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JUNE "MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD"

I was in Switzerland last week visiting the family of our "German Son" that we had 16 years ago. They all would ask what business I was engaged in, of course they asked in English, since I don't speak German. I would tell them I was a "land title agent", since saying an Abstractor was not something they would understand. Little did I realize that even with that change I had a real problem trying to explain to people of a different country and with a different language what we as abstractors and closing offices do each day. It made me realize that it is not only difficult to explain to them, but it is even difficult to explain to the people in our own counties, that there is more to abstracting than just adding a few pages to an abstract, if they know what an abstract is, and a little typing on a certificate. People do not realize the daily records maintenance and upkeep of our plants, the assumption of liability and the employees behind the scenes to be able to update an abstract and do a closing for their purchase or refinance. I think is very good to take every opportunity to educate the public, realtors, bankers and everyone as to what we do, how we do it and why the way we do things is better for everyone.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Oklahoma Abstractors Board.

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