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CALENDAR

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- 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
60610
- February 7, 2006
**NABE Board of Directors
Meeting**
Hyatt Regency
Chicago, IL
- February 7-9, 2006
**NABE/NCBP/NCBF
Midyear Meeting**
Hyatt Regency
Chicago, IL

FALL NABE BOARD MEETING

At its fall board meeting last week, the board took the following significant actions and heard the following reports in which you will be interested:

Accepted the recommendations of a Communications Task Force chaired by past president Ann Fritz that we discontinue an electronic publication called "Bar Executive," replacing this communication vehicle with a subscription for each member of NABE to the DBS produced magazine, Bar Leader. Savings of about \$4,000 will be realized with the change, and I am confident all our members will enjoy and benefit from the content which appears bi-monthly in Bar Leader. The final issue of "Bar Executive" is now posted for your review at:
<http://www.abanet.org/nabe/newsletters/barexecutive/fall05/home.html>

Authorized negotiation of a contract with a vendor for a complete redesign of the NABE website, which is badly needed. Funds were included in the current budget for this project.

Devoted funds from the NABE reserve to additional mid-year meeting scholarships for NABE members in Louisiana who were seriously affected by Hurricane Katrina, as well as assessment and planning assistance for the two bar associations most directly impacted by the storm.

Reviewed developments since the August annual meeting regarding NCBF, which is conducting a new election of board members and officers following resignations by most members of the board and all the officers. Should that organization not return to viability soon, NABE will need to take steps to meet the needs of staff who manage bar related foundations.

Received reports from the Program Committee, the Sponsorship Committee and the Professionalism Task Force regarding a very exciting program in Chicago in February, where Harrison Coerver will lead our initial professionalism programming, much of which will be interactive. The task force appreciates the great response it received to the electronic survey that was available to our members during the last two weeks, which afforded an opportunity to provide information about your thoughts and ideas pertaining to professionalism in the work and world of the bar executive. Your responses will be used by Harrison in preparing for his presentation.

(Fall Nabe Board Meeting continued)

Heard a progress report from Sue Lengal about a small bar conference to be held on June 23-24, 2006, in Baltimore. The target participants are small bar execs who normally are unable to attend our mid-year and annual meetings held in conjunction with the ABA meetings. The conference will be very affordable and useful to small bar execs, and it is a part of our long planned outreach to these execs, many of whom are not yet even members of NABE. Future iterations of the program will be held in other parts of the country to enable small bar execs to attend without traveling great distances.

DOCUMENTING THE JUSTICE GAP IN AMERICA AND LSC APPROPRIATIONS

The Legal Services Corporation has recently released the results of a year long study that documents the fact that one in two people who qualify for and request assistance from LSC funded legal aid programs is turned away because of a lack of sufficient funding and staff. Including the needs of those who do not request help, more than 80% of the legal needs of the poor in our country are not addressed in any way according to the study.

For a time it appeared that an increase in LSC funding might be possible for next fiscal year, but with the current drive in Congress to cut federal spending, that now appears unlikely. Just retaining the funding LSC now has will be difficult, so contact Julie Strandlie, ABA Legislative Counsel and Director, Grassroots Operations to see how you and your association can help. jstrandlie@staff.abanet.org or 202-662-1764.

The Justice Gap study results can be found on the LSC website at <http://www.lsc.gov/>

LSC funding is one of the major issues on which bar association representatives will lobby members of Congress during ABA Day in Washington, May 3-4, 2006. Allen Ramsaur is NABE's representative on the planning committee for ABA Day, so talk to him or to Julie about how to participate.