

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Answer: Lisa Levine.

The Question: Who is the Energy Bar Association's new Executive Director? Lisa is a CAE (Certified Association Executive) and has over 25 years of experience in Association leadership positions. Since joining the EBA in April 2012, Lisa has worked tirelessly to learn the Association, get to know its staff, leadership, and members, and she has wasted no time peppering us with new ideas to help the Association provide the best possible services to its members.

The Answer: 2005 and 2007.

The Question: When was the last time that the Association engaged in strategic planning? During the executive director interview process, the Search Committee received a lot of feedback from candidates regarding the importance of having a fresh strategic plan. This fall, the Board and the EBA staff will work with a professional facilitator and engage in a 2-day strategic planning session. We will ask ourselves hard questions about the Association's purpose and strategic direction. I look forward to sharing that strategic plan and vision with you in the coming months.

The Answers: November 29-30, 2012. Ronald Reagan Building, Washington DC

The Question: When and where is the Association's 2012 Mid-Year Meeting? The theme is "An Industry and Economy in Transition." The general session topic will feature a panel discussion on U.S. Energy in a Global Market; and the Day 2 seminar will address coordinating the electric and gas industries. Other sessions will address challenges to development of U.S. energy infrastructure, pipeline safety, renewable energy projects, compliance and enforcement, changing electric markets, and Order No. 1000 compliance. I hope to see you there.

The Answer: Over \$1,000,000.

The Question: How much money has EBA's Charitable Foundation given away to charitable projects since its formation 10 years ago? At this year's fundraising gala, the CFEBA will celebrate its 10th Anniversary! Come and join your colleagues in celebrating this milestone event and help boost the CFEBA along to raising its second million!

Susan Olenchuk