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**PLTA 2018-2019 Board induction and awards at the 97th Annual Convention!**

*King of Prussia, PA* – The Pennsylvania Land Title Association (PLTA) held its annual convention at the Wyndham Gettysburg in early June. The event provided an opportunity to introduce its new officers, and present special awards to those who have made outstanding contributions to the title industry in Pennsylvania.

Taking the reigns as the 2018-2019 president of the PLTA is Danielle Chamberlain, CLTP an assistant VP and agency representative with Fidelity National Title Insurance Company in Blue Bell.

In her acceptance speech, Ms. Chamberlains said, "I know it has been a challenging time for all of us, especially our agents as they try to adapt to the many changes facing us. I encourage you all to continue the professionalism you always display when changes are thrown at you – and to chart your own course in the coming year."

Joining Ms. Chamberlain as PLTA Officers for the 2018-2019 term are Charles Nowicki, CLTP, NTP, a Partner in World Wide Land Transfer, Inc. in Trevose as Vice President, Lisa McEntee, Esq., CLTP, Senior Underwriting Counsel for First American Title Insurance Company in Berwyn as Treasurer, and Todd Rowe, Esq., VP, Underwriting Counsel for Fidelity National Title Insurance Company as incoming Secretary.

(Attached photo - Photo from left: Todd Rowe, Esq., Lisa McEntee, Esq., CLTP, Charles Nowicki, CLTP, NTP and Danielle Chamberlain, CLTP)

The board was sworn in by ALTA Board of Governors representative William Burding, Jr., NTP at the associations’ President’s Reception & Honors Banquet.

Additional honorees at the event include: two committee chairs who completed their terms: Sue Swick, Esq., CLTP, co-chair of the Membership Committee and Todd Rowe, Esq., previous chair of the Title Issues & Records Committee.

The association also presented Honorary Memberships to past presidents: Michael J. Fromhold, Esq., CLTP (President 1992) and Herbert R. Walton, CLTP (President 1987).

In addition, eight individuals received their Professional Designation certificates with six professionals receiving their Associate Land Title Professional (ALTP) designation: Maureen Ambler, ALTP of Trident Land Transfer Company, LP, Rashyna Banzhof, ALTP of Title Resources Group, Debra Barr, ALTP of Trident Land Transfer Company, LP, Moira Hogan, ALTP of Title Resources Group, Sean Moran, ALTP of REO America Abstract LLC, Janet McGrath-Sittig, ALTP of Title Alliance, Ltd. and two received their Certified Land Title Professional (CLTP) designation: Brian Foley, CLTP and Lisa McEntee, Esq., CLTP.
Outgoing President Frank McGovern, Esq., CLTP was given an appreciation award for his outstanding leadership and service as the 2017 - 2018 President.

Annual awards presented include the following:

- The James G. Schmidt Award for Outstanding Service was given to Philip S. Janny, CLTP, NTP. This award is presented each year to recognize the individual who has made the greatest contribution to the Association during the preceding year.

- The James G. Schmidt Distinguished Service Award was given to Diana T. Sabol, CLTP for her contribution to the industry. This award is given annually to that individual who has earned the recognition and respect of his/her peers for his/her substantial service and contributions to the welfare of the land title industry.

- The Ronald W. Froggatt Friend of the Industry Award was given during a special presentation on Sunday, June 3, 2018 to Sandra Kirk, retired Analyst Manger from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue for her contribution and betterment of the industry.

Also, at the convention, the Pennsylvania Land Title Institute, the educational arm of PLTA, presented a special award to William Rice, III. He is the first recipient of the newly created "Rice Award for Excellence in Education Award" which is named in his honor in recognition of his many contributions to the institute and to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Land Title Institute.

PLTA is the trade association for the title insurance industry in Pennsylvania. PLTA represents the title agents and agencies, title insurance underwriters, real estate attorneys and other real estate professionals throughout the state. Its members are knowledgeable, dedicated professionals in the title industry who are the best resource to protect property rights.

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