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Deborah Lewis

A Note from the President

“Achievement is largely the product of steadily raising one’s level of aspiration and expectation.”

Jack Nicklaus

As we reviewed the issues before the KLTA at the recent fall Executive Committee meeting held in Salina, it became apparent that our association needs to be proactive. We cannot wait to react to outside forces, but instead, we must strengthen our legislative positions and become more receptive to the needs of our members. With this in mind, the Executive Committee voted to proceed on research for several important legislative items.

The board also voted to create a new “Independent Agents Section” to be held at state convention. This event will be similar to the independent agents section established within ALTA. Time will be set aside at convention for independent agents to have an opportunity to network and discuss topics specific to their business operations.

We expect the best from our association and its officers; however, all of us must also contribute our part to helping it succeed. If there are issues or concerns that you believe should be addressed, you need to let us know. Also, since we are approaching an election year in 2006, it is essential that we contact our legislators from a position of

strength. Remember to make your contribution to KLTA PAC when you renew your membership.

This is just one way you can continue to help KLTA achieve your goals and meet your expectations.



Suzan Kimball

Meet the President Elect

Suzan Kimball of Sublette, Ks. was elected President-Elect of the Kansas Land Title Association at the annual convention in Wichita on August 12, 2005. Born in Hutchinson, Kansas, she moved with her family to Sublette in 1959. She is a 1974 graduate of Sublette High School and attended Kansas State University for two years before marrying Brad in 1976. They are the parents of three children, Staci, Justin and Kyler, and proud grandparents of two little girls, Riley and Jentry.

Suzan entered the title industry in August of 1978, obtained her abstracter’s license in 1980 and her title insurance license in 1981. She purchased Haskell County Abstract & Title Co. from Joyce Messerly in January, 1991, when Joyce retired. She and Joyce became agents in the agency network of Railroad Savings & Loan Association of Newton in 1981, and through two mergers, will represent Bank of the West, as a Sales Representative, after conversion on December 5th.

Suzan has been an active member of KLTA, serving on various committees including Memoirs, By-Laws, and

Research Committees, and served ten years as Chair of the Education Committee, District Chairperson and Executive Committee for the Fifth District since 1994. As President-Elect, she is currently serving as Chair of the Planning Committee, and honorary Chair of the Education Committee.

We have many challenges ahead of our association in the next two years. Of most significant importance will be establishing the criteria to hire an Executive Director. The Planning Committee is reviewing materials received from our surrounding State Associations, and will be working with Steve Kimball and Linda Lea Voss, to outline the needs of our association. We have also been asked to present proposals for maintaining the KLTA website and to develop an advertising policy for the website, thereby creating another revenue source.

I would like to encourage all KLTA members to visit with their officers and board members to address their concerns, or share any ideas they may have to strengthen our association.

“We should not only use all the brains we have, but all that we can borrow”

President Woodrow Wilson

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Wichita, Kansas
February 8-10, 2006

KLTA Continuing Education
(4 hours)
Marriott Hotel
Wichita, Kansas
February 9, 2006

ALTA Federal Conference
The Fairmont
Washington, DC
March 7-8, 2006

KLTA District Meetings
Tuesday, April 18, 2006
Topeka, Kansas
Chris St. John, Host

Wednesday, April 19, 2006
Hays, Kansas
Eric Schibi, Host

ALTA Tech Forum
Las Vegas, Nevada
April 30-May 2, 2006

KLTA Annual Convention
Capital Plaza Hotel
Topeka, Kansas
August 10-12, 2006

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Westin St. Francis
San Francisco, California
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Directory Update

Please note the following amendments
in your KLTA Directories:

New Email Address for Larry
Cameron at Chautauqua County
Abstract Company
lecameron@sbcglobal.net

New Email Address for
Street Abstract Company, Inc.
(WOODSON COUNTY)
Streetabstract@kans.com

New Address:

Old Republic National Title
Insurance Company
7730 Forsyth, Suite 100
Clayton, Missouri 63105
Phone 800-737-2636
Fax remains the same

New Member:

SEDGWICK COUNTY
Continental Title Company
10333 E. 21st Street,
Building #100, Suite 104
Wichita, Kansas 67206
Phone: 316-636-9995
Fax: 316-636-9996

Report of Abstracters' Board of Examiners

Six people took the Abstracters'
Examination on September 2, 2005. The
following two people passed the exam:
Susan M. Goshert, Oswego; and
Angela R. Clarke, Jetmore
Congratulations Susan and Angela.

District Chairperson Appointment

Ty Lewis, Oswego appointed Cheryl Lewis,
Oswego to replace him as District
Chairperson for the Third District. Ty replaces
Larry Cameron on the Executive Committee.

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Be sure to visit our website on a
regular basis as current information is
posted in a timely manner.
If you ever have questions about KLTA,
check the website first.

Remember to register for:

KLTA TITLE SCHOOL/CONTINUING EDUCATION

KLTA Title School will be held February 8-10, 2006 at the Wichita Marriott.

Registration forms should be in the mail. Be sure to get signed up ASAP.
For anyone needing Continuing Education Hours that session will be from
1:00-5:00 February 9, 2006. If you need additional information please call
Linda Lea Voss at (316) 609-2929. See you there!