



April 2015

Common Ground

Welcome New Members!

Jessica Hower
Oil & Gas Title Abstracting

Michele Bradford
Phelan Hallinan LLP

Adele Forquer
West Branch Settlement Services

Catherine Kotanchik
Weichert Closing Services Co.

Joseph Calloway
City Settlement

Gail Ahrens
Brandywine Valley Land Abstract

George Young, III Esq.
Everest Settlement



Please note: the PLTA office will be closed on Good Friday, April 3, 2015 and reopen on Monday, April 6, 2015.

Reminder: TIRBOP Filing Effective April 1, 2015

A friendly reminder to members that the Title Insurance Rating Bureau of Pennsylvania's (TIRBOP) latest filing was submitted to and approved by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department ("DOI") and took effective April 1, 2015. The filing added seven new endorsements (TIRBOP 1530, 1540, 1550, 1560, 1570 and 1580) and withdrew two endorsements (TIRBOP 1000 and 1010) and included the associated charges for each and updates to the Rate Manual.

Upcoming Seminars

[First American Spring Seminar](#)
April 7, 2015
Harrisburg, PA

[PLTA South Central Chapter Breakfast & Learn](#)
April 8, 2015
Reading, PA

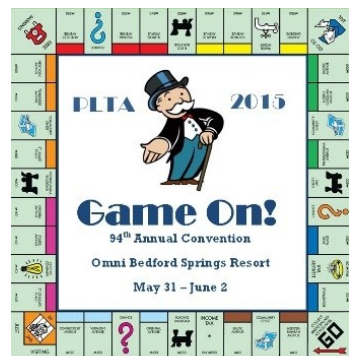
[First American Spring Seminar](#)
April 8, 2015
Mars, PA

[First American Spring Seminar](#)
April 13, 2015
King of Prussia, PA

[PLTI - Deep Dive into the New Closing Disclosure Form](#)
April 16, 2015 - SOLD OUT
PLTI Education Classroom
King of Prussia, PA

[Old Republic Title Spring Agents Seminar](#)
April 20, 2015
King of Prussia, PA

94th Annual PLTA Convention - GAME ON! Just 2 Months Away!



Join us and get your **Game On!** at the **94th Annual PLTA Convention** from May 31 - June 2, 2015 in beautiful Bedford Springs! Some of our wonderful speakers will include: **John Hollenbeck** from First American and President-Elect of the American Land Title Association, **Leslie Wyatt** from SoftPro and **Joan T. Decker** the Commissioner of Records Philadelphia County.

Go clubbing on June 1st at the **Pass Go Golf Outing** on the prestigious "Old Course," ranked #1 in Pennsylvania for Best Courses You Can Play for 2014 in *GolfWeek*. Enjoy the **Luxury** of the Springs Eternal Spa or relax in one of the indoor or outdoor pools.

Download the [Registration Packet](#) or [register online](#). Rooms at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort are beginning to fill so don't delay in signing up today! *The deadline for the room block is April 30, 2015 so make your reservation today!*



Special thanks to [Signature Information Solutions LLC](#) our Boardwalk sponsor for the event and thanks to all of our sponsors! Make your [hotel reservations online](#) or call (814) 623-8100 and mention the "PA Land Title Association" or the discounted rate.

Visit the [Convention page](#) on our website for more information!

Education Committee News

We are closing in on partnering with a new education vendor which will transform our delivery of educational programming. Look for more news soon. The Committee has planned a very informative set of seminars for the upcoming Annual Convention. We have completed our reorganization into smaller subject matter subcommittees. The next meeting will be on April 22, 2015. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Committee Chairperson [Len Shatz](#) or [Robin Kelsch](#) at the PLTA office

Upcoming Events

Good Friday

April 3, 2015

PLTA Office - Closed

PLTA Executive Committee Meeting

April 14, 2015

PLTA Office

King of Prussia, PA

PLTA 94th Annual Convention - GAME ON!

May 31- June 2, 2015

Omni Bedford Springs Resort

Bedford Springs, PA

Thanks to our Boardwalk Sponsor!



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

Membership Committee News

Over 85% of PLTA members have already renewed for 2015! The committee would like to welcome new members Kathie Vresics and Freddy Vasta from the Lehigh Valley Chapter, Nanci Reese and Jen Dennison from the South Central Chapter, and Barb Mikielski from the Northeastern Chapter! We are thrilled to have all of the PA Chapters represented on this committee! If you are interested in joining the committee please contact co-chair [Sue Swick](#), co-chair [Frank Ermilio](#) or [Robin Kelsh](#) at the PLTA office.

Title Issues & Records Committee News

The Title Issues & Records Committee has learned of a [notice from the Luzerne County Prothonotary](#) which raises concern with respect to indexing. The notice states that actions may not be indexed against all defendants. We are in the process of discussing the matter with the Prothonotary, but in the meantime, please be sure that your Luzerne County searchers are aware of this issue, and that they (and you) keep copies of the index for each search in order to prove which parties were listed as of the date of the search. Stay tuned for further information on this matter. As always, please feel free to contact Committee Chairperson Lisa McEntee, Esq. at lmcentee@firstam.com or PLTA Executive Director Robin Kelsh at rkelsh@plta.org.

Pennsylvania Land Title Association 2014-2015 Officers

PLTA President - Kris Burns

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PLTA Immediate Past President - Francine D'Elia Wirsching, CLTP

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Lehigh Valley Chapter - Kathie Vresics

Northeastern Chapter - Barb Mikielski

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South Eastern Chapter - Call PLTA to Inquire

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