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## CALENDAR

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September 9 & 10  
**NABE Program Committee Meeting**  
Chicago, IL

September 28–Oct. 1  
**NABE Communications Section Workshop**  
Hilton at the Walt Disney World™ Resort  
Orlando, Florida

October 24  
**Scholarship application process begins for Midyear Meeting**

November 4 & 5  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Silverado Resort  
Napa, CA

November 7–9  
**NABE Government Relations Section Workshop**  
Doubletree Guest Suites  
Austin  
Austin, TX

December 1  
**Midyear Meeting scholarship recipients named**

December 9  
**Early-bird registration ends for Midyear Meeting**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HURRICANE KATRINA

As everyone is painfully aware, the gulf coasts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama sustained major damage and loss of life earlier this week from powerful hurricane Katrina. Detailed information from the area is hard to obtain, but both the New Orleans Bar Association and the Louisiana State Bar are headquartered in the City of New Orleans, much of which is now flooded and experienced significant wind damage when the storm passed through the area on Monday.

We have succeeded in reaching Loretta Larson, the executive directors of the Louisiana State Bar, and Roseanne has talked with Helana Henderson, executive director of the New Orleans Bar, so we know they are both out of the area and safe. Of course, they have not yet been able to return to the city or assess the state of their offices, but as soon as they are able to do that, we will see what help they may need in order to resume operating and whether there are ways in which others of us might be of assistance. We will let you know as soon as there is more news to share.

Loretta has established an email address at her temporary location in Lafayette, so you can let her know of your concern at [lorettalabar@hotmail.com](mailto:lorettalabar@hotmail.com). She hopes to create a temporary website soon to which she can post news and thoughts from Louisiana.

Meanwhile, we encourage all our members to contribute generously to one of the various organizations that are attempting to relieve the significant misery and dislocation occasioned by this natural disaster.

### NATIONAL LAWYER REFERRAL WORKSHOP

This year's workshop for LIRS professionals and bar volunteer leaders, sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyer Referral and Information Services, will be held in Memphis, TN October 26–29, 2005. The half day pre-workshop nuts and bolts program on Wednesday, October 26, is a "must attend" for new program directors and bar leaders of associations that operate LIR services. The balance of the workshop will feature programs on a variety of topics that will be invaluable for all LIRS directors, staff and volunteers. Additional information and registration materials are available on the ABA website under LIRS workshop.

January 16, 2006

**Nominating information for NABE directors, officers distributed**

Petitions for election are available at any time from the NABE office, 321 N. Clark St., 20th Floor, Chicago, IL 60610

January 31, 2006

**NABE Board of Directors Meeting**

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel  
New Orleans, IL

January 31–February 4, 2006

**NABE/NCBP/NCBF**

**Midyear Meeting**

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel  
New Orleans, LA

## **INVITATIONS FROM TWO UP-AND-COMING FORUMS**

Jim Calloway, new chair of the renamed and expanded Bar Member Services Forum, and Pat Yevics, who is heading the Local Bar Liaison Forum this year, invite those who are interested in the work of these groups to join and participate. Bar Member Services now has over 50 members and works to meet the needs and programming interests of bar execs who deliver services of any kind to bar association members.

The Local Bar Liaison group is for those who, like Pat, are at state bars and work with the local bar associations in their state to help meet their needs, as well as for local bar execs who would like to learn what is done well and not so well in other states in terms of state/local bar cooperation and partnerships.

Further information about these forums and how to join may be found on the NABE website or obtained from Jim and Pat. Our thanks to both of these outstanding forum leaders for their service this year.

## **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

The Program Committee will meet on September 9 and 10, not in New Orleans, but in Chicago. If you have ideas or suggestions for the program, please communicate them to the committee chair, Keith Norman, or to any member of this year's committee.

We will keep you posted on the ABA's plans for the mid-year meeting, the location of which may need to be shifted depending on recovery efforts and developments in New Orleans. Allen Kimbrough, Chair of the Standing Committee on Meetings and Travel is working with the staff and his committee to examine the options.

The Professionalism Task Force met by conference call earlier this week to discuss its plans for part of the program, with a focus on professional skills and values for the successful bar exec. Again, if you have thoughts or suggestions about this aspect of our next program, please send them along to Chuck Turner, chair of the task force.