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Common Ground

## Welcome New Member!

**Josh Bodene**  
Carter & Bodene, LLP  
Individual Affiliate

**Gail Hersh**  
Allodial LLC  
Title Agency: 11+ Employees

**Allen Johnson**  
Advanced Data Corporation  
Title Agency: 3-10 Employees

**William Magnotta**  
Individual Title Agent

**Louis Perrotta**  
Cilli & Perrotta, PC  
Individual Title Agent

**Carol Pokorny**  
Individual Title Agent

**Geordan Reisner**  
Carnegie National Abstract  
Title Agency: 0-2 Employees

**Robert Williams**  
Evolution Title Services  
Title Agency: 0-2 Employees

## Upcoming Seminars

### Easements

November 10, 2015  
PLTI Education Center  
King of Prussia, PA

### Surveys

November 17, 2015  
PLTI Education Center  
King of Prussia, PA

### Commonwealth Land & Chicago Title Eastern Seminar

December 3, 2015  
Presidential Caterers  
East Norriton, PA

### Recording in PA - Everything You Need to Know

December 8, 2015 - AM Session  
PLTI Education Center  
King of Prussia, PA

### Corporate Authority

December 8, 2015 - PM Session  
PLTI Education Center  
King of Prussia, PA



"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." ~Elmer Davis

**Please note: the PLTA office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 in observance of Veteran's Day. PLTA honors all those who have served. The office will also be closed on November 26 & 27, 2015 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

## **Title Report: TRID Exclusive Series**

A year to the day after TRID became effective, mortgage lending has not stopped. Applications have been taken, originations have begun, refinances have closed, as have some quicker or easier full mortgage loans. Yet all is not perfect. Learning new processes and technology have made it "very, very stressful out there in the closing shops." The Title Report delves into initial reactions from the industry to find out how the first round of TRID closings are going in the first of our four-part TRID Exclusive series. **Read more from The Title Report [Part I](#) & [Part II](#)**

## **Your Views on TRID or Know Before You Owe?**

"TRID" or as the CFPB refers to the initiative, "Know Before You Owe" is in its first month. We want to know what experience you have had: good, bad and humorous, even though it's early in the implementation, as we are all in this together. Email your comments to [info@plta.org](mailto:info@plta.org) and let us know your experience!

## **Education Committee News**

Two very informative seminars were presented on October 20th by Len Shatz, Nanci Reese and Laura Fox: "Title Agent as Escrow Agent – Best Practices" and "Clearing Non-Record Risks – The Lowly Title Affidavit Gets Its Due." Be sure to plan on attending the November 10th seminar on "Easements" presented by Jim Conmy and Len Shatz and the November 17th seminar on "Surveys" with presenters Jim Conmy, Laura Fox and joining us from Control Point Associates, Inc., James F. Henry, PLS and Michael Dixon. Also scheduled are two seminars on December 8th. The morning session on Recording will feature guest speaker, Fred Sheeler, Berks County Recorder of Deeds and the afternoon session will be about Corporate Authority with speakers Len Shatz and Tom Blair.

## **Communications Committee Update**

The Communications Committee continues to work closely with an Ad Hoc Committee, started by our President John T. Croke, CLTP about restarting Common Ground in both print and electronic formats. The Ad Hoc Committee members continue to gather printing and mailing estimates from a variety of vendors and expect to have a cost and feasibility decision to report in the next few months. Comments, suggestions and questions about the revived Common Ground publication project may be given to any of the Communications Committee members. We continue to work on growing the online presence of the PLTA through Facebook and LinkedIn. We are up to 305 members on the PLTA LinkedIn page and 239 people were reached with our recent post about a TRID Bill to delay enforcement until February 1, 2016.

## Upcoming Events

### **Veteran's Day**

November 11, 2015  
PLTA Office - Closed

### **Thanksgiving Holiday**



November 26-27, 2015  
PLTA Office - Closed

### **Mid-Year Meeting**

January 14, 2016  
Crowne Plaza Valley Forge  
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

## **Professional Designation Committee Update**

It's easier than ever to get your ALTP! For those who are looking to start on the track for their professional designation, contact [Chuck Nowicki](#) at 610-213-4656 or [download the application](#) for more information!

## **Finance & Planning Committee Update**

The committee presented the 2016 budget to the PLTA Executive Committee and it has been approved. Planning meetings will begin in the near future. If you are interested in joining this Committee, please contact Committee Chairperson [Shonna Cardello](#) or [Robin Kelsh](#) at the PLTA office.

## **Western PA Chapter**

The Western PA Chapter held a 5K hiking and/or biking and beverage event on October 9th. Members met for networking, fun and a little exercise! Anyone interested in more information about the Western chapter should contact [Sue Swick](#) or [Deb Chipman Reimer](#).



## **Southeastern Chapter**

The Southeastern Chapter of PLTA is looking for volunteers to join at the chapter level. If you are interested in participating please contact [Diana Sabol](#), [CLTP](#).

## **Title Issues and Records Committee Update**

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 was Election Day and about half of Pennsylvania's 67 county included an election for the Recorder of Deeds office. The unofficial results reflect that six new Recorders will be joining the ranks. This information is based on the Committee's review of county election websites. Please feel free to contact us if we have missed any county.

Cambria: Ray Wendekier  
Susquehanna: Tom Charles

Lycoming: Kathy Rinehart  
Wayne: Debbie Bates

Montgomery: Jeanne Sorg  
Westmoreland: Tom Murphy

In other news, a new complaint was lodged with the Committee about Philadelphia Gas Works payoff turnaround times. A handful of PLTA members have reported a greater success rate when using the fax number 215-684-6986 to request payoffs. A good rule of thumb is to obtain and include account numbers in the request rather than relying solely on the property address. The Committee will continue to monitor PGW payoff turnaround times and report as new information becomes available.

Don't forget to sign up for the upcoming PLTI course entitled Recording in PA - Everything You Need to Know, which will be held on December 8, 2015 at the King of Prussia office.

As always, please report any matters relating to Recorders of Deeds, Prothonotaries or other similar offices, or issues affecting the title industry in Pennsylvania to Chairperson Lisa McEntee, Esq. at [lmcentee@firstam.com](mailto:lmcentee@firstam.com) or Executive Director Robin Kelsh at [rkesh@plta.org](mailto:rkesh@plta.org).

## **Pennsylvania Land Title Association 2015-2016 Officers**

PLTA President - John T. Croke, CLTP  
PLTA Treasurer - Frank McGovern, Esq. CLTP  
PLTA Immediate Past President - Kris Burns, CLTP

PLTA Vice President - Brian Zulli, Esq.  
PLTA Secretary - Danielle L. Chamberlain, CLTP

Central Chapter - Lisa Peters, CLTP  
Northeastern Chapter - Barb Mikielski  
South Eastern Chapter - Diana T. Sabol, CLTP

Lehigh Valley Chapter - Kathie Vresics  
South Central Chapter - Nanci Reese, CLTP  
Western Chapter - Deb Chipman Reimer, CLTP

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