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CALENDAR

from www.nabenet.org

- 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
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REPORT ON G.R. SECTION WORKSHOP

President Elect Allan Head, who attended the G.R. Section Workshop earlier this month in Austin, Texas, reports: "These guys and gals have fun and get the work done." The workshop featured informative speakers from all over the nation, but according to Allan, "the most valuable sessions were those in which section members in attendance shared experiences from their states with regard to such matters as budget sessions, PAC's, judicial selection, and issues related to judicial independence. Helpful substantive sessions were only challenged by Texas BBQ." Congratulations to chair Paul Hill of the Florida Bar and others on the workshop planning group for a first rate program.

If you work in the G.R. area at your bar association and did not make this year's workshop, it sounds like you missed a very helpful and informative experience. Make your plans now to attend next fall. This is always an outstanding event for our G.R. professionals.

CSE RETREAT

The CSE Committee, under the able leadership of Chris Manos from the State Bar of Montana, has completed its planning for the 2006 CSE retreat, which will be held in Chicago on March 7-8, just prior to the BLI. "Bar Associations – Inside and Out" is the theme for this year's session, and the venue will be the outstanding Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 E. Walton, just off of Michigan Avenue.

The retreat will kick off with a reception and group dinner for attendees on Tuesday evening, March 7. Programming is scheduled to run throughout the day on Wednesday, March 8, with sessions focusing on a variety of internal and external challenges faced by bar association executive directors. Discussion of confidential case studies submitted by participants and based on real life situations and problems faced at bar associations will also once again be included in the programming; these discussions are always a highlight of the retreat. This year, the planning committee is also soliciting case studies for consideration at the retreat from non-executive director management level staff at bar associations and from volunteer bar leaders. Those should add an interesting touch!

Registration information and full details about the CSE Retreat will be disseminated via the CSE listserv in mid-December, along with information about the BLI on March 9-11 at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Chicago. I strongly encourage any executive director who has not

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attended one of these retreats in the past to register for the 2006 retreat. The kind of interaction and candid exchanges that typically take place in this small group setting will provide you with invaluable tips and insights as you seek to enhance your leadership and professional skills.

MID-YEAR MEETING PLANS

The Program Committee is wrapping up the details of what I am satisfied will be an outstanding mid-year meeting in Chicago on February 7-9, 2006. If you loved Chicago as our location last summer, just wait until you experience the windy city in all its winter glory. We will be headquartered at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, an outstanding facility, and the hotel has agreed to donate \$10 of each night's lodging charge of \$119 to the hurricane relief effort in New Orleans where we were originally scheduled to meet.

Remember that in addition to the usual array of excellent educational offerings developed by the Program Committee, many in cooperation with our sections, forums and committees, the Professionalism Task Force will be presenting its initial programming featuring Harrison Coerver. There will be something useful and informative for every member of NABE, regardless of where you work in your bar or the size of your association.

If you have not yet registered for the meeting, information is available on the website or from Jill Werner at the DBS. Full details about the programming will be available early next month.

THE POWER OF A CANDID COMMENT

Earlier this month the Florida Gators football team visited South Carolina, where I am sure they expected a relatively easy win. Instead, they returned to Florida with a loss to the Gamecocks. Lu Wells, the wife of our colleague Bob Wells who serves as Executive Director of the South Carolina Bar, is taking credit for the South Carolina win.

Bob reports, according to my sources, as follows: "We made a quick run to the grocery store early Saturday morning. Lu is in the juice aisle when a man approached wearing a Gator logo. She says, 'Ewwwww, Gators!' He replies, 'And I am the coach.' She tells me this in the checkout line. I look across to another line and see Urban Meyer with kids in tow carrying a box of donuts, juice and his playbook."

Obviously, Lu psyched the Gators' head coach out completely and took him and his team out of their game plan with her comment welcoming them to Columbia.