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NAFUSA's Annual Mid-Year Meeting

Dear Friends,

How quickly the time goes by except for those quartered in Iraq. Let's hope it is over soon. NAFUSA convened it's annual mid-year meeting in Chicago, Illinois on October 10th and 11th of this year. The city was great, the accommodations unequaled and what more can one say about Chicago dining, even if you share a table at Ditka's Steak House with the namesake of this fine establishment. Lots of fun. Rather than me going on about what transpired in Chicago, I thought I would just include the superb recordings of our most excellent Secretary Jim Brady, W.D. of Michigan (1977-1981). No reflection of Secretaries past, but nobody does it better than Jim. Maybe I can get Carly Simon to put that to music. Brother Brady fully explains.

The members of the Executive Committee considered the location of the annual convention key to membership and attendance at the convention. The recent conventions in Washington, D.C. and New York, New York were the best attended. Other factors considered key for national convention attendance were the quality of the banquet speaker, the CLE program and timing of the meeting. Director Denise O'Donnell agreed to contact former Attorney General Janet Reno and extend an invitation to her to be the banquet speaker for the Asheville, North Carolina Annual Meeting. Further, Directors Ed Dowd and Denise O'Connell will attempt to organize an informal reception for the Clinton U.S. Attorneys to be held on Thursday or Friday night of the Ashville National Convention. Directors were also encouraged to hold similar receptions for their respective U.S. Attorneys in their serving Class.

It was further resolved that commencing with the 2005 National Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, National Conventions will be held the first weekend in October. Executive Director Mahlon Brown and President Currin reported that the CLE program for Asheville is substantially complete and will be an outstanding program.

3. Dues. The Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

Annual Dues will be billed in September of the year and payable by December 31st of the year for the following year.

4. Social Activities for the Asheville, North Carolina,

Friday afternoon will be the planned outing at the Biltmore Estate and lunch. Friday night again will be dinner on your own as well as a possibility to hold receptions for the various classes

Saturday afternoon will be the Board of Directors meeting and open time for the attendees and guests to visit the City.

5. Awards. Director Ed Dowd reported on the life, contribution to Department of Justice and the unfortunate death of former U.S. Attorney Michael Bradford. Those who knew Michael will remember that it was he who successfully defended the government in the WACO civil trial where the Branch Davidians and their survivors sued the U.S. Government for negligence and violation of their civil rights. In so doing, he restored the judge's and the public's confidence in the integrity of the Department of Justice. Michael also served as an assistant U.S. Attorney, a United States Magistrate Judge, and a Texas District Court Judge. Director Dowd reported that a scholarship fund had been established for Michael's 16 month old child. For those of us who wanted to individually support the fund they should send a check made payable to the Bradford Scholarship Fund and send it to Director Ed Dowd or Director Denise O'Donnell.

It was further resolved that NAFUSA would make a \$1,000.00 contribution in honor of Michael Bradford to the Bradford Scholarship Fund.

Directors Dowd and O'Donnell will notify the family of the contribution and assist the Executive Director in forwarding the contributions.

It was resolved through Michael Bradford's accomplishments he personified the traits that NAFUSA recognizes and honors through an Annual Award. Further, the outstanding Assistant United States Attorney Award which may be awarded annually at the National Convention be from this day forward named the Michael Bradford Outstanding Assistant United States Attorney Award.

The announcement of the special honor will be made at the Asheville, North Carolina Annual Convention Banquet. Director Atlee Wampler further reported that the Outstanding Assistant United States Attorney Award Nominating Committee is beginning its work toward the selection for the recipient of the award to be named at the Asheville, North Carolina National Convention.

6. Boston Convention. President Elect George Lowe gave a report concerning the planning for the Boston, Massachusetts National Convention. President Elect Lowe acknowledged the assistance given to him by Director and Former United States Attorney for Massachusetts Don Stern. He reported that hotels are under consideration for hosting the event. He is hopeful to hosting a Thursday evening event at the top of the Hancock Building, and President Elect Lowe reported that Director Stern's firm has graciously offered to host the event. President Elect Lowe is also working on a dinner speaker, the former U.S. Attorney, Federal Judge and United States Senator George Mitchell.
7. Future Conventions. Directors Selden and Brady are considering sites for the 2006 and 2007 Convention. The possibilities mentioned were as follows: Chicago, Illinois; Atlanta, Georgia; Napa Valley (San Francisco), California; Seattle, Washington; San Diego, California; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; New Orleans, Louisiana and Toronto, Ontario.
8. Mid-Year Meeting. It was further resolved that the next Mid-Year meeting (dates to be established later) would be held at Napa Valley, California and Director Joe Russionello, Northern District of California will assist the Executive Director and President in obtaining appropriate accommodations.
9. Other Matters – Tax Status of NAFUSA. Director Joe Russionello volunteered to have his firm review the entire issue relating to NAFUSA's tax status.

