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April **THE BONDSMAN** 2015

CE PROGRAM TOPICS ANNOUNCED FOR 2015

The topics and speakers for this year's continuing education programs have been submitted to the Oklahoma Insurance Department for approval. Barring any unforeseen problems, the annual educational sessions should be as listed below. Under the Insurance Department's requirements for the relicensure of bondsmen, a bondsman must attend a total of 800 minutes of approved continuing education programming sponsored by the Oklahoma Bondsman Association every two years. Such programs are offered two times each year, once each in Oklahoma City and again in Tulsa every June. Under the Department's rules, the programs must be as close to identical as possible, so that the bondsmen are receiving the same information, no matter which program they attend. The two programs the following year are required to be entirely different from the year before. Before relicensure, the OBA must certify that the bondsman has accumulated the required amount of education credit. Without the certification a new license will not be issued. This is why it is so important for bondsmen to attend the CE programs and remember to sign-in to prove they actually attended every presentation.

Watch the OBA website @ www.okbondsman.com for updates to be announced.

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, May 12	11:30 a.m. Oklahoma County Bondsman Association (OCBA) @ OBA
Wednesday, May 20	11:00 a.m. Tulsa Jail Tour/ Associated Bail Agents of Tulsa (ABAT) @ David L. Moss Center/ Training Room
Thursday – Friday May 28 & 29	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pre-Licensing Education #2 at OBA
Monday, June 1	2:00 p.m. OBA Board Meeting & Annual Membership Meeting @ OBA
Tuesday, June 2	CE #1 – Reed Conference Center (Midwest City)
Tuesday, June 9	11:30 a.m. Oklahoma County Bondsman Association (OCBA) @ OBA
Tuesday, June 16	CE #2 – Hard Rock Hotel & Casino (Catoosa)
Monday, June 22	11:00 a.m. Associated Bail Agents of Tulsa (ABAT) @ David L. Moss Center/ Training Room
July 12-15	Mid-Year PBUS Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado
Tuesday, July 14	11:30 a.m. Oklahoma County Bondsman Association (OCBA) @ Location To Be Announced
Monday, July 27	11:00 a.m. Associated Bail Agents of Tulsa (ABAT) @ David L. Moss Center/ Training Room
??? August	Video Dates for CE to be announced! Call OBA!

NEW BONDSMAN LICENSES

- Randy Billings Ottawa County
- Carly Caudill Leflore County
- Diamond Dampf Tulsa County
- Stephen Day Rogers County
- April Echols Muskogee County
- Savannah Ford Comanche County
- Michael Frommung Comanche
- Michael Gaither Washington County
- Michael Heath Tulsa County
- Misty Heath Pottawatomie County
- Meagan Mehdipour Oklahoma County
- Ovie Oruru Tulsa County
- Greyson Pennington Canadian County
- Charles Smallwood Mayes County
- Rodney Steddum Mayes County
- Eric Ukpaka Oklahoma County
- Daniel Vanvolkinburg Tulsa County
- Sara Wallace Tulsa County

REMINDER !!!

With the new 2 year license for bondsmen, grandfathered bondsmen are the **ONLY** bondsmen that are exempt from taking Continuing Education classes. In order to bank your credit hours for renewal, you **MUST** take continuing education each year! There is no way to make up for a lost year of attendance credit.

ABAT DUES ARE DUE!

Tulsa's bail bondsman association, ABAT, is requesting that all interested bondsmen pay their 2015 annual dues of \$120. ABAT is very active at the local level in Tulsa. It is well known for its' annual Christmas lunch for court house workers, including District Court employees, Tulsa County Sheriff's office, and anyone else in the court house area with which a bondsman might come into contact. Each year they will serve over 500 court house workers.

B-PAC NEEDS YOUR HELP

Although 2015 is not a major election year for Oklahoma Legislators, as soon as the current first regular session of the legislature adjourns sine die on May 30th, all of the House members and half of the Senators who will be up for re-election in 2016 will begin looking for campaign contributions. OBA Legislative Committee Chair Barry Tucker and our retained lobbyist, Gary Huddleston, will develop a list of candidates that deserve the OBA's financial support. B-PAC money will be distributed to those candidates that proved to be our friends during the 2015 session. In addition the OBA will recommend to its' members that they consider making campaign contributions directly to their local candidates. In the meantime, B-PAC needs to build up its' campaign funds in anticipation of the after-session rush of candidates seeking financial support for next year's elections. BPAC contributions should be made with a personal check made out to "BPAC". Company or corporate checks create an accounting problem for the organization and the OBA. Checks may be mailed directly to the OBA.

