



# News Flash

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## ***On The National Front:***

### **RESPA REFORM BACK AT THE FOREFRONT OF HUD'S AGENDA!**

Secretary Alfonso Jackson has scheduled three roundtable discussions with industry leaders slated for July 14th, 15th and 16th.

The American Escrow Association has been invited to participate in the first session to be held in the HUD offices in Washington DC on July 14th. Representing AEA will be President Susan J. Reiman and President Elect Kathy Alexander.

Although an official HUD position will not be available for some time, it is anticipated that your AEA representatives will receive a summary of the events at upcoming events and will keep CEA members informed.

### **Strength in Members . . . CEA Membership Contest in Full Swing and Half Price Membership In Effect**

Are you aware that CEA is having a membership contest and you can win cash\$\$!. For each new member that you recruit between now and September 15th, your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$100. We currently have 260 new members for 2005 recruited by 129 members with the highest recruiting member bringing in 10 new members so far, which means he or she currently has 10 chances of winning cash!

This is your opportunity to join in the efforts of recruiting new members and it is the perfect time to do so because CEA has half-price membership dues for all new members who have not previously been a member for the last two years – so, encourage your non-member colleagues to join today; they will save on conference registration fees too!

A membership application and dues schedule is available on the CEA website via the following link: <http://www.ceaescrow.org/membership.html>.

### **Golden Opportunities in CEA Mentoring – Teaching – Celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference September 22-25, 2005 – Long Beach**

Have you registered for conference yet? If not, be sure to do so soon as the early bird discount expires on **AUGUST 1, 2005**. All registrations must be postmarked by this date to avoid a \$50.00 increase in fees. **Don't wait – register today!** A complete conference brochure and registration form can be obtained on the CEA website at: <http://www.ceaescrow.org/conf.html>.

Additionally, don't forget to register for the Annual Golf Tournament which will be held at the Trump National Golf Club on Thursday, September 22, 2005 – this will be an event you won't want to miss. Reserve your space now as the tournament is filling up fast! A golf registration form is also available on the conference page of the CEA website.

**Finally, an update on hotel rooms** – the Hyatt in Long Beach is sold out. Since we moved conference from Ontario in October to Long Beach in September, we were faced with limited availability at the Hyatt, so our guest room block was small. We have plenty of rooms available at the Westin Hotel at the rate of \$149. The Westin is located just right across the street from the convention center, you don't need to worry about transportation to get to conference events; everything is within walking distance. The phone number for the Westin is 562.436.3000. Please make your reservations immediately!

See you in September!

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