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CALENDAR

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June 29-30, 2007

Small Bar Conference
St. Louis, MO

Aug. 6-7, 2007

Administration/IT Workshop
San Francisco, CA

Aug. 8-9, 2007

NABE Annual Meeting
San Francisco, CA

Oct. 10-13, 2007

**Communications
Section Workshop**
Philadelphia, PA

Nov. 14-16, 2007

**Governmental Relations
Section Workshop**
Raleigh, NC

Feb. 5-7, 2008

NABE Midyear Meeting
Los Angeles, CA

March 13-15, 2008

Bar Leadership Institute
Chicago, IL

HEAD NOTES

- Surround yourself with positive people.
- Don't use the pronouns "I, me, or my"....."we, and our" sound so much better.
- Do the little things right.
- Other people have good ideas too.

CONGRATULATIONS

Award Winners who will receive appropriate NABE recognition in San Francisco are:

Tom Edmonds who will receive the Bolton Award, recognizing professionalism and excellence in leadership, and Toby Brown who will receive the Peer Excellence Award, and the State Bar of Texas, the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Cleveland Bar Association and the El Paso Bar Association, all of whom will receive LexisNexis Outreach Awards.

As you might expect, there were many very good nominations. Thank you all for your input - I encourage you to re-submit next year.

THE REAL TREAT

If you've never served as a buddy for first-time attendees at NABE meeting, you are missing a real treat. The Membership Committee is seeking energetic NABE members to serve in San Francisco, and if you haven't done it before, please consider trying something new! If you are interested, please email Membership Committee Chair Whitney von Haam at whitney@ncbar.org and indicate your interest in participating. More details will be provided about the program.



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BOARD VACANCY

Board member Jack Lockridge will become the NABE Vice President in San Francisco, and therefore the Board will be selecting a replacement for the one year left on his term. Any NABE member representing a state, local or specialty bar will be eligible for consideration. If you are interested, please respond electronically with a letter and resume to Jill Werner at the ABA with a copy to me.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES REPORT

Our most capable and highly respected NABE delegate to the ABA House, Bill Weisenberg, reports:

First, I want to thank the NABE Board of Directors for appointing me to a full two-year term as your representative to the ABA House of Delegates. I am honored to represent and serve you in this capacity.

The ABA House of Delegates will meet on August 13-14, 2007. Among potential agenda items for consideration are the following:

- Rule of law initiatives adopting Principles of Judicial Independence and Fair and Impartial Courts, and the adoption of specified prominent international standards on judicial independence.
- Recommendation for states and the federal government to enact laws providing for critical post-majority services to youth aging out of foster care programs.
- A proposal to adopt eleven proposed Rule of Law principles to preserve the rule of law in times of a calamity to help insure that justice will continue to be dispensed despite damage and disruption caused by the event. This follows on the heels of Katrina and the devastation to the justice system in Louisiana.
- A proposal recommending protocols and best practices for judges when litigants in housing courts are not represented.
- A proposal addressing juvenile status offenders and utilization of early intervention and diversion services.

If you would like additional information on these, or any other proposals, please contact me at wwaisenberg@ohiobar.org, (614) 487-4414, or (800) 282-6556. I also recommend checking the ABA website for information on House of Delegates reports and updates.



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One additional item! As a follow-up to recent programs commencing the “Least Understood Branch” program, the ABA Standing Committee on Judicial Independence and the Judicial Division of the ABA are hosting a program on Thursday, August 9, 2007, from 1:00 until 3:30 PM entitled “Fair and Impartial Courts - A Different Perspective?” Panelists representing various minority groups will offer their view on whether the system is truly fair and impartial and what can be done to counter these negative perceptions. Bar leaders registered for NCBP will be contacted about arriving early to attend this program.

HILTON, SAN FRANCISCO - AUGUST 7-9

This year’s Annual Meeting is filled with opportunities for you to tailor your learning experience to meet your particular needs. Sign up for these special sessions:

1. The Administration and Finance Section joins the Information Technology Section in presenting a daylong workshop filled with targeted information for bar executives interested in these areas. A welcome reception is planned for Monday, August 6, and the programming will begin Tuesday morning.
2. The New Bar Executive Institute is slated 12:30 to 4 pm Tuesday for executive directors who have held their positions for two years or less. This program will address board/staff relations, goal identification, work/life balance, potential hot spots, technology advances and more.
3. Twenty-five bar executives may participate in the 2:30 pm Wednesday session on discovering your bar’s core ideology, led by Denny Ramey. This session involves prep work. If you are interested in registering for this class, please reply to Jill Werner at wernerj@staff.abanet.org. Registration is first-come, first-served.
4. You also will have a chance to register for individual consultations on personnel issues, Web functionality, IT strategies and more. Private consultations will be available between 1:45 and 2:45 pm Thursday. Roundtable discussions of association management hot topics are also scheduled during this time slot.

In addition, you are welcome to submit real-life scenarios for Dr. Dan Angel to consider in his session entitled “Case Studies in Change Management.” A few paragraphs describing the situation will suffice. Identifying information will be deleted from all submissions before they are sent to Dr. Angel. Case studies are also welcome for the CEOs Breakout 1:45-2:45 pm Thursday. Again, all identifying information will be deleted before it is sent to discussion facilitators. Send case studies for either session to Jill Werner. You’ll have another opportunity to hear information tailored to you on Thursday from 1:45 to 2:45pm when the Forum on Sections and Committees offers a panel presentation entitled: “Sections: Can’t Live With Them, Can’t Live Without Them.” The panel plans to address issues surrounding the formation, governance and finances of sections. To make the program as relevant as possible, the Forum is inviting any questions that you may have in these areas, and will seek to provide answers in the course of the program. A brief statement of your problem or question is all that is necessary. You may email your questions directly to Forum Chair John Williamson of the



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New York State Bar Association at the following address: jwilliamson@nysba.org.
Finally, note the advance reading/viewing recommendations that accompany the two-part session on "Meetings and Learning." Your prep work will truly enhance your experience in this innovative session.

Ready to register? You'll find the NABE/NCBP/NCBF registration form at <http://www.abanet.org/annual/2007/>.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Congratulations to (1) Janet Welch, the new Executive Director for the State Bar of Michigan; (2) Sleeter Dover, the new Executive Director of the Wyoming State Bar, and to (3) Sandra Haynes, the new Executive Director of the Shreveport Bar Association. Sandra replaces Patti Guin who has moved on to the Office of the US Magistrate. We hope to meet and welcome our new friends in San Francisco.

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