OBA 2015 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS*

June 2 Sheraton Hotel & Reed Conference Center, Midwest City
 June 16 Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Catoosa (Tulsa)

7:30 – 8:00 am	Registration
8:00 – 8:10 am	OPENING: Cathy Guyer, OBA Executive Director
8:10 – 9:00 am	THE STATE OF THE BAIL BOND INDUSTRY AS IT PERTAINS TO OKLAHOMA Dudley Goolsby, Jr. – OBA President
9:00 – 9:10 am	AN OKLAHOMA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: OKC – Commissioner John Doak Tulsa- A representative from the Commissioner's office
9:10 – 9:50 am	A WRAP UP OF REGULATIONS AND LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO BONDSMEN PASSED INTO LAW IN 2015 William "Buddy" Combs – JD, Director of Public Policy and Assistant General Counsel Oklahoma Insurance Department
9:50 – 10:10 am	Break
10:10 – 12:00 n	OKLAHOMA'S NEW BOND RECOVERY LAW & REGULATIONS (Working with the licensed bail recovery agent in Oklahoma.) James Wilson, General Counsel, Oklahoma CLEET
Noon- 1:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 – 1:50 pm	BONDSMEN AND THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER Frank Young, Compliances Services, Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems (OLETS)
2:00 – 3:30 pm	POSITIVE THOUGHTS ON DEFENDING THE BAIL BOND INDUSTRY Eric Granof, Vice President of Corporate Communications for the AIA Family of Companies
3:30 – 3:50 pm	BREAK
3:50 – 4:50 pm	WORKING WITH THE JAIL AS A BONDSMAN Major Shannon Clark, Jail Administrator Tulsa County Sheriff's Department
4:50 – 5:00 pm	PAPER WORK & CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS
5:00 pm	ADJOURN

*NOTE: Approval of this program by the Oklahoma Insurance Department is pending.

OBA DUES

2014-2015 OBA DUES ARE PAST DUE as of March 31, 2015. As provided in the OBA bylaws if dues are not paid by March 31st of the year, membership is suspended, the right to vote is lost, and the accidental death and dismemberment policy is cancelled. In addition, a suspended member cannot attend the annual continuing education conference and will not be able to receive attendance credit required for relicensure. PLEASE pay dues as soon as possible by MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER'S CHECK. The membership and insurance is reinstated as soon as dues are paid, BUT, the voting right is lost and not reinstated until after the annual elections during the two education conferences. If you plan on paying your dues at one of the CE classes, NO PERSONAL CHECKS will be accepted. Payment must be by money order or cashier's check. This payment method is required in order to allow the timely filing of education credits for June license renewals. The wait for a personal check to clear the bank might cause a license suspension for a bondsman. Remember, with the amendments made to the by-laws in 2014, voting rights for the year are not granted unless your dues are paid in full by March 31st!

ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS HOTEL INFORMATION

Tuesday June 2
CE#1 -Midwest City Reed
Conference Center and
Sheraton Hotel
5800 Will Rogers Road
Midwest City, OK 73110
405/455-1805
OBA Room Rate \$95.00 + tax

Room Rate Cut-Off Date
May 8, 2015

Tuesday June 16
CE#2 – Hard Rock Hotel &
Casino
I-44 & Exit 240-A
Catoosa, Oklahoma
1-800-760-6700
OBA Room Rate \$109.00 + tax

Room Rate Cut-Off Date
May 25, 2015

2015-16 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ELECTED BY DEFAULT

The only candidates standing for election as an OBA officer or director for this year, 2015-16, were those automatically nominated by virtue of their current service on the OBA Board. No other nominations were received by the March 1st deadline established by a change in the Association's bylaws two years ago. The Association's General Counsel, Larry Tedder, had previously ruled that no formal voting needed to be conducted if no formal nominations were received. The bylaws provide that no nominations will be allowed from the floor or by "write-in", leaving only those automatically nominated by currently holding office.

Officers and Directors declared elected for the coming association year:

President: Dudley Goolsby

Secretary: Gina LeBoeuf

NW Region Director: Zig Ziegler

SE Region Director: Curtis Pletcher

Next year, 2016, the offices of Vice President, Treasurer, At-large Regional Director, NE Region Director, and SW Region Director will be up for election.

