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President's Message

Dear Members:

The 2022 Winter Symposium is in the books, and I want to say a special thank you to those who attended either in person in Phoenix or virtually from all across the U.S.

We are so thankful we have the technology to be able to provide our members the option to attend virtually. Whether it's due to budgets; health concerns; or not wanting to be away from family; the opportunity to continue to engage with PRIA remotely will be with us for the foreseeable future. And that's a good thing.



And speaking of saying thank you, I want to especially say a word of thanks to our sponsors for ensuring the event's success. Please join me in recognizing the following:

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Please mark your calendars for Aug 29 - Sep 1 for our Annual Meeting at the Westin Ft. Lauderdale Beach Resort. In the meantime, be safe and I look forward to seeing you virtually on one of our upcoming webinars or various committee and work groups calls.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lewallen
President



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Discriminatory Covenants Posted for a 30-Day Comment Period

During the February 14 meeting of the Board of Directors, the board unanimously approved posting the most recent PRIA paper on Discriminatory Restrictive Covenants to the website for a 30-day comment period.

Restrictive covenants are commonly used in land records documents. From homeowner associations to individual conveyance documents, covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs) regulate and/or limit activities on properties. PRIA and other trade associations, such as the American Land Title Association (ALTA), have been tracking the various proposals that have been either introduced or adopted by state legislatures to contribute to solutions to mitigate these harsh reminders of our past.

To read and comment on this paper, click [here](#). Submit your comments to the [work group co-chairs](#) or [Stevie Kernick](#) before March 20, 2022.

Are You Ready for these Five Trends for 2022?

According to Government Technology, a division of e.Republic, state and local government leaders have identified five key trends impacting their IT modernization agendas in a recent Center for Digital Government survey:

1. Hybrid work is here to stay.
2. Digital service delivery is driving modernization.
3. Cloud migration continues to accelerate.
4. Software-defined networking is becoming an essential part of government IT infrastructure.
5. IT transformation is requiring new skills and methodologies.

Is your office ready to adapt?



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Why Land Titles Need to Go Digital

With the volume of public records, specifically land titles, that exist only in paper form, it's no wonder there is cause for alarm, especially considering this medium is so susceptible to theft or damage. Now more than ever, and with digitization available, it's time to consider moving the real estate record business fully online.

Scott Beyer, a journalist who focuses on American urban issues, tackles this issue in an opinion article written for Governing.

For the complete story, [click here](#).



Zooming in on Cybersecurity

This past year stood as a banner one in the severity of cyberattacks which wreaked havoc

on organizations large and small.

But in the wake of the chaos, a silver lining has emerged around a never before seen level of bipartisan support and genuine interest on Capitol Hill for strengthening the nation's cybersecurity.

"Everybody's consciousness had been raised with respect to threats in cybersecurity; everything from the ransomware attacks, to other different types of cyber intrusions which have taken place," Rep. Jim Langevin (D-R.I.), chair of the House Armed Services' cybersecurity subcommittee, told *The Hill* earlier this month. "We have more awareness now, more members are paying attention to it than ever before."

For more from *the Hill* on what Congress is doing to confront the issue , [click here](#).

You may also want to review the PRIA paper on the same topic - [Cybersecurity and Ransomware](#).



New GIS learning module available in LMS

PRIA is pleased to announce a new learning module now available in our Learning Management System (LMS). This addition bring us to now four modules available.

The new course provides an in-depth overview about Geographic Information Systems (GIS), a relatively new tool for anyone interested in land records. The integration of GIS and land records can help create modern property record systems. This module is designed to provide an understanding of the value of integration and provide tools for operational support of that integration.

To learn more about the LMS or to sign-up for an account, visit <https://pria.talentlms.com/index>.

PRIA Website Matters - Member Account History

Did you know that you can access your financial and event registration history online via the PRIA website?

- Visit www.pria.us.
- At the top of the site, click on "Members."
- Scroll down and click on "My Membership" at the bottom of the page.
- You'll be prompted to login. If you've forgotten your username and/or password, click on "Reset Password."
- Once logged in, scroll down and look for "Click here to access your financial history and receipts for all transactions as well as event registration confirmations."
- You'll be able to see receipts from all previous transactions.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the PRIA office – 919-459-2081 or info@pria.us.

Welcome New Members

PRIA welcomed three new members in January 2022.

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Dare County Register of Deeds, Manteo, NC

Ionia County, Ionia, MI

Waukesha County Register of Deeds, Waukesha, WI

Total paid membership in PRIA as of January 31, 2022, is 761.

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