



# FLTA Tallahassee Report

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Sue Geigle, President • Lee Huszagh, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Sue Geigle

Another year has almost gone by, and this has been a tough one for most in this industry.

The governor has signed H.B. 947, and we are waiting to see who has been appointed to the committee. I can only hope this comes soon since they are planning the first meeting in August. On another note we have continued our dialog with the Department of Financial Services, they want to help make our Association as strong as we can. We can all help with this by spreading the word on the importance of being involved with the FLTA, and what the FLTA does for our industry.

Our summer board meeting is approaching, and one item on the agenda is the lobbyist for agents, we really need our agents to support and become more involved with this. We had sent out a survey regarding the lobby-

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ist, and I would really appreciate everyone responding. If you have any questions, concerns or would just like additional information, please feel free to call me any time 727-709-7001.

We will keep everyone updated as to any changes; remember to continue to check the web site and newsletters!!!!!!

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE  
SOON



## Save the Date for the FLTA Annual Convention - November 6-8, 2008!

The 2008 FLTA Convention will be held November 6-8, 2008 at the Marriott Key Largo Bay Resort in Key Largo, FL!

Detailed meeting brochures will be mailed in late July. To make reservations contact the hotel directly at (866) 849-3753 and let them know you are with FLTA. Make your reservations before Tuesday, October 7, 2008 to receive the convention rate of \$169 per night.

**For more information, please visit the FLTA web site at [www.flta.org](http://www.flta.org).**



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### Dues Application Contained Within Newsletter

Enclosed in this newsletter (see page 6) is the new revised dues application. If you know of anyone who is not a member of FLTA, please forward this information along. We need to each bring in a new member to strengthen our voice. You can make a difference!

Please make sure to turn in your 2008 dues payment with your updated contact information to be included.

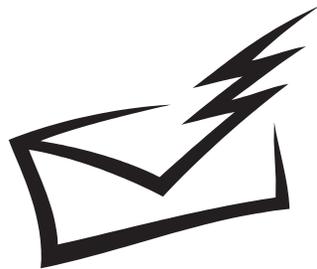
### Keeping Up To Date

Keeping our members informed of matters that impact the title insurance industry, is a primary focus of our Association. The quarterly newsletter will continue to keep you abreast of developments, but be aware that the news stories have a short shelf life and may be stale when you read them.

To stay on top of things on a daily basis consult the FLTA web site, [www.flta.org](http://www.flta.org).

### Firewalls and Spam Filters Block FLTA E-mails

It has come to our attention that many of our electronic mailings are being blocked by spam filters and firewalls installed on member's computers. If you are not having this problem and are getting our newsletter via e-mail and wish to continue to receive it electronically please indicate so by sending an e-mail to [leeh@flta.org](mailto:leeh@flta.org) stating you elect to receive the newsletter by e-mail. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter by mail, there is no need to contact our office. You will continue to receive it in that fashion.



Our most important goal is providing our members with timely information and we strive to accomplish that. You can also check the FLTA's web site at your convenience to obtain news and information on upcoming programs. [www.flta.org](http://www.flta.org) is the address.

### 2008 FLTA Scholarship

The FLTA scholarship committee is now accepting applications for the 2008 Sam D. Mansfield Memorial Scholarship Award, Marjorie S. Schwartz Memorial Scholarship and the John Starr Thornton, Jr. Scholarship. The amount of the scholarship award is \$1,500.00 and will be awarded at the FLTA Annual Convention in November. All applications must be submitted by August 31, 2008. For more information, please visit [www.flta.org](http://www.flta.org).

### FLTA Annual Convention

Don't delay registering for FLTA's Annual Convention from November 6 - 8, 2008 at the Marriott Key Largo Bay Resort in Key Largo, FL. To register visit the FLTA website at [www.flta.org](http://www.flta.org). To make hotel reservations call 866-849-3753.

### Agency Lobbyist Questionnaire

The idea of a lobbyist representing the unique interests of title agents and agencies is under discussion by the FLTA Board of Directors. Please complete the questionnaire following this information and return to the FLTA office via mail or fax. Contact information is shown below:

Florida Land Title Association  
249 East Virginia Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
FAX 850-681-6271

### Upcoming Events

#### October 15-18th

ALTA's 2008 Annual Convention in Koloa, Hawaii. Visit [www.alta.org/meetings](http://www.alta.org/meetings) for more information

#### November 6-8th

FLTA's 2008 Convention at Marriott Key Largo Bay Resort in Key Largo, FL. Visit [www.flta.org](http://www.flta.org) for more information.

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Pamela Jean Allen**

Law office of Sherry L Hyman,  
PLLC  
*Jupiter, FL*

**Viola Alley**

Homestead Title of Pinellas Inc.  
*Seminole, FL*

**Pamela Garner**

John P. White P.A.  
*Naples, FL*

**Joann Gomez-Martinez**

Kinetic Title Group Inc.  
*Doral, FL*

**Susan DeLoche**

Commitment Title  
*Merritt Island, FL*

**Kathy Gulick**

US Title of Southwest FL  
*North Port, FL*

**Barbara Lemmon**

Adams Cameron Title Services,  
Inc.  
*Daytona Beach, FL*

**Marianna Marquez**

Sovereign Title Insurance  
*Miami, FL*

**Pamela Mason**

CSB Title Services  
*Port Charlotte, FL*

**Charles Strickhouse**

Columbia Title Research  
Corporation  
*Daytona Beach, FL*

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## AGENCY LOBBYIST QUESTIONNAIRE

The idea of a lobbyist representing the unique interests of title agents and agencies is under discussion by the FLTA Board of Directors. The lobbyist would take direction from the Agent's Section of the FLTA and would take no positions adverse to the positions of The FLTA. In addition to lobbying the Legislature and our regulators the person selected would work with the FLTA political outreach committee on our statewide political outreach efforts.

