

# NABE News

The Newsletter of the National Association of Bar Executives

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## Greetings from NABE President Jack Lockridge...

It seems appropriate somehow that my first edition of NABE News comes to you Thanksgiving week. There is a veritable cornucopia of information that I have to share with you, the bounty resulting from the work of NABE's dedicated members.



## Upcoming Meetings

### 2010 Midyear Meeting

Program Committee Chair Susan Jacobs and her hard-working committee have planned a top notch meeting in Orlando, February 2-4, 2010. Programming will include dynamic plenary speakers Jay Gubrud (*A Unique Approach to Life Balance*) and Chris Crowley (*Younger Next Year*). Additional guest speakers and talented professionals from amongst our members will present concurrent sessions on a variety of topics including data security, generational management, non-member recruitment, social media, negotiating contracts and much more. For more on the meeting, visit [www.abanet.org/nabe/events](http://www.abanet.org/nabe/events). Early registration closes December 11, so register now at [www.abanet.org/midyear/2010](http://www.abanet.org/midyear/2010) to qualify for the advance registration discount of \$50 and to get the best selection of accommodations at the Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort. Check [www.nabenet.org](http://www.nabenet.org) for the full program in mid-December.

### 2010 CSE Retreat

Immediately preceding the 2010 NABE Midyear Meeting is the Chief Staff Executives Retreat, February 1-2. Exclusively for NABE members who are executive directors of their associations, the CSE Retreat provides an opportunity for these professionals to reenergize their spirits in a private setting while sharing tips and strategies for dealing with the challenges inherent in their positions. For more information on the CSE Retreat, visit [www.cseretreat.snappages.com](http://www.cseretreat.snappages.com). Early registration dates and discounts apply to the CSE Retreat, too, so register now at [www.abanet.org/midyear/2010](http://www.abanet.org/midyear/2010).

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## Congratulations

### Award Recipients

David Simms of the District of Columbia Bar and Carol Manning of the Oklahoma Bar Association recently were presented, respectively, with the Anne Charles Award and the Richter Award by the NABE Communications Section. Congratulations to David and Carol on their honors and the efforts that led to them.

### Fall Workshops

Speaking of the NABE Communications Section, the section recently held its annual workshop in Las Vegas, October 20-23. Reports from the meeting gave high praise to the content and organization. Similarly, registrants for the NABE Governmental Relations Section Annual Legislative Workshop, November 11-13, in Seattle, gave both substantive programming and organization glowing remarks.

## Board Report

The board met recently in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I would like to share with you the following from our meeting:

While membership is slightly down as compared with membership at this time last year, the numbers are down only by a few individuals. Membership remains strong despite economic factors which might have produced less favorable outcomes. It goes to show that strong programming and benefits help keep membership and retention rates steady. The Membership Committee

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### 2010 Information and Technology Section Workshop

The 2010 IT Section Workshop also will be conducted immediately prior to the NABE Midyear Meeting, on February 2. The first ever stand alone NABE IT Section Workshop, the one-day event will provide IT professionals with relevant information on the hard issues they face daily at the very low price of \$95. Although IT professionals are welcome and encouraged to register and stay on for the NABE Midyear Meeting, the reasonable workshop registration fee and independent pricing make this program difficult to turn down, even for the most economically challenged association. Investment in IT staffing is an investment in your association. For more on the workshop, visit [www.abanet.org/nabe/it/2010itworkshopsked.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/nabe/it/2010itworkshopsked.pdf), and to register, go to [www.abanet.org/midyear/2010](http://www.abanet.org/midyear/2010).



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under the leadership of John Williams has done a great job working with retention of members.

The board agreed to look at outside companies to provide Web services for the organization. We expect to have a report for the membership in February on an arrangement that will provide greatly improved Web services for NABE.

## Miscellaneous

NABE Forums are a very important opportunity for learning and networking in specialty areas of bar work. I encourage everyone to take a look at all our forums and find the one that best fits the work you do day to day, and join that forum today. I will guarantee you will get added value to your NABE membership and a new networking group that will enhance your day to day work. If you are already a member of a forum, find someone in your bar that will benefit from this opportunity to network with bar staff around the country doing similar jobs in their bars.

The electronic report of the Compensation and Benefits Survey has been sent free of charge to executive directors who completed the survey. The survey is also available for \$125 to bar associations that did not provide input. Executive directors of non-responding associations may arrange for a copy by contacting Tondanisha Nevels at [nevelst@staff.abanet.org](mailto:nevelst@staff.abanet.org).

As we reflect this week on the many things for which we are thankful, I am grateful for and humbled at the opportunity to serve as your president this year. I look forward to working with you to uphold NABE's strong traditions and to embarking on new paths. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

Jack Lockridge

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