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APRIL "MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD"

WOW! It is hard to believe that I have had the pleasure of working for the Oklahoma Abstractors Board, as the Field Inspector, for an entire year!!! It has been one of the most pleasurable and challenging experiences I have had since starting in the abstracting business almost 33 years ago. I know you are asking yourself how does someone start in this industry as an infant, but I have been part of this industry all of my adult life so we will leave it at that.

I have had the pleasure of visiting with 62 certificate holders all over this great state of Oklahoma this past year. Visiting with owners, employees, county employees and citizens of towns across Oklahoma reminds me of just how thankful and proud I am to be an Oklahoman. Occasionally I have the pleasure of an overnight stay. We have a diverse landscape as well as population. This drives home the importance of our industry to preserve a part of history and to make way for the future.

As technology changes and becomes more affordable, our title plants are taking on a diverse look as well. We now have completely automated title plants. I never thought I would experience a paperless title plant. It is AMAZING!!! However, it is not for everyone. A well maintained hand-indexed plant is just as efficient as well as economical. I have enjoyed seeing and experiencing the many ways title plants are maintained.

Our Statutes and Rules are written in a way to protect our title plants. One way this is mandated is the licensing of the people who maintain these title plants. This is the best way to insure that our most valuable asset is protected. Our Board has set up a generous amount of dates that the test can be administered and these dates can be found on our calendar on this website. This insures that all persons needing to be licensed can be easily and promptly licensed. As in all industries that have state agencies charged with insuring the service to the public, we also try to be sensitive to the needs of the public. Our Rules mandate that all persons must be treated equally. You must be aware that any business practices you institute shall be offered to all persons, not just a small segment of your customers.

It is a day to day struggle to make sure we are protecting the public. What is best for the public while maintaining a profitable business should go hand in hand. While our statutes and rules mandate certain aspects of our industry, the Board is also challenged with the authority to set minimum standards for the conduct of business in our industry. This is another reason it is vital that our Board be made up of individuals from our industry. We are very lucky to have such persons serving our industry and the public. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I am looking forward to the next 71 inspections. See you soon....

Respectfully submitted,

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