



## President's Message

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How time flies! It's already spring and my term as MBAF President is quickly coming to a close. I continue to be impressed with the dedicated people volunteering their time and talent for our association, our members and mortgage lenders throughout Florida. Highlights from our year so far!

## **Eastern Secondary Conference and Annual Convention Register Now!**

You won't want to miss it! Our two committees are working hard to ensure our **18<sup>th</sup>** Eastern Secondary Conference and **68<sup>th</sup>** Annual Convention will be one of the best ever. We plan to knock it out of the park and we have an incredible line up of sessions and speakers. The conferences are being held back to back with separate events for each and three crossover sessions in between. The event will be held June 21-23 at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando. The draft of the program, the registration, exhibit and sponsorship forms are online and registration is open. The early registration deadline is May 7th. It is very important to make your room reservations now and make sure you grab a sponsorship or exhibit position today. Last year we sold out of exhibit space! See information directly below my message with program information, links to register and important early registration and hotel room reservation deadlines.

## **Educational Opportunities**

Our Education Committee has presented three webinars so far this fiscal year and participation has been excellent. Along with the webinars the MBA of Florida is exploring a partnership which will allow us to offer discounted Continuing Education credit courses to our members. We believe this will be a tremendous benefit and we look forward to sharing the details!

## **Membership**

It's a new calendar year and half way through the MBA of Florida's fiscal year. That means you can join the MBA of Florida today and your dues will be paid through June 2023. Members also receive a discount when you register for our convention. We need members and participation and I encourage you to join or speak with those at your firm who can begin the process. [Potential Members - Click Here to Access Membership Information](#)

## **Legislative**

Although our annual Tallahassee Capitol Hill visits were cancelled due to the pandemic our Legislative Representative Eric Prutsman, Esq continued his long tenure of representing the best interests of the MBA of Florida. Eric continues to provide not only in depth information about each proposed bill that may have impacts to our industry but also provides an excellent overview of the bills that are most important. This information is emailed out to our members and also available via the Education link on our website. [Click Here for the End of 2022 Session Report](#)

## **MPAC**

Please continue to **Support MPAC**. The funds donated are critical for ensuring our voices are heard!! [Click Here for Information and to Donate](#)

I truly appreciate the support I continue to receive from the Executive Team, Past Presidents, Directors, Chapter Presidents and Committee Members who are making this year a very successful one. I also want to thank our Executive Director, Brenda Thomas. Thank you for keeping us in line and helping us achieve our goals. I look forward to seeing you all in June!