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## CALENDAR

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October 10–14, 2006  
**Communications Section  
Workshop**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

October 27–28, 2006  
**NABE Board Meeting**  
Jackson Hole, Wyoming

November 15–17, 2006  
**Government Relations  
Section Workshop**  
Washington, D.C.

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

## HEAD NOTES

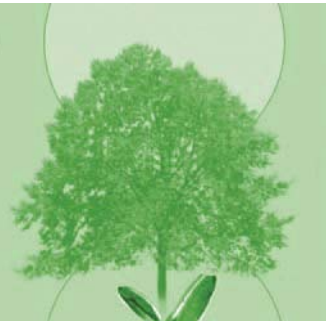
- A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter is not a nice person.
- Sometimes you want more for a person than they want for themselves.
- If you can't improve the silence, don't say anything.

## NABE HAWAII MEETING IS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Over 200 members attended. Program was excellent; weather was beautiful; business was productive; fellowship with friends was fun!

Meeting highlights included:

- A fond farewell to outgoing President Tom Edmonds (thanks for a great job Tom!).
- Program materials distributed on a flash drive seemed to be well received by our members. Your comments on program speakers and materials are always welcome. S.C. Assistant Executive Director Leah Johnson is the new Program Committee Chair. Please respond to the program survey recently sent via SurveyMonkey.
- Bolton Award for Professional Excellence, NABE's highest award, recognizing outstanding competence and professionalism, was presented to longtime Ohio State Bar Association Executive Director Denny Ramey. This award in part also recognized Denny's 26 years of service to the legal profession and NABE.
- The NABE Board committed to two more Small Bar Regional Conferences. Following on the huge success of the first such conference this June in Baltimore, the Board plans one in the Midwest in 2007 and another in the West in 2008. Special thanks to Sue Lengal who chaired this year's conference and to Yvonne McGhee who will chair the 2007 event.
- Bill Weisenberg, Ohio State Bar Association Assistant Executive Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations, was elected by the Board to fill the unexpired term of Allen



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Kimbrough as the NABE delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. This position also makes Bill an ex-officio member of the NABE Board. Bill's wit, experience and knowledge of ABA process and procedure will make him a wonderful addition to both the House and our Board.

- As you already know, in Hawaii, the ABA announced the name of the new ABA Executive Director, retired Admiral Henry F. "Hank" White, Jr. White will succeed Bob Stein, who was recognized and honored at the joint NABE/NCBP luncheon for his 12 years of service to the ABA. In order to forge closer NABE-ABA relationships, the NABE Board has asked President-Elect Ev Sullivan and me to meet with the new ABA Executive Director as soon as possible. White takes office Oct. 1.

- Ev and I have reaffirmed our commitment, and that of NABE, to a multi-year emphasis on professionalism. Special thanks to Chuck Turner, Susan Jacobs and Stuart Forsyth who will tri-chair (new word?) the Professionalism Task Force.

- Under the leadership of Dana Collier-Smith, Assistant Executive Directors, aka "the #2's," formed an ad hoc group which intends to meet regularly in connection with NABE midyear and annual meetings.

- The Chief Staff Executives Committee, under the leadership of John Williamson, is working on a Best Practices Manual which we hope to publish and distribute this year. The manual will feature forms and model policies recommended for consideration by all bars.

- The State Bar of Georgia has honored its Executive Director, Cliff Brashier, with the 2006 Distinguished Serviced Award "for conspicuous service to the cause of jurisprudence and to the advancement of the legal profession in the state of Georgia." Cliff has been with the State Bar of Georgia for 26 years and was recognized for numerous innovative and successful member service programs.

- In case you haven't heard, the following retirements (bar execs never retire) have been announced:

Onondaga County (NY) Bar Executive Director Helen Druce - Dec. 31, 2006

Kentucky Bar Executive Director Bruce Davis - March 1, 2007

Washington State Bar Executive Director Jan Michels - May 4, 2007

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as President of NABE. Please share your concerns and/or suggestions with me at [ahead@ncbar.org](mailto:ahead@ncbar.org).

Allan Head

*"It is only through the power of association that those of any calling exercise due influence in their communities."*

Elihu Root