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CALENDAR

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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

NEW SMALL BAR CONFERENCE

Planning is nearly complete for NABE's first ever Small Bar Conference, a new outreach event for executive directors of bars staffed by three or fewer people and with budgets of less than \$300,000 per year. The conference will be held on June 23 and 24 at the Holiday Inn Baltimore BWI Airport Conference Center.

The low \$99 registration fee will include all meals and materials. Sessions will cover governance issues, finances, personnel matters and communications from the perspective of a bar exec dealing with limited resources. Registration materials and a conference schedule will be distributed within the next couple of weeks, so be on the lookout for this information.

The conference is open to both NABE members and non-members who, because of either the expense involved or the lack of adequate staff coverage at their associations, do not have regular access to NABE's mid-year and annual meeting programming; so pass the word to the small bar association ED's in your area when you receive the materials.

Our thanks to Sue Lengal, Executive Director of the Akron Bar Association, and Ann Scarle, Executive Director of the Baton Rouge Bar Association, for their work in planning the program, and to Jill Werner for her usual excellent staff support for the effort.

NEW IT SECTION OF NABE OPEN TO ALL

I have been reminded by Pat Yevics, Director of Law Office Management Assistance at the Maryland State Bar Association, that the new Information Technology Section is not just for our members who are certified techies serving on the IT staffs of the larger bar associations. Many smaller bars do not have in house IT staff and rely instead on contract services from outside vendors.

Membership in the new section is certainly not limited to IT staff persons, and the section also hopes to serve the needs and interests of NABE members who

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simply want to learn more about technology and how it can be deployed to assist bar associations and their members. Thanks for this reminder Pat; your point is well taken.

RECOGNITION AND NEW POSITION FOR TWO OF OUR MEMBERS

Patience Burns completed her 25th year of service to the Palm Beach County Bar Association last month and was recognized for her contributions by her officers and board at a special ceremony on December 18, 2005. Knowing that Patience plans to attend our annual meeting next August in Hawaii, the president of her association presented her with a number of appropriate gifts suitable for wear or use during a trip to the islands. More importantly, she was surprised with a cash gift from present and past officers and board members sufficient to enable her to take her family with her to the meeting in August.

Congratulations to Patience on reaching this significant milestone in her career with the Palm Beach County Bar Association.

At the New York State Bar Association, a new executive level position, Director of Bar Services, has been created to strengthen the state bar's outreach to and collaboration with the 160 local, specialty and minority bar associations throughout the jurisdiction. Our colleague Brad Carr, long-time Director of Media Services and Public Affairs at the New York Bar Association, has been named to the new post.

Congratulations to Brad on this new assignment, which I am sure he will carry out with great aplomb.

2006 NABE ELECTIONS AT HAND

As we do each Spring, NABE will be electing a new vice president, as well as a secretary to the board of directors and several members of the board from state and local bar associations. Details about the election process and the vacancies for this year will be posted soon on the NABE website.

I am sure most of you are aware that unlike some organizations, we do not rely on a nominating committee to generate a slate of officers and board members for NABE. Rather, anyone can become involved and run for a position simply by filing a petition with the DBS staff and the Elections Committee and asking for a place on our ballot. Don't wait for someone to ask you to run. If you are interested in being a part of the leadership team for NABE and participating directly in its governance, all you need to do is let that be known by filing a petition for one of the vacancies this year.