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CALENDAR

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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
**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
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL SECTION WORKSHOPS

I joined some 100 communications professionals late last month in Orlando for the annual NABE Communications Section Workshop. For those who have not attended one of these in the past, I can attest that the section consists of a lively and talented group. They care deeply about their work at their bar associations and in the section, as well as about each other and the success and health of each person involved. The programming was first rate and in depth, and those of you who come to the mid-year NABE meeting in Chicago in February will have the benefit of a couple of the best of these section programs which will be replicated there.

Congratulations to Francine Walker of the Florida Bar, who helped plan and host the workshop; Yvonne McGhee, Executive Director of the Fairfax County Bar Association, who was presented with the Anne Charles Award at the workshop; Chris Blake, former Communications Director at the Connecticut Bar Association, who received the E.A. "Wally" Richter Award for this year; and Arlene Abady of the Colorado Bar Association, who will be retiring next month after years of service to her bar and the section.

Next up is the Government Relations Section Workshop in November, where Allan Head, President-Elect of NABE, will represent the organization. If you have not yet registered for that event, there is still time to do so.

NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECTION

Our newest section now has 45 members, many of whom had never previously been NABE members, and Toby Brown and his followers plan a couple of programs at the mid-year meeting in Chicago. If you or other members of your bar's IT staff would like to get in on the ground floor with this section as it completes its formal organization, please contact Jill Werner to learn how to join.

MOVE QUICKLY IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING

Please get your registrations and room reservations in at your earliest opportunity if you plan to attend the annual meeting next August in Hawaii. We have kept the registration fee at a

February 7, 2006
NABE Board of Directors Meeting
Hyatt Regency
Chicago, IL

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modest \$175 for the NABE meeting (you will still have to pay the \$100 ABA registration fee in addition—we have no control over that), and if you move early you can also get a very reasonable room rate at the hotel where we will be meeting. The least expensive rooms are going fast though, so register soon.

SMALL BAR CONFERENCE

As part of its effort to meet the needs of more of our members who are unable to attend the mid-year or annual meetings of NABE, as well as reach out to small bar execs who are not members at all, a subcommittee of the board of directors led by Sue Lengal and Ann Scarle has been at work for the past several month planning a Small Bar Conference. The conference will take place on June 23 and 24, 2006, in Baltimore, MD; it will have a low registration fee; and it will include educational programming and networking opportunities tailored to the needs of execs at smaller bar associations. Additional details will be forthcoming in the spring, but mark your calendars now for this important event if it sounds like your kind of program. Our thanks to Sue and Ann for their leadership in making this happen.

FALL BOARD MEETING

A reminder to all section, committee and forum chairs that Jill needs your reports for the board notebooks, which will be mailed at the end of next week.

One of the items under discussion at the meeting will be specifically how NABE can help the Louisiana and New Orleans Bar Associations get reestablished in New Orleans over the next several months. We expect they may need both volunteer staff from other bar associations to assist on site, and funds with which to cover operating expenses during a transition period as they seek to help their members and resume more normal operations. We do not think at this point that either bar's offices suffered major uninsured property damage. We will provide you all with more details following the board meeting.

Meanwhile, we encourage all of you who are raising money to assist Louisiana and Mississippi lawyers get their practices reestablished to complete your drives and send the funds to the bar foundations in those states. Now that the publicity about the storms is waning, it is even more important to keep up our efforts to help our colleagues in the Gulf States. Thanks so much for what many of you and your organizations have already done.