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ALTA Annual Convention

October 16-19, 2002
The Breakers Hotel
Palm Beach, Florida

KLTA Title School

February 5-7, 2003
Marriott Hotel
Wichita, Kansas

KLTA Continuing Education

(4 hours)
February 6, 2003
Marriott Hotel
Wichita, Kansas

ALTA Federal Conference

April 13-15, 2003
Washington, D.C.

KLTA Annual Convention

August 21-23, 2003
Spring Hill Suites
Lawrence, Kansas

KLTA Continuing Education

(4 hours)
August 22, 2003
Spring Hill Suites
Lawrence, Kansas

ALTA Annual Convention

October 22-25, 2003
Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa
Phoenix, Arizona

KLTA Title School

February 4-6, 2004
Marriott Hotel
Wichita, Kansas

KLTA Continuing Education

(4 hours)
February 5, 2004
Marriott Hotel
Wichita, Kansas

ALTA Federal Conference

April 19-21, 2004
Washington, D.C.

ALTA Annual Convention

October 6-9, 2004
The Westin Copley Place
Boston, Massachusetts

ALTA Annual Convention

October 6-9, 2005
New York Marriott Marquis
New York, New York

KLTA Title Schools

Marriott Hotel
Wichita, Kansas
February 9-11, 2005
February 8-10, 2006
February 7-9, 2007

KLTA Continuing Education

Marriott Hotel
Wichita, Kansas
February 10, 2005
February 9, 2006
February 8, 2007

www.klta.org

Be sure to visit our website on a regular basis as current information is posted on a regular basis.

Gilmore Abstract Co. Closing

Effective September 9, 2002 Gilmore Abstract Company in Medicine Lodge, Kansas is closing. We wish Bob Gilmore well in his retirement.

Domoney Resigns

J. Darcy Domoney resigned from the Executive Committee effective July 1, 2002. Darcy and his partner Wendell Winkler sold their business to Miami County Title Company, Inc.. Fortunately for our Association Darcy has agreed to continue as an Instructor at the KLTA Title School. Both Darcy and Wendell were valued KLTA members. We thank them for all their help in the past and wish them well.

Schibi Resigns

Effective July 31, 2002, Bob Schibi resigned as a member of the Executive Committee representing the First District.

In Memoriam

Harry T. Taylor

KLTA President 1993-1994

Larned

August 6, 2002





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Meet our New President

Randall S. Barbour, President of Barbour Title Company in Winfield and Rogers Abstract and Title in Wellington, was installed as President of the Kansas Land Title Association for 2002-2003 at the Annual State Convention held in Topeka, Kansas. Randy graduated from Winfield High School in 1973, The University of Kansas School of Business in 1977 and The University of Kansas School of Law in 1980. Directly after graduation from law school, he started full time with the family abstract company that his grandfather began in 1915. Randy started working summers for the abstract company when he was 14. At Barbour Title Company, Randy works with his wife Beth, a C.P.A. who heads all of the company accounting functions, his father Lucien, past company president who was the 1958-1959 KLTA state president and his two sisters, Robin Barbour and Becky Winblad. Randy has served on the Board of Directors of Winfield United Way, Winfield Chamber of Commerce and Winfield Rotary Club and he has been Cowley County Co-Chairman for the Kansas Alumni Association's

Kansas Honors Program. He is a member of Cowley County, Sumner County and Kansas Bar Associations, as well as Kansas Bar Association Committee on the Standards for Title Examination. Randy has three children: Dryden, age 15; Hilary, age 13; and Garrett, age 7.



Useful Websites

ASSOCIATIONS:

ALTA www.alta.org

KLTA www.klta.org

Kansas Register of Deeds Association www.ksrods.org

STATE GOVERNMENT:

Legislative

www.kslegislature.org

Secretary of State Corporation and UCC Search www.kssos.org

Kansas Insurance Department www.ksinsurance.org

Message from the President

*"It was the best of times,
it was the worst of times."*

One would think that Dickens was writing about today's title industry. On one hand, low interest rates have helped the title industry continue the prosperity we have enjoyed the last few years and to fare considerably better than other segments of the U.S. economy. (Did anyone else's business besides mine lose money in the '91 slump?) On the other hand, the storm clouds have been gathering on the horizon and they appear to be moving our way! Banks are starting to make their grab to control the entire real estate transaction, from listing to closing. Alternative casualty

based mortgage impairment products are starting to make their way into the mortgage loan portfolios. Our value to the transaction is being harshly criticized by some voices with large audiences (eg: Phil Gramm and Kenneth Harney). The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is proposing changes to RESPA which could dramatically impact the way in which we market and price our product. I have no answers for these problems. However, one thing is certain, our voice will be louder, our influence will be stronger and our solutions will be more effective if we band together through KLTA and ALTA to fight the battles.

