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Hopefully everyone has had an opportunity to read Dave Pelligrinelli's report from the Property Records Industry Association's (PRIA) Land Records Summit that was held in Washington, D.C. on February 29<sup>th</sup>. NALTEA wants to thank Dave for taking time to represent NALTEA at the Summit. The Summit was part of PRIA's Winter Symposium.

This year is moving quickly and NALTEA is looking for members who have an interest in representing NALTEA at upcoming events. If you have an interest in helping out by attending any of these events please email [events@naltea.org](mailto:events@naltea.org)

### **Pacific Northwest Land Title Association**

*May 17th & 18th, 2012*

**(5 States - ID, UT, MN, OR & WA)**

Board member- Jill Kissell has information on this conference.

Location: Big Sky Resort, Big Sky, Montana

### **North East Land Title Association**

*June 21-24, 2012*

NALTEA Member Peter Apter & NALTEA Secretary Wanda Steudel are working on a Meet & Greet around this event.

Location: Omni Mount Washington Resort, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire

The National Association of Land  
Title Examiners and Abstractors

### **Old Republic Title Annual Tennessee Agent Seminar**

*August 10th, 2012*

Board Member Debi Merrill will be attending this event.

Location: Downtown Nashville Double Tree Hotel

### **Dixie Land Title Association**

*September 13-15, 2012*

**(3 States MS, GA, & Alabama)**

Board Members Patricia Roberts & Debi Merrill are working on a Meet & Greet around this event.

Location: Radisson Opryland, Nashville, Tennessee

We will be updating the web site with information about our 2012 Annual Conference. This year's Conference will be October 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach, FL. The Conference attendees last year gave this location and the resort great reviews. This year we are planning to expand our networking opportunities at the conference to include companies that are interested in NALTEA Certified Abstractors. Be sure to make plans to attend this year's Conference.

Don't forget the Conference counts towards C E Credits.

I hope everyone enjoys spring break and the upcoming holidays with their family and friends.

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## **Board of Directors Update**

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Spring is just around the corner! Many Meet and Greets are being scheduled this year so please plan to attend one in your area!

Your Board of Directors held the February meeting on Monday, February 20 via conference call. Those present on the call included Ed Gunther, Debi Merrill, Patricia Roberts, Dave Pelligrinelli, and Jill Kissell. Also present was our wonderful secretary, Tamikio Veasley.

January Meeting Minutes were approved.

No Treasurer's Report was available, as our dear Wanda has been under the weather. We are thinking of her and wishing her a speedy and full recovery.

The Education Committee has been tracking the CE credits as earned at the 2011 Conference and others submitted by individuals to each members file. Recently a test was administered to a non NALTEA member and the committee is checking into how this happened and ways to prevent it in the future. Hopefully we can set it up where your membership number will need to be put in before you are allowed to pay for the test.

The Planning and Events committee is working hard on the 2012 Conference to be held in Clearwater, FL. Promotional items are being procured and speakers and vendors are being scheduled. Many suggestions were made by different board members and follow-ups will be made with hopes of procuring some great speakers and vendors to enhance your business now and in future years.

A member from the New England area is hoping to put together a mini Meet and Greet in conjunction with the NELTA's Annual Conference. It will be held in New Hampshire in June. Look for more info in future newsletters.

We are also planning on participating in the Conference held by the Dixie Land Title Association in September, 2012. Once again, more info on this will be forthcoming.

The Winter Symposium given by PRIA (Property Records Industry Association) is being held in Washington DC the end of February and we will have a Board member present to attend the Land Summit. If you haven't

had a chance to see who all will be present, check out the conference details at [www.pria.us](http://www.pria.us).

There was no discussion in the Ethics department.

During the month of February NALTEA gained a few new members, bringing our total to 97. On a sadder note it was also time to vote on removing the names of those members who had not paid from the membership list. Sadly, we removed many names, and if they were certified they have lost that designation. The slowness of the real estate market is hitting hard! An updated membership directory will be put together and ready for delivery soon.

The Public Relations committee accepted the resignation of Joel Kissell from publishing the Newsletter. He has done an excellent job and will be missed! If you enjoy writing, are good on the computer, or just have the 'want to' to publish a newsletter, this is a great opportunity to take part in your NALTEA organization. Send an email to Jill Kissell at: [jillkissell@a1abstracting.com](mailto:jillkissell@a1abstracting.com) and let her know you are interested in helping out.

More discussions were held pertaining to the possible use of a Management company and info pertaining to the International Right of Way Association. The Board will continue to research and discuss these items at future board meetings.

