

INSIDER'S
TO THE ABA ANNUAL MEETING
GUIDE

*Everything
You Always
Wanted
to Know
About the*

ABA

*Annual
Meeting*

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the Section office to inquire about special deals for kids. See the Special Events & Entertainment Program or phone the ABA Ticket Desk for information on ABA-wide events.

What is the Opening Assembly?

The Opening Assembly is a ceremonial event that marks the official opening of the Annual Meeting. This year it will be held on Saturday, August 3, in the Swan Ballroom at the Swan Hotel. We will have a very special guest speaker and remarks will be made by ABA President Roberta Cooper Ramo. The Opening Assembly is always an exciting and inspirational event. Bring your family and walk to the President's Reception afterwards.

Are children welcome at the President's Reception?

Is there a charge?

The President's Reception, a fun-filled extravaganza free to all Annual Meeting registrants, follows the Opening Assembly Saturday evening at the Dolphin Hotel. There will be fabulous entertainment, dancing, food and activities for everyone! Children are not only welcome but expected. Even with Disney World as competition, the President's Reception is sure to be a high point for the kids.

How can I find out where big-name speakers will be speaking?

Many of the "big-names" are speaking at the Assembly Events, i.e., Prayer Breakfast, Pro Bono Awards Luncheon, Gavel Awards Luncheon and Opening Assembly.

Look in the "Highlights" and "Assembly Events" sections of the Program to find out who's speaking. If you've heard that a noted speaker is speaking somewhere at the Annual Meeting but you don't know where or when, use the Speakers Index in the Program to find out.

In some cases, the name of the speaker is not known at the time the Program is printed. In these instances, the speaker's name will be publicized widely on site — so keep your eyes peeled.

Why should I join an ABA Section?

Section and Division membership is an excellent way to increase your expertise, expand your client base and stay abreast of the hottest issues impacting your specialty. ABA Sections deliver award-winning magazines, videotapes, unpublished papers and newsletters featuring late-breaking news and information.

To learn more about the benefits of Section membership, stop by the Section Forum located adjacent to the ABA Expo on Saturday, August 3, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Here you can preview the Annual Meeting events and activities of each Section, talk to Section representatives and see how Section membership can help you in your day-to-day practice.

If you can't make it to the Section Forum, stop by the ABA-at-a-Glance area located in the Welcome Center in the ABA Expo where you can find information on Section programs, products and services.

If I don't belong to a Section, can I observe Section meetings?

The ABA has an open meetings policy and only occasionally does a Section Executive Council or other body choose to meet in executive or private session. Section Committee meetings are generally small and informal, so if you'd like to sit in on a meeting to learn what it means to be an active ABA member, introduce yourself and take a seat.

What receptions are appropriate for me to attend?

A reception that is listed in the Annual Meeting Program and sponsored by an ABA entity is generally open to all entity members, unless it is specified for a special group, i.e., a section council or committee.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the President's Reception, a gala event hosted by President Roberta Cooper Ramo on Saturday evening. The event is free of charge to all registrants.