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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

- Believe it or not, somebody ran this place before you got here, and somebody will run it after you are gone.
- A player who helps to make a “great team” is better than a great player.
- Celebrate what is right, and then find the energy to fix what is wrong.
- Anyone can steer the ship . . . a leader charts the course.

2007 NABE SALARY AND BENEFITS SURVEY

Coming to a mail box near you soon! Look for it; complete it; return it. Thanks!

LAW-RELATED EDUCATION

You asked for it; you got it! NABE is announcing a new LISTSERV forum for members who work with law-related education. This free member benefit will be available to both NABE and NCBF members.

REMINDER - 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

Registration is now open for San Francisco. Our “head”quarters hotel is the Hilton. The link to registration is www.abanet.org/annual/2007. You can register now for the early bird rate, or wait, and pay more, and stay at another hotel, and take an expensive taxi to the meetings.....



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NOMINATION PETITIONS

Want to be more active in your Association? Offer yourself for an officer or board position. You need five friends to sign and say you are ok. Petition deadline is March 15; petition available on our website, www.nabenet.org.

ABA HOUSE OF DELEGATES REPORT BY NABE DELEGATE BILL WEISENBERG

The American Bar Association House of Delegates meeting held on Feb. 12 was highlighted by the adoption of revisions to the Model Code of Judicial Conduct that will continue “the appearance of impropriety” as both an enforceable standard and basis for discipline. The revised Code addresses both professional and personal conduct of judges, including acceptance of gifts, attendance at seminars and conduct for candidates in judicial elections. A significant provision prohibiting judges from making pledges, promises or commitments pertaining to cases that might come before them is also included. This provision is the subject of cases that will in all likelihood make their way to the U.S. Supreme Court, but retaining this standard was deemed very important by the delegates.

Among other recommendations (proposals) adopted by the House of Delegates, the following are noteworthy for your information:

Report 10B, as revised, from the **Colorado Bar Association** that calls on the ABA to join in efforts by state, local and territorial bar organizations to defend against attacks on the judiciary and oppose any measure that is proposed by any state legislation, referendum or ballot initiative that would interfere with or impede the ability of courts to apply independently the law and the Constitution fairly and impartially.

Report 10C, as revised, from the **New York State Bar Association** that reaffirms the commitment of the ABA to the core values of the legal profession with special emphasis on pro bono provision of legal services and condemns any attack on the independence of the profession which encourages clients to exert improper influence over their lawyer’s choice of other clients, or to penalize lawyers for representing unpopular or controversial clients. (Response to the recent “Stimson” attack on lawyers providing pro bono representation to detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.)

Report 104, as revised, proposing a rule to provide for legal services following a determination of a major disaster.

Report 10D, from **The Florida Bar**, urging Congress to take immediate action to enact a substantial pay increase for the federal judiciary.



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Two reports from the Criminal Justice Section, 102A recommending that victims of domestic violence who are incarcerated be included in the group of individuals target by programs that train lawyers in assisting persons in applying for pardons and other relief, and 102B pertaining to access to the courts by prisoners through either the repeal of or amendments to the Prison Litigation Reform Act.

A series of reports from the Commission on Effective Criminal Sanctions, and joined in some instances by the National District Attorneys Association, encouraging jurisdictions with prosecutors and others, to develop community supervision programs that allow all but the most serious offenders to avoid incarceration and a conviction record (103A); the development and implementation of meaningful graduated sanctions for violations of probation or parole (103B); and policies that limit access to and the use of criminal history records for non-law enforcement purposes (103D as revised).

A series of reports from the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws:

- Uniform Anatomical Gift Act
- Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act
- Uniform Power of Attorney Act
- Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act

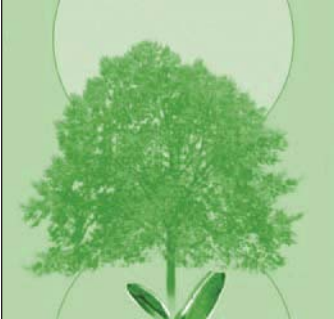
Report 107 from the Special Committee on Gun Violence supporting the traditional property rights of private employers and other private property owners to exclude from the workplace and other private property, persons in possession of firearms and opposes legislation that abrogates those rights.

Report 108B from the Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel urging all jurisdictions to respond to the increasing social and family support needs of the young and teenage children of deployed American military members.

Report 112 from the Standing Committee on Medical Professional Liability supporting enactment of “apology” legislation providing that certain apologies by a medical provider or the staff of a medical provider as the result of unanticipated outcomes of medical care shall be inadmissible as evidence of an admission of liability.

Report 114 from the Commission on Youth at Risk encouraging efforts to require the licensing, regulating and monitoring of residential treatment facilities that are not funded by public or government systems, but are privately operated overnight facilities that offer treatment to at-risk children and youth for emotional, behavioral, educational, substance abuse, and social issues and problems.

For complete information on all actions taken at the House of Delegates meeting, go to www.abanet.org/leadership/2007/midyear. If you have any questions with regard to any proposals addressed at the Mid-Year Meeting or other matters before the ABA, please contact me at [wwweisenberg@ohioabar.org](mailto:wweisenberg@ohioabar.org), (614) 487-4414, or (800) 282-6556.



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SMALL BAR CONFERENCE

Are your hands tied by your shoestring budget? Then you need to attend the Second Annual Small Bar Conference June 29 and 30 in St. Louis. This event is for those of you who work with association budgets of \$300,000 or less and/or three or fewer staff members. You'll love the day-and-a-half schedule - it's as overtaxed as you are! We'll be talking about governance, membership, finances, communications and more! Most importantly, we'll be talking about how to manage all those things efficiently, effectively and inexpensively! Visit the NABE Web site at www.nabenet.org to see the full schedule with registration and hotel information.

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