Before embarking on this effort and searching for candidates it is necessary to ascertain whether there is agent/agency interest in financially supporting such an effort. This would be a separate financial pledge separate from the normal FLTA dues and would be kept in a separate fund earmarked for this purpose only. The FLTA would not guarantee any shortfall. All monies would come from the agent/agency lobby fund.

I support an agent/agency separate lobbyist and would be willing to pay an annual fee in the amount of \_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_ \$100.00 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_.

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FLTA dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes, but may be deductible as a business expense. A change in the tax code eliminates the portion of your dues attributable to lobbying expenses. It has been determined that 15% of your dues are used for these purposes, therefore only 85% of your dues are deductible as a business expense, or 80% if you designate 5% to TIFPAC.

Member Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (for mailing list) \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

(Area Code) Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

(Area Code) FAX \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

The person most responsible for our membership in the FLTA is: \_\_\_\_\_

**2008 Dues Schedule**

At the Annual Convention on November 16, 2006 the membership approved and adopted the following schedule of dues in effect for the year 2007 and beyond, as follows: (Please indicate membership type by placing an "X" in box.)

- Trial Membership: \$150.00, this is available to title agencies who have not been members of the FLTA. This is a non-voting membership.
- Associate Membership: \$300.00, this is available to vendors to our industry, governmental agencies: who activities include land title matters, and law firms whose practice includes title insurance defense litigation. It is a non-voting membership.
- Agent Membership: \$400.00, this is available to all duly licensed entities who meet the requirements for membership in the Florida Land Title Association as contained in the by-laws. In addition, each additional branch office that the member desires to be listed in the directory and included in the mailing list shall require another \$100.00 in dues. The maximum dues for any agency member is \$2,500.00. Please list each additional branch on the back of this form. Copy as needed.
- Insurer Membership: The dues structure shall continue on the basis of gross revenue computed at \$50.00 per \$50,000 in gross (.001) including title premium and sale of evidence of title products in the State of Florida. The minimum dues for any Insurer membership shall be \$400. The maximum dues for any Insurer membership shall be \$15,000 for each insuring entity who is issuing title insurance policies in the State of Florida.

PAC dues are optional, please mark this box if you do not want to contribute 5% of your dues to the Title Industry of Florida Political Action Committee (TIFPAC). A contribution to TIFPAC does not increase dues.

Please return this completed schedule (include reverse side if applicable) with your remittance payable to Florida Land Title Association, Inc.

The by-laws provide that all dues are payable on January 1, 2008 at the office of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and shall be delinquent April 1, 2008. Any member who is delinquent in payment of dues shall be suspended automatically and lose all voting privileges.

In order to assure that all members receive membership certificates, please list all current names and addresses of each branch office in Florida on the reverse side of this form. Use additional copies if necessary.

**All Information is for FLTA use only and is kept strictly confidential**

Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

AMEX, MC or Visa # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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**Florida Land Title Association, Inc.**  
**2008 Sam D. Mansfield, Marjorie S. Schwartz and John Starr Thornton, Jr.**

**Memorial Scholarships**

**GUIDELINES**

**An applicant must:**

- **Be a member or the child, grandchild, brother, sister, niece or nephew of a principal or employee of a Florida Title Association member. (Regular Member or Associate Member).**
- **Be a resident of the State of Florida.**
- **Be accepted to any accredited institution of higher learning in the United States.**
- **If you meet this criteria please request an application and return prior to August 31, 2007.**

Florida Land Title Association, Inc.  
Attn. Scholarship Committee  
249 East Virginia Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

*If you have any questions, please call FLTA at (850) 681-6422; or  
Toll Free in Florida at 1-800-552-1065.*

***About the Scholarship Award:***

The Sam D. Mansfield Memorial Scholarship Award was created in 1985 by the Board of Directors of the Florida Land Title Association, Inc., in memory of its namesake. Mr. Mansfield was a Past-President of this Association and was involved in many civic endeavors, always stressing the importance of education. The Marjorie S. Schwartz Memorial Scholarship was added in 2001 to commemorate our good friend Marge who, like Sam Mansfield, was an FLTA President and ardent supporter of our Association. The John Starr Thornton, Jr. Scholarship was added in 2003 to commemorate an outstanding FLTA member and title industry giant. Many thanks to the generous donation by Old Republic National Title Insurance Company who will underwrite the Thornton scholarship for a period of years.

The amount of the scholarship award is \$1,500.00 and will be awarded at the FLTA Annual Convention in November.

Eligible applicants will receive a questionnaire and personal profile to be completed and returned to FLTA. The scholarship committee, which consists of members of the Past President's Council, will review the submissions and make their selection based on major field of study, grade point average, and other information provided by the applicant.

**APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT WITH THIS APPLICATION:**

A ONE-PAGE DOUBLE SPACED ESSAY DESCRIBING YOUR FUTURE GOALS UPON COMPLETION OF YOUR HIGHER  
EDUCATION

DATED and submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

**Mail Completed application, postmarked by August 31, 2008, to**  
**Florida Land Title Association, Inc.**  
**Attn: Scholarship Committee**  
**249 East Virginia Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301**

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2008 Sam D. Mansfield, Marjorie S. Schwartz and John Starr Thornton, Jr.

## Memorial Scholarship Application

(Application Deadline: August 31, 2008)

FLTA Sponsor Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduled Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

List Honors, Awards, Scholarships, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List Clubs, Competitions, Research, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest for College Study : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of accredited college or university in the United States in which you have been accepted or are currently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

High School Grade Point Average: College Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and telephone number (including area code) of person who to contact in the school's Admissions office for verification of enrollment:

\_\_\_\_\_