONS or go to www.austinsuites.doubletree.com to make your room reservation. For workshop registration information, contact Jill Werner at 312/988-6008; wernerj@staff.abanet.org or Maria Johnson at 312/988-5360; johnsonmaria@staff.abanet.org. The deadline for registering for the workshop is October 21. For the programming agenda, contact Rita C. Aguilar, ABA State Legislative Counsel at 202/662-1780 or aguilarr@staff.abanet.org.

NABE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: To date, only 150 NABE members (out of a membership of 500) have either had their picture taken or submitted a picture for the Pictorial Directory. This is not acceptable! (Sorry, I've been watching too much "Supernanny.") If you had your picture taken in Atlanta or Salt Lake City or sent one to Jill or Maria by email, you're off the hook. If you haven't, send one now – or you'll be sent to the "naughty corner"!