

## California Escrow Association . . .

**1895** A man came into the office of the Title Insurance and Trust Company and left an order for a Certificate of Title. He said he was obligated to leave town for a few days and asked the order clerk if he would, as a matter of convenience, take his executed deed, deliver it to the buyer together with the Certificate, and collect and send him the sum of \$1,000. That was the first escrow, and thus originated escrow as we know it today.

**1924** Six Escrow Supervisors and Officers in Los Angeles Meet to Discuss Escrow Problems of Mutual Interest and Form an Association, John C. Campbell, President.

**1956** Seven Southern California Associations Formed the California Escrow Association, the Statewide Group As It Is Known Today, Marion Atkins (Record), President. The original seven regional associations were: Escrow Associates of San Gabriel Valley, Escrow Institute, Long Beach Escrow Association, Los Angeles Escrow Association, Riverside County Escrow Association, San Bernardino County Escrow Association and the Santa Barbara Escrow Association.

**1956** The First Annual Conference of the California Escrow Association Was Held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

**1960** First CEA Executive Secretary Appointed

**1962** Orange Coast College became the first institution to grant certificates in escrow.

**1964** *California Escrow Magazine* Launched

**1964** CEA Becomes an Official California Corporation

**1967** Orange Coast College awards first Associate of Arts Degree in Escrow

**1967** CEA Began Educational Seminars for College Instructors and Administrators

**1969** A Program for Professional Designation (PD) of Escrow Officers is launched The first PD exam is held in November, 1969 where twenty-two members earned their designation.

**1970** *CEA News* is Launched

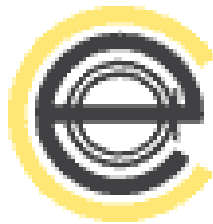
**1971** Seventeen California Colleges Gave Certificates in Escrow

**1971** CEA Retains Legislative Advocate

**1974** Congress Enacts the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA)

**1979** First Display Booths Allowed at CEA Conference

- 1980** The American Escrow Association (AEA) is Formed, Earl Barrett Named President
- 1983** Thirty-six California Colleges were approved to participate in CEA's Education Achievement Award Program.
- 1990** Continuing Education Program Launched for Retaining CEA Professional Designations
- 1991** CEA Headquarters Office Moves to Sacramento
- 1994** Rose Pothier, Esq. Establishes the Rose Pothier Scholarship Program to aid escrow assistants with attendance at the CEA Annual Education Conference.
- 1998** CEA Launches Web site - [www.ceaescrow.org](http://www.ceaescrow.org)
- 2004** Barcode Scanner Cards Introduced at Conference to Electronically Track PD Credits and Attendance
- 2004** CEA Retains Services of a Public Relations Firm
- 2005** CEA Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference in Long Beach, California
- 2005** CEA Changes Logo to Better Represent the Industry



- 2005** CEA Launches Online Education Program - E-Learning
- 2006** CEA activates statewide grassroots lobbying and media campaign against California Insurance Commissioner, John Garamendi's proposed regulations relating to title insurance premiums and escrow fees. The revisions proposed mandatory reductions in escrow fees.
- 2006** CEA Approves Strategic Plan to Aid in Advancing the Association Forward
- 2007** CEA develops the Charles P. Conner Education Scholarship Program, funded by the Mazzie-Simmons-Swink Benevolent Fund, to provide financial support to children of CEA members towards higher education programs.