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CALENDAR

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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**
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available at any time from the
NABE office, 321 N. Clark
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL BOARD MEETING

The fall meeting of the NABE Board of Directors is coming up November 4-5, and we have a number of interesting committee and task force reports to consider, as well as the usual reports from the officers and the DBS staff. One of the things we will be discussing is how we might be of further assistance to the New Orleans Bar Association and the Louisiana State Bar in their efforts to resume more normal operations in their respective New Orleans headquarters in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

You can view a copy of our agenda on the NABE website should you wish to do so, and if there is anything on our docket of particular interest to you, any member of the board would be glad to hear from you with your views in advance of the meeting.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FEE WAIVERS FOR MID-YEAR MEETING

Jill Werner, our staff person at the ABA in Chicago, has recently provided details and application procedures via the member listserve about assistance available for those who would like to attend the mid-year meeting in Chicago, but do not have adequate budget support from their bar to enable them to do so. The board has included six scholarships and three registration fee waivers in this year's budget for each of our meetings, so if this kind of help would make it possible for you to attend, please be in touch with Jill and the Scholarship Committee about your needs.

PROFESSIONALISM TASK FORCE

This group, under the leadership of Chuck Turner and Susan Jacobs, has met several times this fall to work on our initial professionalism programming in Chicago, as well as to discuss future professionalism initiatives. They have engaged Harrison Coerver to work with us in Chicago. He will be presenting both a plenary program, and a break out session for those interested in pursuing the issues and ideas raised during his interactive plenary presentation.

In order to help him prepare for the Chicago program, Harrison and the task force have developed a confidential bench marking survey which will be used to gather some information and ideas from both NABE members and our volunteer leaders about professionalism and the

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culture of each of our bar organizations. We will be sending out an email to both our members and the members of NCBP in advance of the distribution of the electronic survey requesting participation in responding to it, and I hope that all of our members will assist Harrison and the task force by taking a few minutes to complete the survey. This promises to be an exciting and informative program, and it will be even better if we have good background information for Harrison to work with as he prepares for Chicago.

HONORS, AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

Our esteemed past president, Paul Carlin, Executive Director of the Maryland State Bar Association, was honored recently by the Maryland Bar Foundation with its Legal Excellence Award for the Advancement of Professional Competence. The award was presented in a special ceremony at the Statehouse in Annapolis.

Keith Norman, Chair of this year's Program Committee of NABE and Executive Director of the Alabama State Bar, and his family have been chosen as The Family of the Year for 2005 in Montgomery, Alabama. He, Teresa and their children will be honored at a banquet next month in the Alabama capitol city.

Mona Buckley, one of our Honorary Members and former Executive Director of the Multnomah Bar Association in Portland, Oregon, became the CEO of the Professional Insurance Marketing Association on October 1, 2005. We look forward to her continuing support of NABE as a sponsor at our annual and mid-year meetings.

Our heartiest congratulations to Paul, Keith and Mona on their accomplishments.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SECTION WORKSHOP

As previously announced, the GR Section will be conducting its annual workshop in Austin, Texas November 7–9. Outstanding speakers from the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Center for State Courts and the American Judicature Society will bring a keen perspective on legislative advocacy and other topics important to those among our NABE membership who work regularly in this area. Paul Hill, current chair of the section says: "There is also plenty for the bar exec who needs to be in the know about systemic issues of import, but who may not do GR work full time."

Hotel deadlines have been extended to Oct. 28, and there is still plenty of time to register for the workshop and get a room at the Doubletree Guest Suites at the group rate of only \$89. If this aspect of the work of bar associations is of interest to you, there is no way to beat this workshop to sharpen your skills and improve your knowledge about legislative advocacy on behalf of your association.