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CALENDAR

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November 15-17, 2006

**Government Relations
Section Workshop**
Washington, D.C.

February 6-10, 2007

NABE Midyear Meeting
Miami, FL

March 13-14, 2007

Chief Staff Executive Retreat
Chicago

May 18-19, 2007

NABE Board Meeting
North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

HEAD NOTES

- A good receptionist is also your "Director of First Impressions."
- Membership service is not a department, it's an attitude!
- Take the blame; give the credit.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION WORKSHOP AND ANNUAL MEETING

The recent meeting was a high-flying success amid hundreds of hot air balloons. Under the capable leadership of Section Chair Carol Manning, over 95 Section members met in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Topics covered ranged from leadership and professionalism to the latest in communication technology. Look forward to next year - Philadelphia - October 9-13, 2007.

NABE IS WELL REPRESENTED

Colorado Executive Director Chuck Turner has been appointed by ABA President Karen Mathis to the new "Second Season of Service" Commission, and Indiana Executive Director Tom Pyrz has been similarly appointed to the new "Youth at Risk" Commission.

NABE DELEGATE TO THE ABA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Bill Weisenberg reports that the February 2007 meeting of the ABA House of Delegates will feature consideration of a report from the Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct. Recommendations addressing disqualification, attendance at seminars, educational, civic, religious, fraternal, and other charitable organizations and campaign activities are among the issues that should provide lively debate among the delegates. The report can be found at www.abanet.org/judicialethics/commissionreport.html and should be made available to officers, boards of governors, and ethics committees for review. Considering the relevancy of these issues to heightened public scrutiny, review by your association is suggested.

Bill would appreciate hearing from you if your bar association is planning to submit a proposal for House of Delegates consideration in order that he can act as a repository for such information and share it with other NABE colleagues. You can contact Bill at wweisenberg@ohiobar.org, (614) 487-4414, or (800) 282-6556.



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ACLEA AND NABE BOARDS

Both boards recently voted to meet concurrently in order to discuss matters of mutual concern related to the more effective and efficient delivery of CLE to bar association members. CLE is a big business and getting more competitive every day. The Boards have scheduled overlapping meetings in Myrtle Beach, SC May 17-19, 2007. ACLEA is the international association for CLE directors representing bar associations, for-profit providers, universities, law firms and legal publishers. Similar in size to NABE, they have over 600 members.

MIAMI IN FEBRUARY

Membership Committee Chair Whitney von Haam asks everyone to keep these dates and times in mind: On Tuesday, February 6, there will be a **First Timers Orientation** beginning at 4 pm. If you will be a first-time attendee, you won't want to miss this event which will give you a basic orientation of NABE and acquaint you with fellow NABE members. Following the first timers orientation, there will be an inaugural "**Making the Most of Your NABE Membership**" event beginning at 4:45 pm. This event has been created to help not only new attendees but also other NABE members who are interested in learning how to boost their networking opportunities within the association. The rowdy **Welcome Reception** for all NABE attendees will commence at 5:30 pm. And, don't hurry back home either, first-time attendees will have a **Wrap-Up Session** on Thursday, February 8 from 2:45-3:30 pm.

BEST OF BEST PROJECTS

The 20th anniversary edition of the ABA publication Best Projects re-examines 32 programs that broke molds, started trends and set standards for high-quality bar work. Each profile includes a status update, an inside look at how the program was implemented and advice on how to adapt it to your bar. \$18, including shipping. Order online at www.abanet.org/barserv/bebop.html.

NABE BEST PRACTICES MANUAL

Contributions are rolling in! Please do not forget to submit your model personnel policies to Tom Pyrz. One member reports "We don't have anything at all that was on that list - I don't even have a job description." Help is on the way!

COMINGS & GOINGS

Executive Director John Berry stepped down in October to return home after six great years of service to the State Bar of Michigan. He has accepted a position with The Florida Bar where he will oversee lawyer regulation and professionalism. In a farewell email John said, "I remain most proud to be a lawyer AND to have been among those leaders (NABE) who help hold the profession together." Best wishes to John.

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.

Allan Head

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

Elihu Root

If you have an announcement that you would like to see included in the NABE-News, please contact Allan Head, President, NABE, at ahead@ncbar.org or call him at (919) 677-0561, ext. 300.