



CULVER MARINA BAR ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL NOTE

Would you like to join our Board? The pay is great, the challenge rewarding and the adulation of your peers is unrivaled. Ask us for more information.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

February 2006

Dear Members:

We are off to a strong start with a wonderful presentation by Brian Davidoff on the new bankruptcy laws, and I am confident that the association will enjoy Mr. Appell's presentation on updates in the employment arena. The Board is equally excited about the goals we have set for our association in the 2006 calendar year, and we look forward to your input and support to help make our bar association a true success.

I. 100 Member Drive

It is no secret that every association's credibility is measured somewhat by the number of members on its rosters. While many renewals are trickling in, it is imperative to get your dues in so that we can make an accurate assessment as to how we are doing towards our goal. Additionally, it is every member's responsibility to make this bar a success, and so we encourage you to invite guests, tell your colleagues about the bar association and the caliber of programs we offer. Together, we can reach the 100 member goal and ensure the longevity of our association as well as offer a more diverse mix of professionals within our organization.

II. Legal Diversity Conference

The 2006 Spring Diversity Summit hosted by the State Bar of California will be held June 2-3 at the San Jose Marriott to promote diversity in the legal profession. For more information, contact Kimberly Warmsley at 415-538-2176 or by email at programdevelopment@calbar.ca.gov.

III. Culver-Marina Bar Association Web Site

It is finally here! Our members can finally use the web to access information on upcoming events, speakers, Board information and much more. You can find us at www.culvermarinabar.org. While our web site is a modest start, we hope to grow it by adding more services and benefits to our members. Please contact the Board should you have any suggestions or comments regarding how we can improve the website.

IV. The Bar Association Is Incorporating Electronic Communications

As some of you will have noticed, we are trying to move some of the administrative duties of the Board to a more virtual system. This saves our association and the Board both time and money in postage, photocopying, and handling. Therefore, you will be asked if you want to receive "E-vites" for our monthly meetings in lieu of phone calls and an e-newsletter to replace this one sent by mail. While we understand that many of you prefer not to change your preference and we will continue to honor your request, we would also like to accommodate those with a preference for electronic communication.

V. Added Benefits for Membership

The Board is committed to enhancing the membership opportunities for its members beyond the monthly MCLE meetings. As such, we are looking to procure commitments from local merchants to provide business services and products at discounted prices for our members. With a 60+ member organization, we see an opportunity to leverage with our association base so as to maximize pricing and services for small and solo practitioners. We will keep you informed as our efforts progress.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE:

TUESDAY ~~ FEBRUARY 21, 2006
6:00 PM TO 8:30PM
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