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Welcome New Members!

Michele Antoinette
Individual Title Agent

James Clark, Esq.
James Clark & Associates

Mandi S. Evans
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Individual Title Agent

Jonathan Hofstetter
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Thomas Shelly
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2015 Mid-Year Meeting
The PLTA Mid-Year Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at the Crowne Plaza Valley Forge in King of Prussia, PA. With the implementation date of the new closing disclosures well under a year away, the title industry continues to face challenges and prepare for changes. The theme of our meeting is ‘Together Towards Tomorrow’ which is reflective of the need for agents, underwriters, title partners and the PLTA to collaborate and navigate this crucial time for our business. This year’s program includes presentations covering today’s hot topics:

Be Ready For Tomorrow
• ACT 93, Lien Attachment and Priority – Who’s on First?
• ACT 95, Amendments to Power of Attorney Statute
• ACT 117, Amendments to the Mechanic’s Lien Law
• ACT 157, Amendments to the Abandoned and Blighted Property Act
• Whitewood V. Wolf, Legalizing Same Sex Marriage and the Effect on Title
• CFPB - Enforcement Actions and Class Action
• CFPB - Closing Disclosure: It’s Effect on our Escrow Role
• Closing Instructions – New Dangers
• EB-5, Green Cards for Sale
• E-mail Internet Fraud
• Flexible Condominiums - 7 Year Period to Add Additional Real Estate
• E-Recording

Click to register online today to attend the Mid-Year Meeting on January 15, 2015 from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm at the Crowne Plaza Valley Forge in King of Prussia, PA.

Education Committee Update

Two vendors made presentations to the committee as platforms for our online educational materials. The committee is looking to improve the online course offerings and offer new means of delivery. Mid-Year educational presentations have been finalized and offerings for the convention are being considered. An application was submitted to ALTA to present an educational seminar tentatively entitled “Fraud in the Real World” at the Business Strategies Conference in Philadelphia from March 18-20, 2015. Spring course offerings are being put together and hope to be finalized at the January meeting. The next committee meeting will be on January 23, 2015 at 10:00 am. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Committee Chairperson Len Shatz or Robin Kelsh at the PLTA office.

GAME ON!
Don’t roll the dice with the success of your business! Join us for more information and exciting announcements at the PLTA Mid-Year Meeting on January 15, 2015. Don’t miss your chance! Plan your escape to the 94th Annual PLTA Convention at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort from May 31-June 2, 2015. Are you up to the challenge? Special thanks Signature Information Solutions LLC for once again becoming the premier sponsor for the event.
Finance & Strategic Planning Committee
The Strategic Planning Meeting will be held on February 18, 2015 at 12:00 pm at the PLTA office. 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 Croke, CLTP
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Western Chapter - Deb Chipman