



November 2014

Welcome New Members!

Cindy Crawford
Meridian Land Settlement Services,
LLC

Kevin Dolan, Esq.
E-Town Transfer Company, Inc.

Christine Frost
Lancaster County Settlement
Services

Frank Jones
AAA Closing Inc. d/b/a Terra
Settlement Services

Katie McGurk-Mannarino
Blue Sky Closing Services, Inc.

Stephen McNally

Mahendra Piple
Strategic National Title Group

James Pokusa
American Freedom Assurance, Inc.

Joseph Schaeffer
Heartland Settlement Company

Special Notice - PA Department of Revenue

The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue has informed the PLTA that they will be undergoing a major technology upgrade on November 17, 2014. In preparation, some Department services, including handling requests for lien certificates, will experience delays in early November.

The Department understands that some "rush" requests are unavoidable and is prepared to process those requests manually to the best of their ability, but they encourage all lien certificate requestors to make every effort to request lien certificates as timely as possible to avoid and account for any delays.

The Department also recommends that lien certificate requestors be prepared to provide copies of cancelled checks or recently filed returns to quickly correct any inaccurate results. The PLTA passes along the Department of Revenue's appreciation for your patience and understanding in this process.

PLTA Receives Award from ALTA

PLTA was awarded the "2014 TAN State Partner of the Year" from ALTA at the national convention in Seattle. President Kris Burns accepted the award on behalf of PLTA. Over 925 title professionals attended the convention to participate in committee meetings, general sessions and professional development sessions. Attendees participated in exciting conversations about the title industry, shared their challenges in the current regulatory environment, contemplated how to adjust to new industry regulations and discussed strategies to ensure the industry continues to thrive in the ever-changing atmosphere. For more information about [TAN click here](#). Congratulations to the officers and members of PLTA for this exciting award!



Upcoming Seminars

[Old Republic Title 2014 Fall Seminar](#)

November 13, 2014
Marriott in Cranberry
Cranberry Township, PA

[PLTI-Back to Basics - Clearing Title - SOLD OUT](#)

Session 1: November 18, 2014
Session 2: November 19, 2014
PLTI Education Classroom
King of Prussia, PA

[PLTI-Taking the Confusion Out of Liens](#)

December 2, 2014
PLTI Education Classroom
King of Prussia, PA

[PLTI-Ethical Dilemmas in Real Estate & Title Insurance](#)

December 11, 2014
PLTI Education Classroom
King of Prussia, PA

Upcoming Events

[2014 Agents & Abstracters Forum & Business Development Day](#)

November 11, 2014
Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club
Galloway, NJ

[Mid-Year Meeting - "Together Towards Tomorrow"](#)

January 15, 2015
The Crowne Plaza
King of Prussia, PA

PLTA/PLTI Staff Can Help!

Questions about your membership?
Looking for courses?
Interested in joining a committee?

Give us a call! 610-265-5980

[Robin Kelsh](#) - Executive Director
[Kim Kostusiak](#) - Administrator
[Diane Laskowski](#) - Administrator

2015 Membership Renewals

The 2015 Membership Renewals are being sent out via email to the primary contact for each member company. Membership renewals are due by January 31, 2015. Please login to your online account to pay or print a copy of the invoice. If you would like to submit a new renewal application you can download one from the website by [clicking here](#). If you have any questions please contact the PLTA office at info@plta.org or 610-265-5980.

Professional Designation Committee Update

The Professional Designation Committee is accepting preliminary applications. Applications can be downloaded from the PLTA website by [clicking here](#). This program honors those title professionals who have the required experience, education and professional participation to be considered by their peers as among the most distinguished title professionals in Pennsylvania. There is no fees for the initial application and it will give applicants an idea of exactly where they stand on the various requirements. Once accepted there is a \$50.00 fee for the application. If you are interested in joining this committee or learning more about professional designations, please contact Committee Chairperson [Chuck Nowicki, CLTP](#) or [Robin Kelsh](#) at the PLTA office.

Finance & Strategic Planning Committee Update

The Finance & Strategic Planning Committee presented a balanced budget to the Board for 2015. Strategic Planning will begin in the new year. Stay tuned! If you are interested in joining this committee please contact Committee Chairperson [Shonna Cardello](#) or [Robin Kelsh](#) at the PLTA office.

Pennsylvania Land Title Association 2014-2015 Officers

PLTA President - Kris Burns
PLTA Vice President - John T. Croke, CLTP
PLTA Treasurer - Brian Zulli, Esq.
PLTA Secretary - Frank McGovern, CLTP
PLTA Immediate Past President - Francine D'Elia Wirsching, CLTP

Central Chapter - Lisa Peters, CLTP
Lehigh Valley Chapter - Kathie Vresics
Northeastern Chapter - Barb Mikielski
South Central Chapter - Stacey Trimmer
South Eastern Chapter - Steve Gratman
Western Chapter - Deb Chipman

*The officers and staff of PLTA would like to wish you a
Happy Thanksgiving!*

The PLTA/PLTI office will be closed on November 27 & 28, 2014 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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