

Summer 2015

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Fellow Chapter 32 Members,

As my time as President comes to a close, I want to thank everyone that has helped as I have moved through the Executive Chairs. The experience and knowledge that I have gained is so valuable to my progression as a professional. We have heard much discussion of "Member Value" over the past year or so. In our executive committee meetings we often discussed how to provide more to our members. More of what though? We have meetings for networking, send out emails to keep everyone informed, golf tournaments for fun and loads of education to keep our minds sharp. So I have pondered more of what? Then it came to me, although there is value in all of the before mentioned chapter activities, I feel the real value is in serving the chapter.

I would be lying if I told you I was really excited at the thought of being Chapter Secretary. I am a working mom with three school aged children, so I often asked myself how was I going to fit this in. Plus, I had no idea what the duties of a secretary were. I spend my days looking at houses and doing paperwork in my little office in Paris, TN. I had served on the PTO, but I assure you there were no Robert's Rules of Order to be found in those meetings.

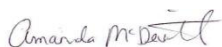
Being Secretary required time and commitment, but learning the ropes as Treasurer was way out of my wheel house. Vice President provided a moment to observe and get ready for the next step. As President, I have learned how to put a newsletter together, polished my organizational skills, traveled to wonderful places, learned many leadership skills and hardest of all, worked on my public speaking. The previous leaders in this chapter have always been there to reach back and help me when I was struggling. All of my experiences as a member of the executive board have been my "Member Value" you see. This opportunity has given me a chance to try something new, have responsibilities not required in my practice and of course an outlet to meet a great bunch of people from all walks of life.

Congratulations and many thanks to all who have chosen to serve Chapter 32. A special thanks to our outgoing Director Brenda Walsh. She truly is a leader.

If you have not served, you should give it some thought. I assure you the hard work comes with an even greater reward.

Thank you for letting me serve as your President.

Sincerely,



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## PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

**Karen Scott  
Michael Moore  
Christopher Montanye**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS-MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The executive will be meeting soon to plan the coming year. When President Elect Amy Click has a timeline in place we will announce the first chapter meeting.

## UPCOMING COURSES

### **Course 219 Introduction to Presentation, Instruction and Facilitation**

July 7-8, 2015 @ TDOT Region III Auditorium, 6601 Centennial Blvd, Nashville, TN

### **Course 406B 7-hour National USPAP Course**

July 9, 2015 @ TDOT Region III Auditorium, 6601 Centennial Blvd, Nashville, TN

### **Course 902 Property Descriptions**

August 11, 2015 @ TDOT Region III Auditorium, 6601 Centennial Blvd, Nashville, TN

### **Course 104 Standards of Practice for the R/W Professional**

August 12, 2015 @ TDOT Region III Auditorium, 6601 Centennial Blvd, Nashville, TN

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

2015 Fall Forum will either be held in Panama City Beach or Pensacola this year on October 8-10. The rest of the information is to be announced.

2016 Spring Forum, Nashville, TN on April 16th at the Opryland Hotel.

2016 International Education Conference, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN on June 12-15. The time is drawing near. Starting think about where you would like to volunteer!

2016 Fall Forum, Gulf Shores, AL

2017 Spring Forum, Fort Myers, FL

2017 International Education Conference, Anchorage, AK, June 11-14