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CALENDAR

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March 7-8, 2006

**Chief Staff
Executive Retreat**
Chicago, IL

March 9-11, 2006

**Bar Leadership
Institute**
Chicago, IL

March 15, 2006

**Deadline for Filing Petitions
for NABE Election**

April 17, 2006

**NABE Election
Ballots Mailed**

May 5-6, 2006

**NABE Board of
Directors Meeting**
Hot Springs, VA

May 16, 2006

**Deadline for Returning
NABE Election Ballots**

June 23-24, 2006

Small Bar Conference
Baltimore, MD

August 1-3, 2006

NABE Annual Meeting
Honolulu, HI

NABE ELECTIONS

This is a final reminder and nudge for those of you considering running for one of the vacancies this year on the board of directors or in our officer ranks. The deadline for filing petitions with the DBS staff is March 15, 2006, with the ballots to be mailed in mid-April and the results announced in late May.

MID-YEAR MEETING WRAP UP

A few final thank yous are in order for our mid-year meeting last month in Chicago.

As mentioned in the last NABE News, we had fifteen first time attendees, and they were taken in tow by the following members who served as their "buddies" under the auspices of the Membership Committee, introducing them around and making sure their questions were answered: Betty Braden, Dana Collier-Smith, Peggy Gruenke, Allan Head, Cynthia Hill, Susan Jacobs, Charlie Lorenzetti, Yvonne McGhee, Fred Parker, Jane Schoenike, Ev Sullivan, Whitney Van Haam, Peter Yamasaki, Pat Yevics and Rod Wegner. Thanks to all our buddies for carrying out this assignment in a first rate manner.

I also want to thank all our members who took the time last fall to respond to the electronic survey conducted by the Professionalism Task Force. The results of the survey provided much useful information about our members' current attitudes toward professionalism issues and concepts, and the aggregate results were used by Harrison Coerver during his plenary presentation in Chicago. They will also be used by the Professionalism Task Force in planning its future efforts. The survey results have been sent out to all our members via the listserv by Jill Werner, and if you have not had an opportunity to review and reflect upon them I encourage you to do that. Focus particularly on the narrative comments in response to the request for additional characteristics of a professional bar executive beyond the list provided in the survey, as well as for suggestions about our future professionalism programming and activities.

Finally, I want to thank the Program Committee again, not only for the fine job on the substantive program, but also for planning a very enjoyable Wednesday evening social event at the most high tech bowling alley I have ever visited. Attendees were assigned randomly to bowling teams for the event, and much energy and imagination went into

Oct 27–28, 2006
NABE Board Meeting
Jackson Hole, Wyoming

May 11–12, 2007
NABE Board Meeting
North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

selection of such things as team names and uniforms. Our thanks also to those who served as bowling commissioners; they kept things moving in good order and dispensed prizes for such things as highest team score, worst team name, etc. You get the picture. It was great fun and provided lots of opportunities for interaction among our members in good spirit.

MEMBER RECOGNITIONS AND CHANGES

Steve Henderson, Executive Director of the Ventura County Bar Association and Foundation since 1990, received his CAE designation from the American Society of Association Executives on January 17, 2006. Congratulations to Steve on this significant achievement.

Also, Bob Paolini, Executive Director of the Vermont Bar Association, was recently the recipient of one of six awards given by the Vermont Secretary of State in a special ceremony at the State House. These Enduring Democracy Awards were presented to honor individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to promoting the tenants of democracy in Vermont. Bob was recognized for the excellent law related education program he has fostered through the VBA and its Center for Public Education, which provides educational resources and opportunities for both teachers and students in Vermont schools. Well deserved recognition for Bob and his public service work.

Finally, Jean Bednarski, Executive Director of the York County, Pa. Bar Association for the past six years and current chair of the NABE Scholarship Committee, is leaving her post at the end of March to accept a development position with Dickinson College. Congratulations and best wishes to Jean on her career change. Jean's duties with the Scholarship Committee will be assumed by vice chair Mary Gutherie, Executive Director of the Wyoming State Bar.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOLTON AND LEXISNEXIS AWARDS

Please remember to submit your nominations for the Bolton Award and the LexisNexis Community and Educational Outreach Awards for this year no later than the end of March. Recipients of both awards will be selected by the NABE Board of Directors at its meeting in early May. Criteria and nomination information are available on the website and have previously been circulated via the listserve. Questions can be directed to Jill Werner at DBS.