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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS UP FOR NOMINATION & ELECTION IN 2015

The following OBA offices and directorships are up for nomination and election this year, 2015:

The offices of President, currently held by Dudley Goolsby, and Secretary, held by Gina LeBoeuf, will stand for election during the two OBA Educational Classes in June.

In addition, odd numbered Director positions will stand for election in June. The NW Region Director is number 1 and held by Zig Ziegler. The SE Region is number 3 and held by Curtis Pletcher.

The offices of Vice President, Treasurer, the even numbered Director positions and the At Large Board position will stand for election or re-election in 2016.

Note: The OBA Constitution provides, "(i)ncumbents in the positions of Officers and Directors shall be deemed to be candidates for their respective positions unless they expressly request not to be retained. All other candidates for these positions shall be nominated on forms to be provided by the Association and distributed upon request to the members. Any nominations not on the correct form will not qualify for election. There shall be no nominations from the floor, nor any 'write-in' candidates. The nominations must be provided to the Association no later than March 1 of the year in which that person is standing for election"

If interested in running for one of the positions up for election this year, please see the short article "Running for OBA Office or Director" in this issue of THE BONDSMAN.

OBA CALENDAR

Note: While we will try to stay with these dates, they are tentative and subject to change. Please check the OBA website for updates.

Tuesday, February 10	11:30 a.m. Oklahoma County Bondsman Association (OCBA) @ OBA
February 23-25	PBUS Winter Conference at Luxor in Las Vegas
Monday, February 23	11:00 a.m. Associated Bail Agents of Tulsa (ABAT) @ David L. Moss Center/ Training Room
Thursday – Friday, March 5 & 6	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pre-Licensing Education #1 @ OBA
Tuesday, March 10	11:30 a.m. Oklahoma County Bondsman Association (OCBA) @ OBA
Thursday, March 19	10:00 a.m. OBA Board Meeting @ OBA
Monday, March 23	11:00 a.m. Associated Bail Agents of Tulsa (ABAT) @ David L. Moss Center/ Training Room
Tuesday, April 14	11:30 A.M. Oklahoma County Bondsman Association (OCBA) @ OBA
Thursday, April 16	10:00 a.m. OBA Board Meeting @ OBA

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NEW BONDSMAN LICENSES

- Tammie Allen Mayes County
- Brad Anderson..... Ottawa County
- Austin Blower Rogers County
- Ellis Cain..... Murray County
- Carly Caudill Leflore County
- Kathleen Dalton Carter County
- Christopher Drew..... Tulsa County
- Cinthia Espinoza..... Oklahoma County
- Donna Haywood..... Tulsa County
- Amy Helt..... Tulsa County
- Jathan Hunt..... Oklahoma County
- Dean Jennings Tulsa County
- Edward Lafferty, Jr. Logan County
- Kay McBride..... Payne County

In Memoriam

Randall Martin (11/14)
Letitia Italiano (12/14)



ABAT President Rusty Roberts (r) and event director Denny Wharton (l), welcome newly elected Tulsa County District Attorney Steve Kuntzweiler (center) to the annual ABAT Christmas lunch.

2015 DUES ARE DUE!

Your OBA dues for 2015 are due NOW! Dues paid after January 1, 2015, are not eligible for a discount. Dues NOT paid by March 31st shall result in suspension from membership and suspended members will have no accidental death & dismemberment insurance coverage until their dues are paid up to date. In addition, suspended members will also lose the right to vote in the Association's annual elections during the two educational conferences. Voting rights WILL NOT be reinstated until after the annual elections in June. **Even if dues are paid in full before the voting date, the right to vote is lost on March 31st and not reinstated until after the annual educational conferences!**

RUNNING FOR OBA OFFICE OR DIRECTOR

In order to run for an office or directorship during the 2015 educational classes you must:

1. Be a current dues paid member of the OBA
2. In good standing with the Department of Insurance for at least 12 months.
3. **Obtain an official nomination form by contacting the OBA office.**
4. Be endorsed on the official form by three members of the OBA also in good standing.
5. File the completed nomination form with the OBA office no later than March 1st (so the nominations can be published in the association's newsletter before the two annual educational conferences).

NOTE: Nominations will only be accepted on the official form. No nominations will be allowed from "the floor" or by "write-in".

Additional information can be found in the election article in this issue of the newsletter.

ABAT'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH SUCCESSFUL

The 13th annual lunch hosted by the Associated Bail Agents of Tulsa (ABAT) on December 19th for the Tulsa County courthouse employees and staff, including officers and members of the Tulsa Sheriff's office was once again a great success. Nearly five hundred filled their plates with ham, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, and topped it off with apple or cherry pie.

This year's lunch also presented an opportunity for ABAT members, OBA Directors and Officers, OBA staff, as well as the Oklahoma Insurance Department's Legal Counsel, Dan Byrd, and many others to meet and visit with the newly elected Tulsa County District Attorney, Steve Kuntzweiler. Others in attendance included Sheriff Stanley Glanz, County Commissioner Ron Peters, Presiding Judge Carlos Chappelle, several other District Judges, and numerous courthouse and jail staff that bondsmen deal with in the normal course of business.

ABAT's current President, Rusty Roberts, was especially appreciative of the assistance provided by Tulsa County Court Clerk, Sally-Howe Smith and to Courthouse Administrative Director, Vicki Cox in scheduling this event.

Robert's said that the goal of ABAT in hosting these events over the past 13 years has been to establish, maintain and strengthen the relationship between bondsmen and those individuals and officials that bondsmen must deal with on a regular basis.

ABAT's President went on to say that although the project has been a long and time consuming process, and that such goals are rarely fully realized, ABAT is proud of the fact that through respectful exchanges of dialogue, over the years the important and valuable role of the bondsman within the judicial system has gained the respect of local law enforcement and judicial officials and staff.

REPORTING YOUR BUSINESS NAME

Under Oklahoma Insurance Department regulations, if you are doing business as a bondsman under any name or names other than your legal name, you must notify the Department before using the name or names. As an example, if you are doing business under the name of "John's Bail Bonds", you need to immediately notify the OID that "John Bondsman is DBA John's Bail Bonds."

Last July 7 the OID sent an email blast to all bail bondsmen regarding this requirement. Responses were due by July 31, 2014. To date they have only received 193 responses.

The regulation requiring this report can be found at OAC 365:25-5-46. The regulation reads as follows: Any bondsman or surety doing business under any name or names other than the legal name of the bondsman or surety shall notify OID prior to using the name or names.

Notification may be sent by email to bail.licensing@oid.ok.gov. Include your name and license number in the subject line of your email and include your business name in the body of the email

2015 EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Monday, June 1, 2015

Annual OBA

Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

CE#1 at Reed

Conference Center

in Midwest City

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

CE#2 at Hard Rock

Hotel & Casino

in Catoosa

2015 PRE-LICENSURE SCHOOLS

March 5 & 6, 2015

May 28 & 29, 2015

September 3 & 4, 2015

December 3 & 4, 2015

2014 BPAC CONTRIBUTORS THANK YOU!

Connie Allbritton

Ken Boyer III

Bill East

Paul Northcutt Jr.

Marilyn Pledger

Barry Tucker

Frank Villarruel, Jr.

NEW GRANDFATHERED BONDSMEN IN 2014 CONGRATULATIONS!

Dennis Berglan

Timothy Carter

Ronal Eden

Michael Gann

Roger Hada

Dequetta Hasty

Dicky Kidd

Phillis Lawson

Donald Squires