



Director's Report-Judy Arrington Bixby, Sr. Director

March 15, 2008

COMMITTEE: Conference

Topics and speakers were discussed at great length during this meeting. As we go to press in May, the program is almost completely finalized.

CEA was able to coordinate the NOTARY exam which will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2008. For those of you who are planning renewal of your commission, this will be another perk offered by conference. Details will be available in your Conference Program. Look for the release in June.

Bulk Sale and Mobile Home classes will also be featured along with Short Sales, Creative Financing, RESPA updates and more.

Plan your calendar to allow for your attendance. The dates to hold are from October 2 thru October 5. The theme is the Boardwalk of Education.

COMMITTEE: Forms & Practices

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the impending HUD/RESPA regulations. CEA just issued an E-blast regarding this matter. It is vitally important that all of you participate with your thoughts about our NEW ROLE if these regulations pass as they are presented. Once again, more responsibility will be placed on the escrow holders' shoulders and in this, that responsibility will be MISPLACED! Respond by 5/13/08. Your link is:

<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=SubmitComment&o=09000064803f7546>. Please copy CEA after sending to HUD. cea@camgmt.com Subject line: RESPA

Website: This committee is collecting information as it relates to city reports and county requirements. Since we are predominantly LA County, please forward your compilation of information to me and I will make it available to the committee for their review. Miriam has already provided the information that appears on EASGV's website. Your assistance is requested. You may submit to jarrington@stewart.com. Subject: CEA -City/County Website

COMMITTEE: Bill Review

This committee was assigned the task of reviewing 59 bills from those that were submitted for this legislative year. Of the 59, we reviewed 47 bills during the March session. It was determined that we would support one (1), oppose five (5) and monitor the rest for changes as they pass through the process. The bills vary from Elder Abuse to licensing, social security numbers, consumer loans, HOA Assessments and of course FTB withholding. This committee's task is arduous, but so very important. It really does not culminate until the bills are presented to the governor; but in the interim, our advocate, Mike Belote, will represent us based on our recommendations. If a grassroots effort is needed, CEA will notify us to contact our local representative and explain WHY a particular bill may not be in everyone's best interest, regardless of the intent. If you see this request, please take a moment and respond.

Respectfully submitted,

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