

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE KANSAS LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I:           ASSOCIATION NAME**

The name of this association is THE KANSAS LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE II:         OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this Association shall be the following:

1.       To cultivate and advance the science and art of the title profession of the State of Kansas.
2.       To elevate the standards of integrity, honor and courtesy of those in the title profession in the State of Kansas.
3.       To educate, inform and train those in the title profession in the State of Kansas.
4.       To promote and discipline the activities and conduct of the members of this Association individually and collectively in the interest of the public of the State of Kansas.

**ARTICLE III:       MEMBERSHIP**

Qualifications for and election to membership shall be a matter of privilege rather than a matter of right. There shall be five classes of membership in this Association and the classes and requirements in this Association and the classes and requirements for membership shall be as follows:

1. Active: Any licensed abstractor or any licensed title insurance agent of the State of Kansas (including individuals, Partnerships and Corporations), and all national title insurance underwriters authorized to do business in the State of Kansas and their affiliates and/or branch offices located in the State of Kansas, who shall have agreed to abide by the laws of the State of Kansas; (if applicant is a corporation, experience of the principals may meet this requirement); that such applicant has or has access to sufficiently complete title evidencing facilities; that such applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Executive Committee of applicant's reputation for integrity, reliability, financial responsibility, and responsibility in all business and professional relationships. The application shall be on a form prescribed and approved by the Executive Committee and the election to membership in this Association shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the total

number of members of the Executive Committee at a meeting duly called at which a quorum is present.

2. **Affiliate:** Any individual owner, officer, or employee of an Active KLTA member in good standing may apply for Affiliate Membership. The application shall be on a form prescribed and approved by the Executive Committee. An affiliate member shall not be entitled to vote on any Association matter unless that individual is acting on behalf of an active member.
3. **Honorary:** Any individual upon whom the Executive Committee of this Association has conferred an honorary membership at any convention for distinguished and meritorious service rendered this Association. No dues shall be required of any honorary member and he/she shall not be entitled to vote on any Association matter and not hold any office in this Association.
4. **Associates:** Any association or corporation in an industry affiliated or related to the title industry, which shall have subscribed to the Code of Ethics of this Association and who shall have agreed to abide by the Laws of Kansas and who shall be approved by the Executive Committee for such membership, provided however, that such Associate Member shall not be entitled to vote on any matter pertaining to the affairs of this Association and shall not be eligible to hold any office in this Association. Such Associate Member shall pay the annual dues as set by the Executive Committee. Such applicant shall make application on a form prescribed and approved by the Executive Committee of this Association.
5. **Emeritus:** Any individual holding membership in the Association, or any officer or employee of a member company, who shall retire from active participation in the title profession, shall be eligible to retain membership in the Association under the classification of Member Emeritus. No dues shall be required of any Member Emeritus and such member(s) shall not be entitled to vote on any Association matter nor hold any office in this Association.

#### **ARTICLE IV: DUES**

The annual dues of this Association and time of payment of such dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee for Active, Affiliate and Associate Members. Any member in default of

payment of dues after the same shall have become payable and are sixty (60) days past due, shall be notified in writing that unless such dues are paid within thirty (30) days thereafter, such default will be reported to the Executive Committee. Upon such report being made to the Executive Committee, it may, without further notice, strike the name of such member from the roll for non-payment of dues, and the membership and all rights in this Association shall thereupon cease.

#### **ARTICLE V: VOTING – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

Only Active Members shall vote on any Association matter. Voting qualifications and procedures shall be in accordance with the By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The qualifications for membership shall be that determined and required by the Executive Committee, except that the matters set forth in Article III herein shall be included in the Application for Membership which shall be properly signed by the applicant.

#### **ARTICLE VII: MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL**

- Sec.1      Executive Committee  
The management and control of this association shall be under the Executive Committee as set forth in the By-Laws.
- Sec.2      Officers  
The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Vice President and Treasurer, whose election/appointment and duties are set forth in the By-Laws.
- Sec.3      Past President's Council  
All of the past presidents of this Association shall constitute the Past President's Council whose organization, duties and powers are set forth in the By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- Sec.1      Annual Meeting  
The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and at such place, within or without the State of Kansas, as may be fixed by the Association at the preceding annual meeting, or, if not so fixed, then as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

Sec.2 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Association may be called at any time by the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, or by a majority of the Executive Committee, or by thirty (30) Active Members.

Sec.3 Notice

Written or printed notice of each meeting of the Association, stating the place, date and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be mailed not less than ten days before the date of the meeting, by or at the direction of the officers or persons calling the meeting, to each Active Member in good standing, to the last known address of such member as shown on the records of the Association, or published in any bulletin, newspaper or newsletter regularly published and distributed by the Association to its members.

Sec.4 Quorum

At any annual meeting, those Active members present in the number of twenty (20) or more shall constitute a quorum at such meeting.

**ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES**

The President, within thirty (30) days after the election, shall fill the expired terms and vacancies, if any, in the Grievance Committee, and, unless otherwise provided, appoint the members of all other Committees, whether established here, by action of the Executive Board, or by the members at any meeting, each to consist of a chairman and such number of members as he/she shall deem advisable, and such appointees whose terms expire shall continue in office until their respective successors are appointed.

Appointment of Committees

The President shall appoint the following committees and such other committees as he/she shall deem necessary whose structure and duties shall be set forth in the By-Laws.

- A. Public Relations
- B. By-Laws
- C. Education
- D. Grievance
- E. Legislative
- F. Nominating
- G. Planning
- H. Membership
- I. Executive Secretary Supervisory Board

## **ARTICLE X: COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS**

Complaints against a member of the Association alleging misconduct in its relations with the general public, the Association, or a member thereof shall be governed by the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE XI: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Sec.1 Rules of Order**

Should any dispute arise as to the conduct of any meeting of this Association, or its Executive Committee, or any of its Committees, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of any such meeting.

### **Sec.2 Archives**

The Executive Secretary, or such other person as the Executive Committee shall designate, shall take charge of, and be responsible for keeping and maintaining all records of the Association, which pertain to its history. He/she shall inventory, index and arrange such records so as to be accessible to any officer or member of the Association upon a reasonable demand at any time.

## **ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution and By-Laws of this Association may be amended at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds majority vote of the Active Members in attendance at such meeting, provided:

- (a) a quorum, which for this purpose shall consist of twenty (20) Active Members in good standing, is present and further provided:
- (b) that all Active Members of the Association shall have been advised in writing of the proposed amendment or amendments at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

Such notice may be given by publication of the notice in any regular publication of the Association or depositing such notice in the regular mail, addressed to the Active Members at the address last shown for such members on the records of the Association.

This Constitution hereby rescinds and thereby supersedes in its entirety the previous Constitution and Amendments thereto, effective this 10 day of August, 2007.