

**CEA Director's Report**  
**November 9 and 10, 2007**  
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The final 2007 California Escrow Association's Board of Directors Meeting was held on November 10, 2007 at the Hilton Hotel in Costa Mesa, California.

Historically, this meeting is not well attended and this year was not an exception.

**The Education Committee:**

The Escrow I book is now available. Progress is being made on the Escrow II and the Escrow III books. Escrow III is our biggest challenge as it has been difficult to find people willing to write some of the material needed. If you have experience with Condo Conversions and are willing to share your knowledge with CEA, please let us know.

**The American Escrow Committee:**

CEA is the host for the AEA 2008 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. AEA has arranged to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arlington National Cemetery on afternoon of June 11, 2007. If you have never been to the National Cemetery and seen this ceremony, you should make plans on attending (bring tissues). CEA is hoping to put together a White House tour while we are in Washington, D.C. More information on this proposed event will be forthcoming.

Members of CEA and EASGV attended the Property Records Education Partners (PREP) meeting in Ventura on November 8, 2008. The topic was "How can local government and business work together to prevent, deter and detect land fraud?" It was an interesting discussion. Many there felt escrow should be the gatekeeper. Your director and other CEA members set them straight on escrows responsibilities and liabilities.

**The Professional Designation and Continuing Education Committee:**

We have been hard at work reviewing and correcting the professional designation sample exam materials on the CEA website. The corrected information should be available soon. The committee had a good discussion regarding the need for a training manual for regional test proctors. This is

now a 2008 action item for the committee. The committee expressed the need for timelier posting of CEU's on the website to headquarters. The 2008 proposed exam schedule was presented:

- April 12, 2008 - EASGV
  - March 8, 2008 - Deadline for candidates to submit applications to CEA Headquarters
  
- May 10, 2008 - Central Coast and Santa Clara
  - April 4, 2008 - Deadline for candidates to submit applications to CEA Headquarters
  
- July 11, 2008 - Nor Cal Conference (Friday exam)
  - June 6, 2008 - Deadline for candidates to submit applications to CEA Headquarters
  
- August 9, 2008 - Orange County and Riverside County
  - July 1, 2008 - Deadline for candidates to submit applications to CEA Headquarters
  
- October 5, 2008 - Conference (Long Beach) (Sunday exam)
  - September 1, 2008 - Deadline for candidates to submit applications to CEA Headquarters
  
- November 1, 2008 - San Diego
  - September 30, 2008 - Deadline for candidates to submit applications to CEA Headquarters

I have been asked to chair this committee again in 2008.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as EASGV's additional director to CEA this year.

Thank you!

*Donna J Inman*