Asheville Update!

Let me talk a bit about our upcoming CLE Program for Asheville, North Carolina. I do not know about you folks but I think these presentations get better each year. That also applies to our dinner speaker. We have had some big names along the road but we would have to go a long way to improve on the remarks of

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dinner speaker and the CLE program is progressing very positively. Our friend Professor Leon Friedman has graciously agreed to return to Asheville to bring us up to date on the behavior of the U.S. Supreme Court. I am not sure about the prudence of returning speakers with the exception of Leon. His subject matter is so important and in constant flux that it serves our organization and ourselves well to keep in touch and up to date. Second only to the Star Spangled Banner. Let's keep him around. I would also like to say something nice about our dear friend Mike Hawkins, Judge 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, District of Arizona (1977-1980). Even though he's moved on to loftier digs, he hasn't forgotten NAFUSA. Our organization has always been tops on his list and he continues to contribute in so many ways. He has offered up the names of two different and distinctive presenters for our Asheville CLE program and we are in the midst of getting confirmation now. This isn't just a phone call when he comes up with a couple of names. The Judge, on the contrary, puts a lot of

Start working your calendar for Asheville, North Carolina. August 26-29, 2004.

Make your reservations at the hotel now!

Grove Park Inn Hotel (800) 438-5800

Letter from the President

Greetings, Fellow NAFUSA'ers—

Your officers and Directors recently returned from a very productive mid-year meeting in Chicago. What a time to be in that city! When we were there, the Cubbies were still in the running. And speaking of running, it was the weekend of the Chicago Marathon. 40,000 runners! What a sight! Thanks to Fred Foreman, Mahlon, Pat and others for all of their hard work in preparation for this meeting.

I expect that elsewhere in this newsletter, Mahlon will be telling you in greater detail about some important decisions that were made at this Board meeting. Probably most important, certainly inasmuch as the entire NAFUSA membership is concerned, is the standardization of dates for our annual meeting and membership cycle. Beginning in 2005 (see information about 2004 below), our annual meeting will be held the first weekend in October each year. Get that date on your calendars NOW for 2005 forward for that weekend so that you can hold it free for NAFUSA. The Board also clarified that the membership year will run from January 1st through December 31st; hence, billing statements will be sent in the fall each year and will be due by January 1st. Always good to get that last tax deductible expense in before the end of the year! But I would also encourage you to consider becoming a lifetime member. It will pay for itself in 10 years!

Now, I need your help winning a bet with Mahlon. I've bet him that the Asheville, North Carolina conference (August 26-29, 2004) will draw more in attendance than the conference on his home turf (Las Vegas) did last year. And why shouldn't it? The cool and magnificently beautiful North Carolina mountains during the heat of August; the majestic Biltmore Estate, gardens, and winery; an historic hotel (the Grove Park Inn) with an unbelievable spa; great golf for those so inclined (more information to come); other great outdoor options (hiking, white water rafting, *et al.*); the unique city of Asheville itself; and a wonderful CLE program. What more could one ask for? Not only members, but their spouses, will really enjoy the 2004 Conference; so members, please be sure to share information about the Asheville Conference with your spouses! We look forward to seeing you there.

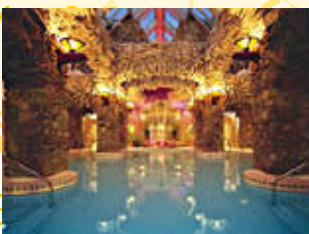
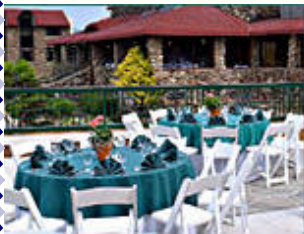
I hope that you will share with your officers and Directors your ideas for ways that NAFUSA can

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