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## CALENDAR

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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**  
January 16, 2006

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HELP FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

News of the plight of the hurricane victims and the complete relocation of the surviving population of New Orleans has continued to dominate the thinking of everyone during the past two weeks. I suppose the heartening thing that emerges from all of these sad developments is the generous and rapid response from the rest of the country, and especially from bar associations and their staffs.

I could not begin to catalog the many efforts which have been undertaken by bar associations to relieve the human suffering of storm victims and their families, as well as assist the courts and lawyers in the hardest hit areas begin getting back into operation; but I think we can all be very pleased and proud of our myriad initiatives to help our fellow citizens, legal institutions in the impacted states, and our sister bar organizations.

You can keep up with the various bar sponsored relief programs and get ideas about how you and your bar can get involved through the DBS website, which you can access via a link from our NABE website. Also, if your bar has begun a program to help, please send the information and details to the DBS staff for posting to the website. The site will be updated continuously as new information is received.

As many evacuees from the Gulf Coast continue to relocate, either temporarily or permanently, to almost all other parts of the country, the need for assistance will persist for quite some time, and many of these people will have legal needs for which they will require pro bono legal advice and services. Our associations are uniquely situated to recruit and train volunteer attorneys for this work, and there is no question their services will be needed and appreciated. I hope every one of our organizations will become a part of the effort to meet these pressing needs.

### NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECTION OF NABE

The new IT Section is off and running, with a number of applications for membership having been received by the DBS staff in response to the earlier announcement about creation of the section. Please remember that persons who work in this area at your bar association must first be members of NABE before they can join the section. Membership information for both NABE and the section is available from the DBS staff.

**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

## **MID-YEAR MEETING**

As many of you know, the New Orleans convention center authorities have now released all meetings scheduled to use the convention center through March 1, 2006. The ABA and NABE meetings are scheduled for several of the downtown hotels in New Orleans, rather than at the convention center, and at this point the ABA is telling us that they still intend to have the meeting in New Orleans if at all possible. If a change to an alternate city is in the offing, we expect to know that very soon.

Regardless of where we wind up meeting, I hope all of our members will keep the dates for the mid-year meeting on their calendars and make plans to attend. The Program Committee is working hard to plan an outstanding array of offerings, including our opening professionalism programming under the auspices of our Professionalism Task Force, a very timely plenary on disaster planning, and specialized breakouts conducted by several of our sections and forums. There will be something of interest and value to every NABE member regardless of what your job responsibilities are at your bar.

## **FALL MEETING OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

At its fall meeting last weekend in Chicago, the Program Committee marked up the program for the mid-year meeting as mentioned above; began discussions about the annual meeting next summer in Hawaii; and reviewed the evaluations many of you completed during the August 2005 annual meeting in Chicago.

If anyone has program suggestions for the next couple of meetings, please send details about your ideas to chair Keith Norman or to Jill Werner at the DBS.

If you would like to review the annual meeting program evaluations and comments, they are posted on the NABE website. The top rated three programs were: The program on Roberts Rules of Order, the program conducted by the Forum on Meetings/Events and Seminars entitled How to Avoid Paying Sticker Price at Hotels: The Art of Negotiating, and the program From Backburner to Frontburner—Why Now is the Time to Invest in Your Bar Foundation.