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2006 ANNUAL CONVENTION AT BEAUTIFUL LAKE TAHOE



The Convention Site Selection Committee has outdone itself this year. Plans have been finalized for the 2006 Annual DLTA Convention to be held at the Caesar Resort on beautiful Lake Tahoe in Nevada September 13-17, 2006.

This could prove to be one of the most exciting and entertaining conventions ever, with lake cruises, championship golf tournament, horseback riding, fishing, hot air balloon rides, and tours of the majestic Sierra Nevada mountains surrounding the lake.

The following arrangements have been made to include airfare, hotel accommodations at the Caesars Resort—double occupancy for 4 nights, and roundtrip transfer from the airport to the resort from the following cities:

- From Pensacola, FL —\$828.98
- From Jackson, MS—\$731.80
- From Birmingham, AL—\$830.70
- From Atlanta, GA—\$773.08

The schedule includes departure from the various cities to arrive in Dallas, TX on Wednesday, then we depart from Dallas on the same plane to fly to Lake Tahoe.

The Land Package Only includes hotel accommodations at Caesars Resort double occupancy for 4 nights at a cost of \$276 per person. The room rate for 2 people sharing a room is \$139 per night.

In order to book the airlines and hotel rooms in advance and maintain these rates, we need to receive a deposit of \$275 per person by January 20, 2006. A second deposit of \$275 will be due April 20, 2006, and the balance will be due August 15, 2006. Checks should be made payable to Dixie Land Title Association, and mailed with the enclosed reservation form to the association office.

The registration fee to attend the convention has not been finalized; however, we expect to keep the registration as low as possible to keep the cost down for our members.

RESERVATION FORM FOR AIRFARE & HOTEL
ACCOMODATIONS FOR 2006 ANNUAL MEETING

Please complete the following reservation form and return it with your first deposit check postmarked by January 20, 2006 to Dixie Land Title Association, P O Box 14806, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Check the appropriate departure city. Each fee includes airfare, hotel accommodations at Caesars Resort—double occupancy for 4 nights, and roundtrip transfer from the airport to the resort.

_____ Pensacola, FL—\$828.98

_____ Jackson, MS - \$731.80

_____ Birmingham, AL—\$830.70

_____ Atlanta, GA—\$773.08

_____ Land Package Only—\$276.00 (includes hotel accommodations at Caesars Resort—double occupancy for 4 nights)

*Send your deposit for the
Annual Meeting this
month!*

List the following information for each individual planning to attend. Use multiple forms if necessary:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

\$275 deposit due January 20, 2006

\$275 deposit due April 20, 2006

Balance due August 15, 2006

Make checks payable to Dixie Land Title Association. Amount enclosed: _____

NOTE: If you plan to use frequent flyer miles or other means to travel to Lake Tahoe, please send the first deposit only of \$275 per person by January 20, 2006 so that adequate hotel accommodations can be reserved. This fee will be used to place a deposit for the Land Package only, which includes hotel accommodations at Caesars Resort—double occupancy for 4 nights.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Following last year's convention, I was given a directive by the membership. In essence, you preferred our next convention to be a site where you could gamble, party, and be far enough away so that any indiscretions wouldn't follow you home.

In an effort to satisfy the call of the membership, I asked the site committee to make arrangements for us to gather in America's best city of sin, Las Vegas. After a diligent effort, they were unfortunately unable to secure same (the line of sinners was just too long).

However, they were successful in security the next best site, Lake Tahoe.

It's a well accepted fact that title people hate change, and this is a big one for us. But it is a change that could start a precedent in terms of our convention sites. Perhaps it is time for us to look past our own backyards for new convention grounds.

Therefore, it is my sincere hope that each of you will begin planning for a new and exciting convention this year.

Wishing everyone a happy and successful 2006!

Bill Kahalley
DLTA President

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I was particularly excited when Larry Giardina called to let me know the Site Selection Committee had chosen Lake Tahoe as the site for our 2006 Annual Convention. I've never been to Lake Tahoe, so I immediately started researching things to do in the area.

Here's a description I thought I would share with you that gives a great picture of what we should see and experience:

Lake Tahoe is so many things, but it is never the same thing twice. The same thundering waterfall in spring can become a trickle through a golden Aspen grove in fall. In the winter it becomes your favorite double black diamond, aptly named "Waterfall".

It is a balloon ride not just over the Jewel of the Sierra, but over dozens of other majestic alpine lakes. It is a hike to any of these lakes.

It is the Lake itself. The sapphire blue waters present opportunities for fun and recreation wherever you look. Summer brings fishing, swimming, boating, jet skiing, water skiing, parasailing, or just hanging out at some of the most beautiful beaches the world has to offer. You don't need to be in a balloon or even on the lake to enjoy it's beauty. The 72 mile drive around the lake is among the world's most beautiful. And the view from any of the peaks surrounding the lake is simply spectacular. For those not looking for a hike of any difficulty, the Gondola at Heavenly



provides spectacular views. It is wilderness areas with no motorized access of any kind. And next to that you'll find some of the best jeep trails anywhere.

The region is dotted with first class ski resorts and the back country shows up in more ski films than any other.

All this sounds wonderful to me. I hope to see you all there.

Linda Alwood
Executive Director

MID-YEAR MEETING IN BIRMINGHAM, AL



Bill Kahalley has announced the 2006 Mid-Year meeting will be held at the Renaissance Ross Bridge Resort outside Birmingham, Alabama. The meeting will be held March 17-18, 2006, and will include meetings of all standing committees, the Strategic Planning Committee, and a Legislative Update from the Legislative Committee representing all three states. The board of directors and executive board will meet on Saturday, March 18th.

All members of the board of directors and DLTA committees will attend to discuss plans for this year. However, all members of DLTA are welcome to participate. If you would like to attend, go to the DLTA website at www.DLTA.net to download a registration form.

This year's schedule will include the following events:

Friday, March 17th

- 1:00 pm Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- 2:30 pm Legislative Committee Meeting
- 3:30 pm Standing Committee Meetings
- 7:00 pm Cocktails
- 8:00 pm Dinner

Saturday, March 18th

- 8:00 am Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00 am Board of Directors Meeting
- 10:15 am Executive Board Meeting

If you have ideas you would like to share with one of the DLTA committees, do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Linda Alwood. She will be glad to forward you ideas to the appropriate person. We need the support and input of all our members to help make Dixie Land Title Association grow and improve each year.

Our Group Room Rate at the Renaissance Ross Bridge Resort is \$159 per night. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-593-6419. The registration fee to attend the Mid-Year meeting is \$35.00 per person. This includes the cost of all meals and other expenses involved with coordinating the meeting.

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2006 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Volunteers are the glue and the catalyst to make an organization succeed. Each year, members of Dixie Land Title Association volunteer their time to serve on committees to plan and coordinate the events of the association. It wouldn't happen without them. Listed below are the Committee Chairs for this year. Take a moment to say thank you the next time you see them.

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