

National Association of Bar Executives

Board of Directors

Business Meeting - Atlanta, Georgia

August 7, 2004

President Anne Fritz called the meeting to order at 8:50pm and asked the board members present to introduce themselves.

Implementing Changes to Meeting Format

Anne introduced the "Report and Recommendations of Subcommittee to Review NABE Meetings" which she developed after input of a conference phone call of the subcommittee, the review of three models presented by members, and the review of the Jan Cohen report to the board last year. She stated her interpretation was that the midyear meeting should focus on smaller bar needs, new bar executives, and committees, sections, and forums. The annual meeting should be NABE's showcase event.

John Norwine was present as Program Committee chair. He stated that the Program Committee had an adverse reaction to the report. Based on comments by Mr. Norwine and committee members, the report has elicited different interpretations. Several board members stated they were pleased with conference programming and the report does not intend to reflect on the efforts and product of the Program Committee.

Tom Edmonds will work with the Bylaws Committee to develop the necessary bylaw changes created by the report. Allen Head will meet with the CSE Committee to determine its interest in integrating that event into the midyear program.

The president will write a thank you letter to the Program Committee for its efforts of the past year.

Friday Reception

Board members expressed sentiments to change the format of the Friday evening reception. NABE has its name as a sponsor of the event, but it has no input into the event's format or venue. This topic will be under discussion at a future board meeting.

Sponsors

The current sponsor guidelines were distributed. By consensus, the board agreed that sponsors are to receive a list of only those members who attend a conference. A vendor must be a sponsor of a NABE event to receive such a list. Email addresses of the attendees are to be excluded from the registration list. The board agreed to review the sponsor policy and guidelines at a future meeting.

It was reported that a five-year agreement had been reached with LexisNexis for them to provide \$40,000 a year in sponsor fees.

Non Members Attendance

Jill Werner reported that a potential sponsor attended the conference as a nonmember and irritated several attendees with his proselytizing his product. The president agreed to write a letter to Phil Rosenthal of Fast Case stating that he is not to attend a subsequent conference as a nonmember. The board then clarified that for a nonmember to attend a NABE conference that person must work for a bar association.

NABE News

President Fritz indicated that NABE news, a regular email message to all members, would continue during her term.

Board Liaison Assignments

A printed list of the assignments was distributed. The board liaisons are to keep in contact with the committee chairs.

Reserve and Investment Policy

Mr. Wegener reported on the work of a subcommittee of four A&F Section members, Jill Werner, and himself, which developed drafts of revised investment and reserve policy. He indicated that since this is board policy, board members should finalize the amendments. President Fritz appointed Jack Lockridge, Ev Sullivan, and Mr. Wegener to present recommended policy to the board at its November meeting.

Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings

President Fritz indicated that future board meetings would include brainstorming sessions on emerging issues. Jill Werner also is to identify a few board policies that the board should discuss for current relevance and practice.

This is the schedule of the meetings of the current board:

- November 5-7, Sandestin, FL
- February 8, Salt Lake City
- April 8-10, Memphis, TN

Board members should plan to arrive for the Sandestin meeting by Thursday evening as the meeting will start early Friday afternoon. (Note: in a subsequent notice, the start time was moved to Friday noon). There will be no board activities on Sunday morning. Program Committee chair John Norwine will be present to discuss the implementation of the ideas presented in President Fritz's report.

The A&F tech show will be all day on Tuesday before the midyear meeting in Salt Lake City. The board meeting will be that Tuesday afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06am.

Respectively Submitted

Rodney R. Wegener
Secretary