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CALENDAR

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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

March 7 - 8, 2006
**Chief Staff
Executive Retreat**
Chicago, IL

May 4 - 5, 2006
**NABE Board of
Directors Meeting**
Hot Springs, VA

June 23 - 24, 2006
Small Bar Conference
Baltimore, MD

MID-YEAR AND ANNUAL MEETINGS

We are moving toward a really solid turnout for the mid-year meeting in Chicago next month, with over 180 of our members already registered; and you will all be pleased to hear that over 100 folks have gotten a really early start and pre-registered for the annual meeting in August in Hawaii. We expect a total of more than 200 members at each meeting.

These two meetings during 2006 will be outstanding in terms of both program content and social and networking opportunities. As you already know, there will be professionalism programming under the sponsorship of the Professionalism Task Force, along with our usual array of presentations on a wide range of other topics and issues of day to day importance to bar executives. Several of our sections, forums and committees will be conducting specialized programs of interest and value to NABE members at each meeting.

One new idea from the Program Committee is for us to learn something at each of our future meetings about the venue in which we are meeting. Had we been able to meet in New Orleans, we were going to have a presentation about writers who lived in that city during all or part of their careers and wrote about that section of the country. Instead, in Chicago we are going to have a presentation during breakfast on Wednesday morning by Rick Kogan, a well known local journalist and radio commentator, who knows Chicago and its history intimately. He grew up in a household where such local luminaries as Studs Terkel and Ann Landers frequently gathered, and he has chronicled Chicago politicians, gangsters and high-rollers for decades. He writes a weekly column in the Sunday Tribune about Chicago neighborhoods and hosts a weekly radio show at a local station. It should be interesting and informative, as well as great fun, to hear Rick.

Our Wednesday evening social event in Chicago will be a bowling party planned by the Program Committee at a venue not far from our hotel. Attendees will be randomly organized into teams, and there will be good food and refreshments for your enjoyment. This will be an interactive event where you will get to know NABE members you do not know well, or perhaps have never had an opportunity to meet. It should be lots of fun and not unduly competitive, at least if we can keep John Norwine and his team on the reservation.

As a preview, our Wednesday evening party in Honolulu will be a catered event at the state aquarium, which is located on the beach not far from our headquarters hotel. More details will be available closer to the time of the meeting. Stay tuned.

(New IT Section of NABE continued)

NABE ELECTIONS FOR 2006

As mentioned in the last NABE News, our elections are coming up soon, and full information about positions available in our governance structure and petition forms are available on the website. I encourage anyone who is interested in any of the officer or board vacancies to submit a petition and get involved.

We have appointed an Election Committee to work with the DBS staff in conducting this year's election and announcing the results. Serving as chair will be Brant Bittner, ED of the Orange County Bar Association in Florida. He will be ably assisted by Mary Guthrie, ED of the Wyoming State Bar, and Crista Hogan, ED of the Springfield Metro Bar Association in Missouri.

NABE SECTIONS AND FORUMS

This is just a reminder that we now have four sections and five forums, each organized around specialty areas in which most of our members work at their various home bar associations. These groups and their current chairs and vice-chairs are listed in your NABE Directory, with the exception of the new Information Technology Section which is still being formally organized and will be up and running next month.

These sections and forums are the places where you can connect and interact with peers from other bar associations who share your job responsibilities and interests. Each of the groups has a list serve used to exchange ideas and information between meetings, and several are doing programming for their members and other interested bar execs at each of our annual and mid-year meetings.

Look for your home within NABE and its broader membership in one of these sections or forums. Information about how to join is available on the website, and questions can be directed to Jill Werner at the Division of Bar Services.