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CALENDAR

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February 6-10, 2007
NABE Midyear Meeting
Miami, FL

March 13-14, 2007
Chief Staff Executives Retreat
Chicago

March 15-17
Bar Leadership Institute
Chicago

May 18-19, 2007
NABE Board Meeting
North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

HEAD NOTES

- A phone call from a member is not an interruption; it is another opportunity to serve.
- Laugh at yourself more often . . . you really are not that great.
- When charging up the hill with an idea, make sure someone is following you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The start of a new year gives us all time to reflect on the importance of the friends we have within our own organization, NABE. I recently wrote to welcome first-time attendees to Miami, and it reminded me what a wonderful family we have - folks who work hard to serve the profession in diverse states and communities across the country. We take it for granted, but we are fortunate to have each other. I give thanks!

UPDATE ON BELL RINGING

I told you I would report to you on my experience of “ringing the bell” for the Salvation Army. It was a wonderful, uplifting experience. I observed frequently that those who had the least to give were the most generous. In two hours in front of Wal-Mart, at lunch time, my kettle filled with over \$500! I learned that it helps to wear a Santa hat, be outgoing, speak to everyone, and encourage folks “don’t spend it all inside, save some for the kettle” and they did. Next year I am going to do it again and organize a team from our office and another from our local bar to do the same. All of that is to say - you might want to do it yourself!

IT’S COMING - BIANNUAL NABE SALARY SURVEY

Final revisions are being made now by Surveys Committee Chair Larry Houchins for our “every other year” salary and benefits survey. Look for it in March. Publication of the survey will be announced at the 2007 NABE meeting in San Francisco (August 7-9), with distribution to follow. Special thanks to The Florida Bar for helping with the administration.



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SMALL BAR CONFERENCE

The Second Annual Small Bar Conference, hosted by the National Association of Bar Executives, will meet June 29 and 30, 2007, at The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Attendees will stay nearby at the Omni Hotel. This conference is designed specifically for execs who stretch budgets and wrangle with small or no staff . . . and yet meet growing membership demands. Speakers will address board training, membership campaigns and communication, IT on a shoestring, non-dues revenue and more. Cost of the conference is \$99, and the Omni rate is \$129 plus tax. You need not be a member of NABE to attend.

HANK WHITE TO ATTEND

I am pleased to announce that new ABA Executive Director Hank White will be with us in Miami. He hopes to attend our board meeting and opening session. I have talked with Hank, and he is looking forward to getting to know NABE.

NO “HANGING CHADS”

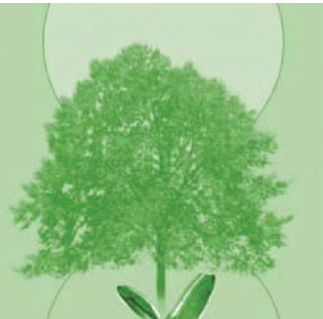
Watch your e-mail boxes this month for information about openings on the NABE Board of Directors. There are six open positions: vice president, secretary, treasurer, state bar director, local bar director and at-large director. Petition forms and election guidelines will be posted on the NABE website. Thanks to this year’s Elections Committee, who have volunteered to oversee the process: Larry Buxbaum, executive director of the Hennepin County Bar Association, chair; Trish Branam, executive director of the Toledo Bar Association, and Brita Horvath, director of LRE and section liaison at the Indiana State Bar Association.

CSE RETREAT

Executive directors, registration is now open for the 2007 Chief Staff Executive Retreat March 13 and 14 at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Chicago. This year’s program will focus on case studies submitted by attendees and will include a session on managing organizational change. Registration and case study forms are posted on the NABE website. The retreat will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, followed by dinner. Case study discussions will kick off the program on Wednesday, March 14. CSE Chair John Williams, executive director of the Oklahoma Bar Association, is leading an energetic committee planning this event.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Kim Farmer, former executive director of the Louisville Bar Association, is the new executive director of the State Bar of Nevada. Bill Schneider will serve as interim executive director in Louisville.



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Allen Kimbrough is the new executive director of the Maricopa County Bar in Phoenix, Ariz.

Christine Gray is the new executive director of the Onondaga County (N.Y.) Bar Association, following Helen Druce's retirement.

And Don Hollingsworth, long-time executive director of the Arkansas Bar Association, has announced his retirement effective June 30.

Congratulations to Kim, Allen, Christine and Don!

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