

# Membership Benefits

## EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

The MLTA hosts educational seminars each year during the Spring and Fall. These educational seminars are available to members at a discounted rate and include various speakers on topics that are important to the title industry. Online registration is available.

## LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION

The MLTA has a full time registered lobbyist located directly in Lansing. They are there, on the ground, watching out for MLTA's best interests by working to advance our specific policy goals and employing defensive tactics when legislation or regulatory efforts could harm our industry. Additionally, our lobbying team provides a behind-the-scenes analysis related not only to legislative and regulatory initiatives, but also to the political climate and future trends.

- HBs 4227 and 4228 (which will prohibit private transfer fees) have been signed into law the Governor Snyder. MLTA worked in a successful coalition with the Michigan Association of Realtors, Michigan Association of Home Builders, Michigan Bankers Association and the Michigan Credit Union League & Affiliates to advance these bills through the legislative process.
- MLTA is working to advance HBs 5257 and 5258, a fix to the Neal Case decision, which held that a copy of an original instrument along with a verified affidavit does not satisfy the necessary requirements for recording a real estate conveyance because it does not contain the original signatures as required by statute. We are working with key staff and legislators to get these bills taken up in committee.
- MLTA serves as a valuable resource to policymakers and we are often asked for input regarding potential legislation that is being contemplated on how it could impact our industry.

*Here are some past successes from the last legislative cycle:*

- MLTA was instrumental in getting a bill through the legislative process and signed by the Governor which created the uniform real property electronic recording act and ensuring someone from our industry was on the commission.
- MLTA lead the effort to increase the reinsurance level threshold from 10% of paid-up capital and surplus to 50% of the insurer's paid-up capital and surplus so Michigan now mirrors the industry norm and is more reflective of the standards that other states have as well.

## PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

Members have the opportunity to earn the Designation of "Associate Land Title Professional" (ALTP) and ultimately "Certified Land Title Professional" (CLTP). These Designations represent high measures of achievement in the land title insurance industry and provide you with recognition among your peers as someone who has demonstrated proficient knowledge of land title insurance.

## SUMMER CONVENTION

Every year the MLTA hosts a Summer Convention open to members only and their families. They will be held at one of our State's beautiful resorts supporting our economy and providing a healthy family environment. The convention includes educational sessions, speakers, vendor displays, as well as events and activities. Online registration is available.

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The MLTA quarterly newsletter, The Title Examiner, is mailed out and delivered electronically to all MLTA members. The newsletter contains hot topics and advertisements of interest within the title industry, upcoming events and meetings for MLTA.

## WEBSITE

The MLTA website, [www.milta.org](http://www.milta.org), offers an electronic membership directory to all its members, and serves as a guide for the public in locating a respective title agent member in a particular county. Past issues of the Title Examiner are also archived on the website, in addition to information for upcoming events and seminars. The website offers a forum for members only, as well as other links that may be of interest to the title industry.

## LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

The MLTA holds its Mid-Winter Convention in Lansing at the State Capitol, with a direct focus on the legislative concerns of the title industry. The entire Michigan Legislature is invited to attend, which allows members to meet and discuss the issues important to them. Online registration is available.

## E-MAIL NOTICES AND FLYERS

The MLTA maintains constant communication with MLTA members through e-mail notices. When new and important issues affecting the title industry arise, members of the MLTA are the first to know! Our Executive Director's office is located in the historic Michigan National Tower (Boji) in Lansing - conveniently located across the street from the State Capitol.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We are very proud that the MLTA has selected Habitat for Humanity as its charity of choice. Through fundraising and participating in home builds, MLTA promotes the mission of Habitat and facilitates the opportunity for continuing collaboration of the organization with MLTA members.