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## CALENDAR

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February 7, 2006  
**NABE Board of Directors Meeting**  
 Hyatt Regency  
 Chicago, IL

February 7–11, 2006  
**NABE/NCBP/NCBF Midyear Meeting**  
 Hyatt Regency  
 Chicago, IL

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

March 9–11, 2006  
**Bar Leadership Institute**  
 Chicago, IL

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

June 23–24, 2006  
**Small Bar Conference**  
 Baltimore, MD

## HURRICANE KATRINA FOLLOW-UP

I think we kept you all apprised of developments during the months following Hurricane Katrina last August, and we reported in prior issues of NABE News about the help and support provided by NABE and many of our members and their organizations to our sister bar associations and their members in Louisiana and Mississippi who were adversely affected by the storm.

At our up coming mid-year meeting in Chicago, we will continue to follow up in several important ways. There will be a disaster recovery program on Thursday morning featuring several executive directors and staff members at bar associations that were directly impacted by the hurricane and bar associations that provided on the ground assistance in the areas devastated by the storm during the ensuing several months. The Florida Bar and the State Bar of Texas, for example, sent members of their staffs to Louisiana and Mississippi soon after the hurricane to assist both the affected bar associations and displaced lawyers. This kind of wonderful, invaluable help continues, with the Oklahoma Bar Association recently dispatching Jim Calloway to conduct a series of no cost presentations for bar members in Louisiana who still have technology issues and problems arising out of their storm losses.

At our NABE Board of Directors meeting next Tuesday in Chicago, we will be hearing from some of the local and state bar executive directors in these two states to learn if there are other ways in which we can assist, beyond the meeting scholarships and other help we have already offered as an organization.

Finally, at our Thursday luncheon and business meeting, we will be recognizing those executive directors whose local or state bars were significantly affected by the storm for their leadership and courage in dealing with what, for most of us, was an unimaginable disaster.

I hope everyone who is able to attend the mid-year meeting will make it a point to be at both the disaster recovery program and the luncheon on Thursday, February 9.

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## CHIEF STAFF EXECUTIVES RETREAT AND BAR LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Early registration for the CSE Retreat on March 7–8, 2006 in Chicago is available through February 17 at a savings of \$100, and I hope that many of our executive directors will take advantage of this terrific opportunity to explore common issues and problems in a confidential setting with colleagues from other local and state bars. I have attended several of these and always come home with new information and insights that I can put to work in managing my bar and working with my officers.

Similarly, the BLI immediately following the retreat on March 9–11, offers a wonderful chance to learn about issues affecting bar associations and their operations in the company of your up-coming officers. Contact Beverly Ware with any questions you may have or to obtain information about the BLI at 312-988-5353 or [bware@staff.abanet.org](mailto:bware@staff.abanet.org). I hope to see you and your officers there!

## NABE ELECTIONS

Petitions are arriving already at the Division for Bar Services for our election this spring. For those who are attending the mid-year meeting, this will be an excellent place to explore your interest in any of the vacancies on our board or in our officer ranks with your colleagues, as well as to obtain needed signatures on your petition. Please think about benefiting your national organization with some of your time and talents as a board member or an officer. I assure you your service will be both professionally rewarding and personally satisfying, as well as a great deal of fun.