



Orange County Escrow Association

A Message from the President



Happy New Year! Hard to believe it is 2011 already. When I first began my escrow employment (it was 1971 and who knew it would be a “career”), due date on notes were, at that time, 2001. I remember thinking of the popular movie named, “2001, A Space Odyssey”. Little did I know that the Odyssey would eventually lead me to the Presidency of OCEA for 2011!

Please mark your calendars with the dates of the 2011 OCEA General Membership meetings. We always meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This year we will hold meetings bimonthly in January (19); March (16); May (18); July (20); September (21) and November (16). Meeting dates are also posted on the O-C-E-A.org website.

We are purposely dark in October so you can attend the annual CEA Conference. This year the Conference will be right here in O.C. at the Hilton in Costa Mesa. Please plan to attend so we can extend a warm welcome to the rest of the state and show them that OCEA membership is back on the upswing.

Speaking of an upswing, our membership desperately needs one. Membership has dropped from a high of approximately 400 during the “boom” years to our present membership of 134. We need each and every one of you to enlist your co-workers, competitors, piers, and affiliates, to join us-or re-join us-as the case may be.

Unfortunately we will no longer be meeting at First American Title this year. We will miss our “home” not to mention the terrific food from their Café. Thank you FATCO! We so appreciate you!

Our January meeting will be held at the Wyndham Orange County. Meeting notice is posted to our website and has been emailed to all that we have an email address for. January meeting notice is also attached. If you have not already registered (or updated your information) at our O-C-E-A.org website, please do so. Since we no longer use the U.S. mail, this is the only way we can keep in touch with you so please be sure we have current info.

Please let us know what topics you want to hear or be educated on this year. Remember, this is the last year in the 3 year PD cycle. I encourage all of you to obtain a Professional Designation as awarded by CEA. It will set you apart from the rest.

Our website will be where we post all meeting and seminar notices. We will also start posting educational information, including law changes, new forms (like the new PCOR that has just gone into effect), and anything else we believe can assist you. Please send information to us to share with the membership. Larry O’Brien and webmaster Greenhatdesigns are to be commended for getting us this far. Hopefully effective with the March meeting registration, we will have the credit card option in place.



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I would like to introduce your 2011 Officers and Board of Directors:

2011 President- Debbi Faber, CSEO/CBSS/CMHS/CEI-Chicago Title

2012 President-elect- Larry O'Brien-The Escrow Training Institute

Vice President- Sammy Simpson, CSEO-Ticor Title

Secretary- Robyn Hubbard-Prominent Escrow

Treasurer- Dennis Chaplin, CSEO/CEI-Chicago Title

Directors:

Kacy Troncale-SMS

Malina Simpson-Ticor Title

Margie Conraad-Martinez-Bank of the West

Scott Hunt-FPS

It is with great regret that I have accepted resignations by Corie Maue with DocPros Nationwide Notaries, Kathryn Musgrave, CEO, and Deborah Morrison- both with FATCO. I want to personally thank them for their service to OCEA. At the January Board meeting we will appoint Marvina Vrabel with Chicago Title and Martina Mashatt with DocPros Nationwide Notaries to fill 2 of the remaining unexpired terms.

I have lots of things I want to accomplish this year. For starters, how do you like the new logo? I love it. Watch for our new banner next.

I am going to post a message to the website from Chris Street the former Treasurer-Tax Collector. Chris is going back to the private sector and has provided interesting information about his accomplishments as Treasurer-tax Collector. I invite you to take a moment to read them.

In closing, isn't it time you got involved with the association? Join a committee, help sell raffle tickets at a meeting, work on a fund raiser, bring us a great speaker, join a panel and speak to the membership, proof forms that badly need updated, or help at the registration desk, to name but a few. The list is endless and we need you!

See you on the 19th!

Debbi Faber, CSEO/CBSS/CMHS/CEI