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## Common Ground

### Welcome New Members!

**Beth Brokaw**

Princeton Assurance Corp

**Mary Jo Bush**

Pennsylvania First Settlement  
Services II LP

**Sonia Castro**

SunSunCorp

**Cindy Cochran**

Industrial Valley Abstract Co.

**Gwen Damone**

Main Street Abstract Co.

**Susan Dowd**

Associates Land Transfer Co.,  
LLC

**Andrea Eveter Stanley**

Eveter & DeArment LLP

**Craig Fleischmann**

The Fleischmann Law Firm PC

**Debra Herman Walter**

Hometown Abstract & Real Estate  
Services

**Michael Kehoe**

Governer's Abstract Co.

**Charles McGrath**

TrackerPro

**Sheila McGuire**

SMS

**Lauren McKenna**

Fox, Rothschild LLP

**James Miller**

Great Road Settlement Services

**Lisa Nelson**

Cambridge Land Transfer Corp.

**James Nolan**

Tohickon Abstract Company

**Jeannine Olenski**

National Abstract Agency Inc.

**Clayton Pronold**

CPTC, LLC

**Anita Ramirez**

Valley Closing Services LLC

**Jerry Troutner**

Global Title, Inc.

**Leah White**

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### 2015 Mid-Year Meeting - A Huge Success!

On January 15, 2015, PLTA held a successful Mid-Year Meeting at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia, PA. Attendance was at its highest as far back as many longtime members can recall. The theme of the day was 'Together Towards Tomorrow,' reflective of the need for agents, underwriters, title partners and the PLTA to collaborate and navigate this crucial time for our business. Presentations by the PLTA Education Committee and it's wonderful instructors covered today's hot topics giving attendees information to assist in navigating the challenges and changes the title industry will face in the year to come. Thank you to our presenters for sharing their knowledge and making this event a huge success. Also, special thanks to Signature Information Solutions LLC and Fox Rothschild LLP our premier sponsors!

### Convention Committee Update - GAME ON!

Members of the Convention Committee promoted the annual convention at the PLTA Mid-Year Meeting with a presentation and informational exhibit. A special 'thank you' to Paul Trefz for playing Rich Uncle Pennybags, which helped promote this year's *Monopoly* theme. Registration packets and save the date announcements were given to each attendee. Five lucky winners scored \$50 coupons towards the event registration fee.

Join us at the 94th Annual PLTA Convention from May 31 - June 2, 2015 in beautiful Bedford Springs! Special thanks to [Signature Information Solutions LLC](#) our Boardwalk sponsor for the event. We are happy to announce that registration has begun and rooms at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort are beginning to fill. Join us and get your *Game On!* Download the [Registration Packet](#) and make your [hotel reservations online](#) today!

### Education Committee News

The committee delivered a well-received seminar at the January 15th Mid-Year Conference and has developed a robust seminar schedule through to the convention (check "[Calendar](#)" at [www.plta.org](http://www.plta.org)). Also, we will soon choose a vendor for on-line and remote delivery of our educational content and we welcomed 5 new members to the committee for 2015! The next committee meeting will be on February 25, 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.

### Membership Committee News

The next membership committee meeting will be on March 6, 2015 at the PLTA office. Currently 3 chapters are represented on the committee and we would like to have at least one representative from each of our 6 chapters. We need reps from South Central, Northeastern, and Lehigh Valley! All committee meetings are accessible by conference call. If you are interested in joining this committee please contact [Robin Kelsh](#) at the PLTA office.

### Title Issues & Records Committee News

Because Pennsylvania contains sixty-seven (67) counties, each with its own Recorder of Deeds, and each with its own set of recording requirements, PLTA members may struggle to meet some of the more rigorous or unusual standards. Please be reminded to investigate the recording requirements of the county in which your subject property is located prior to closing to ensure that your documents conform. Recently, several PLTA members advised the Title Issues & Records Committee that the Washington County Recorder of Deeds posted a statement on its website that it would not accept documents with a font size smaller than 12pts. We spoke with the Recorder, Deborah Bardella, who confirmed the specification, and explained that she is most concerned with the clarity of certain information (i.e. parties' names, parcel numbers, addresses and legal descriptions) after the scanning process. The standard has been implemented because of oil and gas leases that include a series of parcel numbers typed in a very small font size and become illegible after scanning. As such, please note the change in Washington County, and be sure to habitually visit recorder websites to confirm their requirements.

Please be reminded that due to the efforts of the Title Issues & Records Committee and PLTA as a whole, the Department of Revenue has instructed recorders in all counties to accept documents accompanied by Realty Transfer Tax Statement of Value forms even if the telephone number field is incomplete, so long as the forms are

### Upcoming Seminars

**PLTI & PREP-Deeds & Transfers of Title**  
**February 12, 2015 - SOLD OUT**

PLTI Education  
Classroom  
King of Prussia, PA

**PLTA South Central Chapter Lunch & Learn**  
**February 12, 2015**

Four Points by Sheraton  
York, PA

**PLTI-Taking the Confusion Out of Liens**  
**March 3, 2015**

PLTI Education  
Classroom  
King of Prussia, PA

**PLTI / PLTA Lehigh Valley Chapter - Back to Basics**

**March 10, 2015**  
Best Western  
Conference Center  
Bethlehem, PA

**PLTI - Deep Dive into the New Closing Disclosure Form**

**March 12, 2015**  
PLTI Education  
Classroom  
King of Prussia, PA

**PLTI / PLTA Central Chapter - Back to Basics**

**March 24, 2015**  
Nittany Lion Inn  
State College, PA

**Upcoming Events**

**PLTA Executive Committee Meeting**

**February 10, 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  
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otherwise correct. As such, you may leave the telephone number field blank, thereby protecting the consumer's private information.

As always, if a matter arises that affects the title industry, please feel free to contact Committee Chairperson Lisa McEntee, Esq. at [lmcentee@firstam.com](mailto:lmcentee@firstam.com) or PLTA Executive Director Robin Kelsh at [rkelsh@plta.org](mailto:rkelsh@plta.org).

**Message from Jason Salus, Treasurer of Montgomery County:**

To help the title industry comply with Pennsylvania's Act 93, the Montgomery County Tax Claim Bureau, under the leadership of County Treasurer Jason Salus, has begun offering Multi-Parcel Tax Certifications for an additional fee of \$25. The enhanced search identifies multiple tax-delinquent properties in Montgomery County owned by a common individual or entity. Act 93 allows a delinquent tax claim to be filed as a judgment against an individual, tying one delinquent tax balance to all of the properties owned by that individual or entity. For more information visit the Montgomery County Tax Claim Bureau's website at [montgomerycountytaxclaim.com](http://montgomerycountytaxclaim.com) or call 484-681-9231.

**PLTA History**

If you are a history buff we have news for you! Going back to 1923, PLTA has been documenting the annual convention proceedings. Two copies of each year are reserved and have been logged at the association office. There are several additional copies of proceedings dating back to the 1930s. Copies will be given out first come, first serve. If you are interested please contact [Robin Kelsh](#) at the PLTA office.

**Finance & Planning Committee**

The Finance & 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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Lehigh Valley Chapter - Kathie Vresics  
Northeastern Chapter - Barb Mikielski  
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**PLTA/PLTI Staff Can Help!**

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

Give us a call! 610-265-5980

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