

**National Association of Bar Executives**  
Business Meeting  
Annual Meeting – Honolulu, Hawaii  
August 3, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Edmunds at 12:50 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the February 9, 2006 membership meeting were approved by voice vote.

Mr. Edmunds announced that William Weisenberg of the Ohio State Bar Association has been appointed by the NABE Board of Directors to fill the vacant position of NABE's delegate to the ABA. He continued that long-time NABE members Betty Braden of the State Bar of Wisconsin and Helen Druce of the Onondaga County Bar will be retiring from their respective bars later this year.

**ABA President-elect Presentation**

Karen Mathis spoke to the membership about her two key objectives during her presidency. Since a large segment of ABA membership is baby-boomers, many members of the legal profession will be retiring in the next few years. She wants to recruit these members to a "second season of service" and get them to volunteer by matching the skills of the retiring member with the needs of the community. Chuck Turner is the contact for this project. The second objective is the "youth at risk" initiative with the intent to help kids be better citizens. She is asking NABE to be the catalyst to bring the stakeholders together.

**Financial Report**

A printed copy of the June 30, 2006 executive summary and the July 12, 2006 income statement had been distributed to the membership. By voice vote, the financial report was approved.

**LexisNexis Community and Educational Outreach Awards**

Mr. Nigel Roberts presented the Lexis Nexis Outreach awards to the following bars:

- State bars with more than 18,000 members  
State Bar of Texas – Pipeline into the Classroom
- State bars with less than 18,000 members  
Tennessee Bar – Stand Up & Deliver Initiative
- Local bars with more than 5,000 members  
Hennepin County Bar – LINC (Leaders Impacting the Nonprofit Community)
- Local bars with 2,000 or fewer members  
Sarasota County Bar – Law in Sarasota

**Recognition of NABE Leadership**

Mr. Edmunds distributed a "Certificate of Appreciation" for the efforts this past year to the chairs of the various committees, forums, and boards. Those acknowledged were:

Committees

Keith Norman, Program  
George Brown, Surveys  
Toby Brown, Website  
Yvonne McGhee, Membership  
Dana Collier Smith, Sponsorship  
Chris Manos, Chief Staff Executive  
John Williamson, Diversity

Task Force

Chuck Turner, chair, Professionalism  
Susan Jacobs, co-chair, Professionalism  
Stuart Forsyth, co-chair, Professionalism

Sections

Allen Kimbrough, Administration & Finance  
Duane Stanley, Communications  
Paul Hill, Government Relations  
Toby Brown, IT

Forums

Jim Calloway, Bar Member Services  
Pat Yevics, State & Local Bar Liaisons  
Janet Diaz, LRIS  
Linda Oligschlaeger, Meetings/Seminars & Events  
Patience Burns, Sections and Committees

Mr. Edmonds presented the President's Award to Toby Brown of the Utah Bar for his leadership in IT and Stuart Forsyth for his participation on the Professionalism Task Force and futurist presentations.

**Peer Excellence Award**

The "Peer Excellence" award was presented to Yvonne McGhee of the Fairfax (Virginia) Bar.

**Outgoing President's Remarks**

In his outgoing remarks, President Edmonds recognized the NABE Board of Directors' members, the members of the Professionalism Task Force, Jill Werner and the rest of the DBS staff, the Virginia State Bar, and his wife, Martha, for all their support during his term. He also thanked the NABE members, Elizabeth Derrico, David Blaner, Duane Stanley, and David Simms, for their assistance to the Louisiana bars following the Katrina hurricane.

**Passing of the Gavel**

The new president, Mr. Allan Head of the North Carolina Bar, was escorted to the podium by past NABE presidents. Mr. Head thanked Mr. Edmonds for his year of presidency and presented him with a gift and a plaque. This was followed by a humorous skit involving four NABE members comparing Mr. Head's upcoming term to his command of a cruise ship.

**Incoming President's Remarks**

Mr. Head recognized the many representatives and friends of the North Carolina Bar in the audience. Those included his wife, children, and grandchildren, staff, the president and past presidents of the North Carolina Bar, and employees at the Grove Park Inn with whom he has worked often. He acknowledged the challenges of bar work as a career and the changes that occurred during his thirty-three years and the power of bar associations to undergo change. He stated he will continue with the expectations of the Professionalism Task Force. He approaches the position with personal humility and a voracious resolve. He is honored to be president and thanked the membership for the opportunity.

Upon finishing his remarks, Mr. Head adjourned the meeting at 2:03 pm.