

To all SDLTA Members:

Over the last two years the Board and the By-laws Committee has worked together to review the By-laws. Attached are our proposed revisions and amendments, which will be presented at our meeting in June.

Background:

- As we looked at the By-laws we saw numerous ambiguities and contradictions from Article to Article and Section to Section. We believe this situation arose for a number of reasons, including changes in our industry over the last 50 years, changes in our Association since it was incorporated in it's present form in 1983, changes in how title plants are owned, and revisions made to individual by-law sections over the years.

The Goal:

- To look at the By-laws in their entirety and make revisions that clarify ambiguities and contradictions
- To make revisions that benefit our Association and our members

The Process:

- The Board spent several months evaluating the By-laws and making initial suggested revisions
- The By-Law Committee then reviewed the Board's work, adding their own suggested revisions

Highlights:

We have attached a copy of the current By-Laws, and a copy of the proposed revisions. Most of the revisions fall in the realm of clarifying verbiage to remove ambiguities and to reflect the changing needs and operations of the Association. However there are three Articles which you will want to make note of, as summarized below.

- Article II. Members: Clarifies what a Member is, and how membership is determined. This clarification was mostly accomplished by dividing the "Member" classification into "Voting Member" and "Individual Member", and then reflecting that change throughout the By-laws.
- Article IV. Board of Directors: Clarifies the definition and make up of the Board of Directors to remove existing contradictions. Sets forth qualifications for the Board of Directors.
- Article V. Officers: Changes to this Article include (1) Increases the term of offices of the President, President-Elect, and Vice-President from 1 year to 2 years, to provide for greater continuity; (2) Provides for the Secretary-Treasurer to be initially elected, but thereafter confirmed annually by the Board of Directors; (3) provides for greater participation and representation at ALTA Events by the officers and/or committee members.

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