# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

### **ARTICLE I**

# **NAME**

The name of this Association shall be "Kansas Land Title Association Political Action Committee (herein called "Committee" and to be known as "KLTA PAC").

# ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND ADDRESS

The principal office of the Committee shall be located at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Kansas Land Title Association

# ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Any person, or legally registered company or corporation, interested in the furtherance of the title industry in Kansas is eligible for membership in this Committee upon making a contribution to this Committee.

# ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION

The committee shall be a voluntary, non-profit, unincorporated association and shall be independent of any political party, candidate, or organization.

#### **ARTICLE V**

## **PURPOSES AND POWERS**

- <u>Section 1</u>. The purposes of the Committee are to support political candidates who have taken responsible positions on issues involving the Kansas title industry and to promote the economic growth of Kansas. To further these purposes, the Committee is empowered:
  - (1) to raise funds, to solicit directly or indirectly, and accept voluntary personal and corporate contributions, and to make contributions and expenditures in connection with the attempt to influence the selection, nomination, or election of any properly qualified and registered individual who by their acts have demonstrated their interests in the private enterprise system;
  - (2) to encourage persons to enter into political work; and
  - (3) to make contributions to properly qualified and registered state and local committees without regard to party affiliation.
- <u>Section 2</u>. The Committee and its Officers and Sub-committees shall posses and may exercise all powers and privileges set forth in these Articles, or those incidental thereto, together with all powers and privileges necessary or convenient to the attainment of the purposes of the Committee or these Articles.
- <u>Section 3</u>. The Committee shall have perpetual existence, but may be dissolved at any time by simple majority vote of the Executives of the Kansas Land Title Association.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

# **PARTICIPATION**

All U. S. Citizens and legally registered companies and/or corporate entities are eligible to contribute to the Committee and the Committee is authorized to solicit and accept contributions from any such persons or entities.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

# **CONTRIBUTIONS**

- <u>Section 1</u>. All Contributions to the Committee shall be voluntary and no contributions to the Committee shall be solicited or secured by physical force, job discrimination or financial reprisal, or threat thereof, or as a condition of employment.
  - <u>Section 2</u>. All direct contributions shall be by check or cash.
- <u>Section 3.</u> Basic policies with respect to the expenditure or distribution of all contributions to the Committee shall be within the sole discretion of the Trustees of the Committee.
- <u>Section 4.</u> No contribution shall be accepted and no expenditure shall be made, by or on behalf of the Committee at a time when there is a vacancy in either the office of the Chairperson or Treasurer.
- <u>Section 5</u>. Any contribution in excess of limits set by applicable law, or otherwise appearing to be unlawful, will be returned to the donor.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

## SEPARATE AND SEGREGATED FUND

Section 1. All contributions to the Committee shall be maintained by the Committee as a separate segregated fund in one of more designated depositories, and all expenditures by the Committee in support of any candidate of political Committee shall be made from that fund and no other source. From this fund, payment may be made for expenditures that would be helpful in supporting or opposing legislation affecting the title industry in Kansas, such as lobbying, legal counsel, office rent, office supplies, telephone, postage, managerial and secretarial help. Expenditures from the fund shall only be made by check and upon the approval of a majority of the duly elected Trustees, except as set forth in Section 4.

<u>Section 2</u>. A report of KLTA PAC accounts shall be given to the Executive Committee of the Kansas Land Title Association at their annual meeting.

<u>Section 3</u>. In determining how funds shall be distributed, the Committee shall consider the recommendations of the Legislative Committee of the Kansas Land Title Association, knowledgeable persons, and additional factors including but not necessarily limited to the following:

- (1) the integrity and character of the candidate;
- (2) whether the candidate holds a leadership or policy shaping position in his part or on a legislative committee or is likely to hold such a position in the future;
- (3) the candidate's position and/or voting record on issues involving the land title industry;
- (4) the nature and strength of the candidate's opposition in primary or general elections;
- (5) financial need and other sources of financial assistance available to the candidate.

Section 4. The following action is required as authorization for any disbursement:

- (1) a report of the Treasurer as to:
  - a. legality;
  - b. Availability of funds;
- (2) If not exceeding \$100 in the aggregate to one donee per year or one political campaign, written approval by the Chairperson and at least one other Trustee of the Committee of the Kansas Land Title Association.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

#### TRUSTEES

<u>Section 1</u>. The management of this Committee shall be vested in five (5) Trustees. Each of the Trustees shall reside in Kansas.

<u>Section 2</u>. Trustees shall serve for a term of one (1) year. Three of the Trustees ("Officer Trustees") shall be comprised of the following current officers of the Kansas Land Title Association: President, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Legislative Committee. The remaining two Trustees ("Appointed Trustees") shall be appointed at the annual meeting of the Kansas Land Title Association by the President-Elect. The two Appointed Trustees shall be members of the KLTA from Congressional Districts not represented by the three Officer Trustees.

<u>Section 3</u>. The Trustees are empowered to set basic policies with respect to collection of funds and expenditures to be made by the Committee, and to direct disbursements to any specific candidate of political committees. The Trustees shall designate the Legislative Committee of the Kansas Land Title Association to assist them in the disbursement of funds to political candidates or Committees.

<u>Section 4</u>. A Trustee may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Treasurer. The remaining Trustees shall elect a replacement from among the membership.

#### **ARTICLE X**

## **OFFICERS**

- Section 1. The officers of the Committee shall be the Chairperson and Treasurer.
- <u>Section 2</u>. Officers shall be the same as the current President and Treasurer of the Kansas Land Title Association. The President shall be the Chairperson, the Treasurer shall be the Treasurer.
- <u>Section 3</u>. Subject to the determination of the Trustees, the chairperson shall administer and have general active management and supervision of the affairs of the Committee. The Chairperson shall preside at membership meetings and meetings of the Trustees.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Committee, shall keep the financial and other records of the committee, and shall comply with all applicable requirements required by law.

# **ARTICLE XI**

### **REMOVAL**

A Trustee may be removed by the majority vote of the Executive Committee of the Kansas Land Title Association and the Board shall select another Trustee to complete the term in office. A Trustee shall be removed from office automatically upon conviction of a felony.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

#### **MEETINGS**

- Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Association which shall be at a place and time designated by the Trustees. Such meeting shall be called by the Chairperson and ten (10) day notice shall be given by mail or electronic communication.
- Section 2. Regular or special meetings may be called by the Chairperson, who shall designate the time and place of such meeting. A majority of the Trustees present in person or by teleconference shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of the meeting for the purposes called.
  - Section 3. The fiscal year for the Committee shall be from November 1 to October 31 each year.

### **ARTICLE XIII**

# **DISSOLUTION**

The Committee may be dissolved by a majority vote of those members attending a special or annual meeting. In the event of such dissolution, the Treasurer shall return to the contributors readily identifiable undistributed funds on a last contributed, first returned basis. All documents necessary for dissolution may be executed by the Chairperson and Treasurer.

# ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

The Articles may be amended or repealed from time to time by a majority vote of the Trustees and the Legislative Committee of the Kansas Land Title Association present and voting as provided for in Article XII.