

*"New year, new goals, same good people."*

Happy 2026, PLTA members! As we kick off the new year, we're setting our sights on doing even more for our members - from Legislative Day and our Annual Spring Convention to scholarship initiatives, awards and new networking opportunities.

This edition of Title Notes is packed with ways to get involved, stay informed and make your mark in the South Carolina title industry. Whether it's nominating a colleague for the J. Lee McDonald Award, supporting the Mary G. Webster Scholarship, or planning your 2026 membership and event participation, there's a seat at the table for everyone.

*Not a member yet?*

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## Nominations Open: J. LEE MCDONALD AWARD

The J. Lee McDonald Award honors an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the Palmetto Land Title Association, recognizing either special accomplishments over the past year or long-term commendable service to the Association.

Nominations for the 2026 award are now open! This is your chance to celebrate a colleague whose dedication and leadership have made a difference in our association.

Congratulations to Dawn Watkins, the 2025 recipient, for her exceptional service.



Submit nominations to Alexa Stillwell at [Alexa@scplta.org](mailto:Alexa@scplta.org).

*Mark Your Calendars:*

## 2026 PLTA LEGISLATIVE DAY

February 11, 2026 | Columbia, SC

Join PLTA members for our first **Legislative Day** at the Cambria Hotel Columbia Downtown, the Vista, and help advocate for the title industry before South Carolina lawmakers.



The day begins with a **member breakfast and educational session** from 9:00-11:30 a.m., designed to prepare attendees for effective legislative engagement. Topics will include how to communicate key industry issues, speak confidently with legislators and understand the current legislative landscape impacting title professionals.

At 11:30 a.m., members will walk together to the **South Carolina State House**, where PLTA will be formally introduced on the House and Senate floors at noon.



Legislative Day is a vital part of PLTA's advocacy efforts and a valuable opportunity to learn, connect and make your voice heard.

*Register today!*

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## 2026 PLTA ANNUAL CONVENTION

March 11-13, 2026 | Charlotte, NC

*Stacking the Deck for Success -*

Talking Title in the Queen City

Get ready to play your best hand at the **2026 PLTA Annual Spring Convention**, taking place at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte Uptown. Join title professionals from across South Carolina for three days of education, networking and industry insights designed to help you stay ahead in a competitive market.



This year's Convention also offers a winning lineup of **sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities**, from high-visibility event sponsorships to exclusive branded items, designed to put your organization in front of key decision-makers and prospects. Whether you're looking to increase brand awareness or make meaningful connections, there's a hand to match every marketing strategy.

*Early Bird pricing is available through February 2, 2026, and sponsorships are limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.*

More details, including hotel booking information, a full list of sponsorship options and registration, are available [here](#).

## Supporting the Next Generation: MARY G. WEBSTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Mary G. Webster Scholarship Fund of the Palmetto Land Title Association is proud to support the next generation of professionals who will serve South Carolina's real estate and business communities.

Each year, the Fund awards **at least one \$1,000 scholarship** to a deserving rising junior or senior (current sophomore or junior) enrolled in a four-year South Carolina college or university and majoring in a business-related field. Scholarship recipients are selected by PLTA's Scholarship Committee and represent the future leaders of our industry.

As PLTA members, you can help make this year's scholarship even more impactful. The **2026 PLTA Annual Convention**, taking place soon in the Queen City, will once again feature a **convention drawing**, with all proceeds directly benefiting the Mary G. Webster Scholarship.

*How You Can Help:*

The Scholarship Committee invites member companies to donate items for the convention drawing. All donors will be recognized during the convention, and your generosity will be acknowledged to attendees. If you are unable to attend the convention, arrangements can be made to pick up donated items from your office.

To donate an item or learn more, please contact [alexa@scplta.org](mailto:alexa@scplta.org).

*Thank you* for your continued support of PLTA and for helping invest in the future of our profession.

## MEMBERSHIP POLL:

Your 2026 Self-Care Plan

START THE YEAR STRONG -

## RENEW YOUR 2026 MEMBERSHIP!



As we kick off a new year, now is the perfect time to renew your **2026 Palmetto Land Title Association membership** and stay connected to South Carolina's leading land title network.

*Your membership provides access to:*

- Timely legislative and industry updates
- Top-tier speakers and educational events
- CLE opportunities
- Members-only networking
- Student scholarship initiatives
- A full year of programs and professional development



We're also looking forward to an exciting lineup of **new social events in 2026**.

If you've already sent in your renewal, thank you for your continued support. If not, we invite you to submit your 2026 dues today and start the year informed, engaged, and involved.

*Renew today:*

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*Don't Be a Stranger!*

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and are proud to support your success - so let us know what that looks like for you! If there's something specific you'd like to see in our newsletters, just tell us.