2002 State Convention

The Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kansas hosted the 95th annual KLTA Convention held August 8-10, 2002. After President Mary Rogge called the convention to order we were welcomed to Topeka by Mayor Butch Felker.

Mark E. Winter a member of the ALTA Board of Governors brought us the message from ALTA. Mr. Winter's remarks dealt with the following matters:

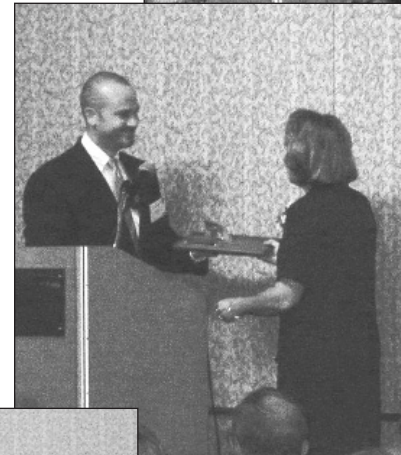
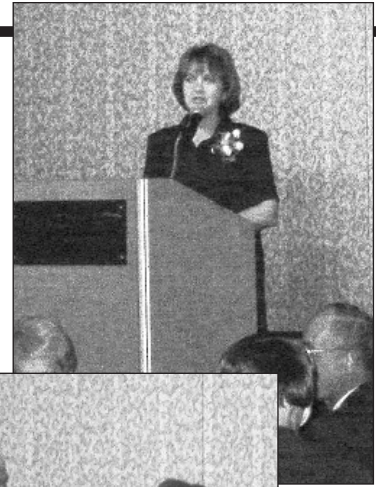
RESPA Reform and the Packaging of Services in connection with the cost of a Real Estate Home Loan (including title insurance and escrow fees),

ALTA'S efforts to stop the use of mortgage impairment products, and ALTA'S efforts to counter negative stories in the national press about the value of Title Insurance by launching a national public relations campaign.

Lt. Governor and Secretary of Commerce and Housing, Gary Sherrer brought us up to date on how the State of Kansas is doing. He spoke about the Importance of Leadership.

Constance Krstolic, O.S.B. from Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison spoke on the power of the written word and how it is effective in both personal and business relationships.

As always the Underwriters Panel dealt with "Hot Topics."



A very special **Thank You** to the following underwriters for their support of our convention:

- Chicago Title Insurance Co.**
- Columbian National Title Insurance Co.**
- Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Co.**
- Fidelity National Title Insurance Co.**
- First American Title Insurance Co.**
- Land America Title Insurance Corp.**
- Old Republic National Title Insurance**
- Stewart Title Guaranty Co.**
- Ticor Title Insurance Co.**

2002 Young Title Person

Jerilyn Stull, LaCrosse was named the 2002 KLTA Young Title Person of the Year at the convention banquet. Jerilyn is a Fifth District Chairperson and serves on the By-Laws and Planning Committees for KLTA. This year's ceremony hosted by KLTA Young Title Person Chair Steve Wilkin was unique as Wilkin honored Jerilyn by singing "KLTA Young Title Person of the Year." Congratulations Jerilyn and thank you for being a good sport.

New Executive Committee Members

Eric Schibi, Hays was appointed to represent the First District, Doug Simmons, Olathe will hold the at-large seat vacated by Darcy Domoney and Chris St. John replaces S. Lee Stutzman in the Second District.

New District Chairpersons

Karen Panter, Smith Center replaced Noreen Gregory in the First District, Ty Lewis, Oswego replaced Theresa Frazier in the Third District and Todd Lynch was appointed by Chris St. John to replace him as Second District Chairperson.

New Abstracter's Board of Examiners Member

Governor Bill Graves has appointed Jean M. Tharp of Pratt to replace Theresa Frazier on the Abstracter's Board of Examiners. Congratulations Jean.