The organization welcomes input from the membership. You can contact the board members or the various committee chairpersons at the e-mail addresses found on the NALTEA website at [www.naltea.org](http://www.naltea.org).

## **Member Spotlight**

Patricia Roberts

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In the past I've noticed that in most successful organizations there is someone working quietly and efficiently to keep everyone on track. This is usually the person that people turn to when asking questions about how something was done in the past or the per-

son people rely on to make sure important events are on the calendar and everything is prepared beforehand. The thing that is so impressive to me about these people is that they always make it look easy. While there is no doubt that teamwork plays a role in the accomplishments of NALTEA, I think everyone on the board would agree that Tamikio Veasley is definitely our go to person that keeps one and all headed in the right direction.

Tamikio serves NALTEA as board secretary and is responsible for keeping records of the acts and proceedings of the meetings of the members and Board of Directors. She also serves as the Ethics Committee Chairperson. Her responsibilities in that position include monitoring members for compliance of the Code of Ethics and mediating any complaints against members accused of violating the Ethics Code. Tamikio is a certified NALTEA member and has been a member since 2009. She has attended several of the October conferences and values the networking opportunities and Education seminars offered there.

Tamikio's career in the title business as an abstractor/examiner began over seven years ago. She is employed with InfoTrack, Inc., and is presently a production supervisor. When asked what her biggest pet peeve in the business is she replied that unanswered questions or missing information from a title report. On the flip side what she really likes about her job is seeing what a search can tell you about a property and the people who lived there. This is not surprising once you learn that if Tamikio could earn a living doing anything other than what she does now she would choose to be a genealogist.

Tamikio, a native of Long Island, New York, is currently a resident in the Chicago area. She hasn't left New York completely behind as she still cheers for any New York sports team. Her hobbies include researching her family history and learning anything new. For Tamikio part of the fun in family research is that you never know what will turn up on the next record. A discovery is always around the corner.

If you spend time talking to Tamikio it is evident that family is important to her. She enjoys spending time with her husband, Reginald, and her son, Nyronn, now 23 years old. Raising her son to be a good man is one of her proudest accomplishments. Her mom is the individual she respects the most due to her strength, determination and the fact that she is just awesome. Looking ahead to the future, Tamikio shared that some

of her professional goals are for better organization and to become more comfortable with public speaking. When asked to give three words that describe herself, Tamikio listed diligent, responsible and knowledgeable. Having spent time with Tamikio at several of the NALTEA conferences and having observed her at several board meetings I would have to concur. I'm grateful Tamikio uses those skills for the benefit of NALTEA and the Board.

Thanks for all you do, Tamikio.

## **PRIA Land Summit Summary**

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From the [Naltea Blog](#):

On Wednesday February 29th, 2012 the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) held a Land Records Summit as part of their Winter Symposium. Held in Washington D.C., the panel discussion covered a number of important topics including MERS and the nominee trustee system, e-recordings, national lien registries, and notarial processes. Charles Proctor from NALTA praised the NCA testing program, and suggested that title abstractors be a more uniformly trained and certified profession. Jason Newport from the FBI made note that the Bureau is currently working on over 2600 mortgage fraud cases, with about 70% of that total being cases over \$1,000,000 each.

The summit featured a group of panelists representing the major interests in the public records industry. The intention was to begin a conversation about the future



**PRIA Panel**

of property records and what developments would serve the needs of interested parties. Industry leaders from companies and agencies such as NALTEA, IRS, FBI, MERS, The Mortgage Bankers Association and others appeared on the panel.



**David Pelligrinelli**

The NALTEA presentation to the panel was that the association wished to support a solution to the land records systems in the US which will allow for abstractors to provide search reports to clients will document title status to a definitive degree. The records should be robust enough to be usable by clients, and eliminate ambiguity for end-users and liability for the searcher. Secure property ownership in the US depends upon this being able to be accomplished.

## Membership Committee Update

NALTEA proudly welcomes our newest members:

**Holly Rogers of H.L.R., Inc.**

**James A. Parsons of Parsons, Parsons & Bohan, Ltd.**

**Cori A. Bloom**

**Joseph Landaverde of First Choice Abstracting Services, LLC**

We were fortunate, also, to welcome back 10 returning members, who completed their renewals prior to the February deadline.

NALTEA now has **102** active members.

**To our Associate Members:** Have a need to reach our abstractor members? Consider becoming a NALTEA sponsor. NALTEA sponsorship benefits include a button ad on the official NALTEA website, ad space in our print directory, honorable mention at our annual conferences and, depending on your sponsorship level, even a complementary vendor table at the conference.

To learn more about our valuable sponsorship opportunities, contact us at [membership@naltea.org](mailto:membership@naltea.org).

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