**NABS Notes**

**January 2015**

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**NABSUpdates**

With Washington Seminar coming up quickly (January 26th) The NABS board is excited to announce some of the highlights on our agenda.

Our session is scheduled to last from 9 a.m. to 12:30 P.m. on Monday, January 26th. Among other fascinating and informational speakers, you won’t want to miss the NABS update by our student president, Sean Whalen at 9:30, a discussion over building the movement and the experience of our summer NFB interns by Justin Salisbury and Sarah Patnaude at 10:00, An overview of the NFB scholarship program by Jeannie Massay at 11:30, and, last but not least, a message from our president, Mark A. Riccobono!

In addition, we are thrilled to remind you that NABS café will open that night at 8. We will be hosting an auction and will have light snacks and a cash bar. More information concerning the auction will follow, on the list serve within the coming few days.

As Always, if you think of updates from your student’s state division which you would like published in our next month’s edition, you are most welcome to send them along to Gabe at:

Gcazares10@gmail.com

Or Rebecca at:

becsjoynfb@gmail.com

**State Updates:**

Massachusetts:
We had our first in a long time student meeting at Border Cafe in Harvard Square. There were 10 attendees, some of whom commuted from as far away as Springfield, MA.

In other news, student registration for the NFBMA State Convention in Boston from February 27- March 1 is $50 for students due in mid-late February (deadline undetermined) and registration must be done by emailing Amy Ruell at [aruell@nfbma.org](https://mail.google.com/mail/h/o4sa168m545x/?&cs=wh&v=b&to=aruell@nfbma.org) by January 28th. We have 19 confirmed so far.
For further information, you can also contact Derek Manners at 9032716494 or [derekmanners@gmail.com](https://mail.google.com/mail/h/o4sa168m545x/?&cs=wh&v=b&to=derekmanners@gmail.com)

**NABS Minutes 01-11-15**

Meeting called to order: 9:06 pm eastern

Members present: Sean Whalen, Karen Anderson, Gabe Cazares, Bre Brown, Candice Chapman, Cody Bair, Garrett Mooney, Rebecca Leon, Derek Manners Derek Manners will be depossiting 3,000 dollars in to our account.

Treasurer's report: Current balance: $2,585.51

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Committee reports

* Fundraising: We reviewed commitments for the auction. We discussed some possible auction items to buy. Call Derek or Bre with ideas.
* Communications: NABS Notes will come out with in the coming week. They will include an overview of the NABS events at Washington Seminar. Add a note that we will be doing a role call of states at our student meeting on the 26th.
* Membership: There will be a call Sunday, January 18. Garrett will be running the call. It will be about the scholarship and washington seminar.
* Slate: The next slate issue is ready to go. The last thing is the finalize the overview of events for Washington Seminar.
* Website: We are adding stories about the experiences people have had at our training centers. The slate will be published through the website and the mailing list.

The agenda for the student meeting at Washington Seminar is shaping up nicely. Jeannie will talk about the scholarship. We will have a student speaking from Texas. We are doing away with the break out sessions. There will be a few minutes for role call of states.

The meeting will be from 9:00 to 12:15 on January 26th.

We are collecting some door prizes for the meeting.

Gabe Cazares will be printing and embossing the agendas.

Candice and Karen are currently working on getting performers for the NABS cafe.

Derek will work on making contacts to get a keyboard.

Wil says we can borrow sound equipment, but we have to get it back to Baltimore.

There will be finger sandwiches, chips and dip, etc., and a cash bar.

Rep request from Alabama

Anyone who is free should look up costs and send them to Sean by Friday.

Adjourn: 10:17 pm