By-Law Change Passes

KLTA members at the 2002 Convention passed a bylaw change amending the way candidates for officers are nominated and presented to the general membership prior to conventions. The text of the change is the same as printed in the Summer 2002 Edition of The Kansas Abstracter.

One Passes Abstracters' Exam

Alana S. Epple of Sabetha, KS, passed the Abstracters' Exam given September 9, 2002.

PAC Auction a Great Success

"BIG" THANK YOU to the following who contributed cash and in-kind donations to the PAC auction to help raise over \$6,374.00 for the KLTA PAC fund. We're sorry if we missed anyone, if so, please let us know.
Anderson County Abstract
Barton County Abstract & Title
Roger & Helen Bell
Craig Burns
Charlson & Wilson Bonded Abstracters
Cherokee County Abstract
Chicago Title/Ticor
Cloud County Title
Coffey County Land Title
Columbian National Title Insurance
Commerce Title, LLC
Dorothy Dozier
Kellee Dunn-Walters
Doreen Elkins
Polly Epting
Fidelity National Title
First American Title/Leavenworth
Guarantee Title/Johnson Co. /First American
Guardian Title & Trust
Haley Title

David Hoffman
Jackson County Title & Abstract
Beverly Jones
Kansas Secured Title
Kingman Abstract
Steve & Christy Kimball
LaCrosse Abstract & Title
Land America
Linn County Abstract
Todd Lynch
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Old Republic National Title
Mary Pendry
Pottawatomie County Abstract
Realty, Inc.
Mary Rogge
Cheryl Schnell
Thomas Schuetz
Security Title/First American
Doug Simmons
Stewart Title Guaranty
Street Abstract/lola
Street Abstract/Yates Center
S. Lee Stutzman
Taylor Abstract & Title
Tom Walsh
Steve Wilkin
Wyandotte/Shawnee Title

Convention Financial Report

115 Registrants

110 Paid

5 guests

5 no shows

Income \$29,420.00

Expenses: 20,530.20

Continuing Education Financial Report

60 Registrants

13 Audits

3 walk-ins

5 no shows

Income \$8,930.00

Expenses 2,088.25

2002-2003 KLTA Officers

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NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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Bill Regier

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Sam Sheldon
Eric Schibi
Jerilyn Stull

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Paul Pendry, Chairman
Randy Barbour
Steve Kimball
Linda Lea Voss
Todd Lynch
Marsha Laner

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Polly Epting
President-Elect
Lee Stutzman
Vice President
Suzan Kimball
Chairman, Exp. 3/2004
Carol Foltz, Exp. 3/2003
Charles Griffin, Exp. 3/2003
Todd Lynch, Exp. 3/2003
Mike Malone, Exp. 3/2003
David Scott, Exp. 3/2003
Doug Simmons, Exp. 3/2004
Chris St. John, Exp. 3/2004
Roger Hannaford, III, Exp. 3/2004
Debbie Wing, Exp. 3/2004
Kris Hanzlicek, Exp. 3/2004
Jeff Amrein, Exp. 3/2005
Larry Cameron, Exp. 3/2005
Fawn Eck, Exp. 3/2005
Brandon Knowles, Exp. 3/2005
Eric Schibi, Exp. 3/2005

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Steve Lewis, Chairman
District 3
Chris St. John, Exp 2003
District 2
Glen McQueen, Exp 2003
District 5
Roger Hannaford, III Exp 2004
District 4
Sondra Bracelin, Exp 2004
District 1

KLTA PAC COMMITTEE

Randy Barbour,
President
Steve Kimball,
Secretary-Treasurer
Roy Worthington,
Legislative Committee Chairman
(2 others from Legislative
Committee to be named)

PAC FUND RAISING

SUB-COMMITTEE

Doug Simmons
Craig Burns
Gary Schmitz
(2 others to be determined)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Roy Worthington, Chairman
George Burkett
John Dozier
Charles Griffin
Rick Hansen
Joe Jenkins
Steve Lewis
Jeff Otto
Hayden St. John
Todd Sheppard
Steve Wilkin

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Deborah Lewis, Chairman
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John Wheeler
District 2
Karen Panter
District 1
Kay Jean Brown
District 3
Jeff Foster
District 4

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District 2
Jean Tharp
District 4
Renee Delay
District 5

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Karen Panter
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Larry Cameron

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Randy Waldorf
David Elliott
