

NABE
Annual Business Meeting
August 7, 2003

The Annual Business meeting of NABE was held at the San Francisco Marriott on Thursday, August 7, 2003.

President Tinder called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the February 6, 2003 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Ev Sullivan presented the Treasurer's report, thanking DBS staff for their assistance. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was accepted as given.

Karen Mathis reported on ABA Day to be held in the spring of 2004 on May 5 and May 6. She described the process and encouraged members to participate.

Tom Edmonds, Delegate to the ABA, gave his report of the Seattle ABA House of Delegates meeting and described agenda items before the San Francisco meeting. In particular, he pointed out that the standing committee on bar services will be increased from seven to nine, giving NABE a more formal presence on that committee.

President Tinder asked the Chairs of the Communications, Administration and Finance and the Government Relations sections to report on the activities of their sections. Christopher Blake, Fred Parker and Ron Kennedy, respectively, rendered brief reports relative to their sections' accomplishments in the past year.

President Tinder then addressed three proposed amendments to the bylaws recommended by the board. Upon motion made and seconded, amendments were as follows:

An amendment to Article VI, Section 2, to ensure that specialty bar members are eligible to be vice president was adopted in the following form:

Candidates representing ~~either local, or state~~ or special focus bar associations shall be eligible to run for vice president in 2001 and every third year thereafter.

An amendment to clarify the method of distribution of proposed section resolutions was adopted as follows:

Article IX, Section 10. Statements of Policy

No section or section council shall pass any resolution expressing its views unless ~~written~~ notice of the proposed action is ~~mailed~~ distributed to each member of the section.....

An amendment to eliminate the requirement that the vice president be the liaison to the Program Committee was adopted by eliminating that requirement in Article VI,

Section 7, and authorizing the President to designate a member of the Board of Directors as such a liaison under Article IV, Section 6.

Article VI, Section 7. Vice President

~~The vice president shall serve as liaison to the Program Committee.~~

Article IV, Section 6. Program Committee

The appointment of the chair and vice-chair are subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The President also shall designate a member of the Board of Directors to serve as a liaison to this committee.

President Tinder introduced the outgoing directors of NABE, outgoing committee, section and forum chairs. President-elect Pyrz presented each with an expression of thanks on behalf of the organization.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurence R. Buxbaum
Secretary