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CALENDAR

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- 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
- Oct 27-28, 2006
NABE Board Meeting
Jackson Hole, Wyoming
- May 11-12, 2007
NABE Board Meeting
North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

CSE RETREAT AND BAR LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Those executive directors who missed this year's CSE Retreat missed a wonderful program and a fine opportunity for interaction with colleagues in a small group setting just prior to the BLI in Chicago last week. The 45 retreat participants had dinner together on Tuesday evening and spent the day on Wednesday hearing a great presentation by our own futurist, Stuart Forsyth of the LA County Bar Association; exploring and responding to case studies of problems and bar association issues submitted in advance by those in attendance; and learning the importance of listening skills in an interactive program presented by Helen McDonald, Carrie Witt and Tom Pyrz.

The retreat was planned and presented by the CSE Committee under the leadership of Chris Manos and John Williams, with the able assistance and logistical support of Jill Werner and others from the ABA Division for Bar Services. Congratulations to them on a great program.

Following the retreat we were joined by many of our other NABE members and the presidents-elect or other officers of their associations for the annual Bar Leadership Institute, the premier training and preparation program put on by DBS and the ABA Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services for those who will lead bar associations during the next couple of year. If you and your officers on the leadership track are not participating in the BLI, with its excellent array of programs and opportunities to develop leadership skills, you are missing a fine opportunity, and I hope you will join us in 2007.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

President elect Allan Head and I also had the privilege last week of attending the spring meeting of the NABE Program Committee, which is scheduled for the Saturday following the BLI each year. The committee never ceases to amaze me with its enthusiasm and sound judgment as it develops each of our mid-year and annual meeting programs, and this occasion was no exception as they gathered to plan the August program in Honolulu.

Under the leadership of chair Keith Norman, vice-chair Leah Johnson and scribe Yvonne McGhee, the committee examined and discussed some 36 program suggestions from the Professionalism Task Force, NABE's sections and forums, and individual members of our association. Ultimately, the committee selected and assigned for development 19 sessions, including one plenary program and 18 breakouts. There will be ample opportunities at the

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annual meeting for us to continue our exploration of professionalism themes and ideas, and there will be plenty of offerings on technology, communications, personnel issues and tips for making your bar more relevant and attractive to members and prospective members. I hope you will make your plans now to join us in Hawaii for the meeting; we already have some 140 members pre-registered.

2006 ANNUAL MEETING POINTERS

Several decisions made during the recent Program Committee meeting are worth mentioning in advance for those of you who plan to attend the 2006 annual meeting:

The committee intends to start our programming a bit earlier each day and end by mid-afternoon, so that attendees and their families can enjoy the beach and other attractions offered by Honolulu.

Our breakfast on Wednesday morning August 2, will again feature, as we did in Chicago, an interesting presentation by a person who knows a lot about our meeting venue and its culture. Our Hawaiian speaker will be Kahu Wendell Silva, who is very active in Hawaiian civic and cultural affairs and formerly served as head of the State Commission on Culture and the Arts. He is a composer, singer, writer, lecturer and Hawaiian cultural and spiritual adviser. It should be a very interesting introduction to Hawaii, and we are grateful to Lyn Flanigan, Executive Director of the Hawaii State Bar Association, for suggesting and engaging our speaker. The breakfast will be a ticketed event. Registrants will receive a ticket with their registration packets, but you will need to purchase a ticket for any guests you would like to bring.

We are also indebted to Lyn for getting us set up for our Wednesday night dinner and social occasion at the Waikiki Aquarium, which should be a spectacular occasion.

Finally, the 2006 annual meeting will be a paperless one, with all your materials and handouts for the programs produced on a flash drive to be provided to you at the meeting with your registration packets. This will avoid the cost of duplicating and shipping materials in hard copy to Hawaii, and it will relieve members of the burden of shipping or carrying materials back home from the meeting. Registrants for the meeting who want hard copies in advance will be able to download and print materials from the NABE website prior to the meeting, and the materials will be available to all members on the site following the meeting. Members attending the meeting will be able to use hotel facilities to print hard copies of materials from the flash drive if they want them during the meeting.

CHANGING CAREERS

George Riemer, Deputy Director and General Counsel of the Oregon State Bar, is leaving the Bar and the NABE fold after twenty-five years. He and his wife are moving to Arizona, where George is an active member of the Bar and plans to practice law. Our best wishes to George as he makes this career change.