



# Get Connected Gazette

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## It's Time to **Get Connected!!!**

In this inaugural issue of the *Get Connected Gazette*, we want to provide a brief introduction to NABE's newest initiative to get all of our members connected and invested in THE NEXT 50 YEARS, the *Get Connected* tagline for the 2008 NABE Annual Meeting.



**LOOK** for us at the 50th NABE Annual Meeting. *Get Connected* members will be sporting blue and yellow dots on our nametags to denote our membership. Stop us to ask questions! We want you to be excited about *Get Connected*, too!

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### ABOUT *Get Connected*

*Get Connected* was formed to encourage and cultivate more connections between NABE members. We're here to build bridges amongst NABE members and with other professionals, provide links to career information, foster a mentoring program for NABE members, and help NABE members take an active role in working on how to keep NABE viable.

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### *Get Connected* TEAMS

Our teams include:

- Career development—Get career info that you can use immediately
- Membership—Help us grow!
- Marketing—Promote *Get Connected*
- Chapters—Get involved at the local level within NABE chapters, and help us to develop student chapters
- Programs—Shape events, programs, and online content
- Communications—Keep our "Web face" excited and up-to-date

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### HOW TO *Get Connected*

Registration is easy. Just go to [www.nabe.com/getconnected](http://www.nabe.com/getconnected) to sign up for *Get Connected*, join a team, and share your talents with this exciting program!

### Team Highlight: **MENTORING/CAREERS**

NABE has launched a mentoring program for its members through *Get Connected*. The goal of the mentoring program is to facilitate the building of professional relationships between newer members (Mentees) and seasoned members (Mentors) in the field of economics.

The program enables the exchange of information between members through one-on-one relationships, which contributes to the professional development of both parties. All NABE members may apply for the program.

**To learn more about this great opportunity and to download an application, please visit**

[www.nabe.com/getconnected](http://www.nabe.com/getconnected) or e-mail

[mentoring@nabe.com](mailto:mentoring@nabe.com)

### **GC CALENDAR**

NABE Annual Meeting, October 4-7, 2008

Washington, DC

- **October 4**—GC members will be at the registration table to answer questions and share information on special events during our official kickoff at the NABE Annual Meeting.
- **October 4**—GC Social Event at Chef Geoff's (1301 Penn. Ave., NW—around corner from JW Marriott) starting at 9 pm. We've invited NEC, too, so start networking with GC!
- **October 7**—GC Open Planning Meeting (JW Marriott—Room TBD) starting at 2:15 pm. Come join a team and help us brainstorm about the goals we want to set for 2009.



## GC Team Updates

### GC MANAGEMENT TEAM

The bylaws for *Get Connected* have been finalized and submitted to the NABE Board of Directors for approval. In effect, ratifying of these bylaws is what makes Get Connected official.

### MEMBERSHIP/MARKETING

Even though we haven't hosted an event yet, the word has spread, and we are happy to report a membership of nearly 70! We want to keep this number growing, and hope to add many new members with our *Get Connected* kickoff at NABE's 50th Annual Meeting.

### COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Presently, the Membership/Marketing and Communications teams are combined since the goals of both groups are the same for the kickoff, namely educa-

tion. We want members of NABE to learn about *Get Connected* and to get energized to play a role in the programs, activities, networking, and career development areas that are of interest to them.

### PROGRAMS TEAM

Our programs team has put together a social event for the evening of October 4 as the official kickoff of *Get Connected*. We hope you will join us at Chef Geoff's!

### CHAPTERS TEAM

The Chapters Team is weighing a variety of ideas on how to build on the foundation of NABE and *Get Connected*, including an increased network of student chapters, strengthening linkages to other professional organizations, adding more networking opportunities, and creating online resources.

## Please Join Us

Though we have a lot of great people current among our GC membership, there is plenty of room for you, too! We have a number teams, still need a few team leaders, and would love to have you share your ideas, enthusiasm, and input!

Whether you would like to contribute with brainstorming, planning programs, or just get involved and see where it leads, please log in to [www.nabe.com/getconnected](http://www.nabe.com/getconnected) to register as a member of *Get Connected*. Once in that form, you can also choose which teams you would like to be a part of...

## Get In the Picture!

This is the first quarterly issue of the *Get Connected Gazette*. We intend to use the *Gazette* to inform you and keep you up-to-date throughout the year on what is happening and the goals we are working toward with *Get Connected*.

Though this inaugural issue is being handed out at NABE's 50th Annual Meeting, going forward it will be sent electronically from the NABE office, and it will also be available from the *Get Connected* section of the NABE Web site with live links!