

# PRIA IN TOUCH

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## President's Message

Dear Members:

PRIA is preparing to issue the fourth bi-annual eRecording Document Volume Survey in May. This survey will analyze the changes in electronic recording vs. paper recording for calendar year 2020. We all have speculated on the effects of COVID-19 on recording, both in terms of the number of newly enabled jurisdictions, but also the volume of refinancing during the pandemic. This 2020 survey will show the actual recording volume metrics.



If your jurisdiction was eRecording as of January 1, 2020, you can expect to receive a link to the survey. I strongly encourage you click on the link and complete the survey. Export the 2020 volume from your LRMS before starting, and it will take you fewer than five minutes to complete the entire survey. Response rate over the previous three surveys has been between 36-43 percent. Let's improve on that response rate this year.

As the industry moves expeditiously toward fully electronic closings, eRecording becomes increasingly important to this process. PRIA's eRecording Document Volume survey offers lenders and servicers a benchmark on the availability and evolution of electronic recording.

Watch for the email with a link to the eRecording Document Volume Survey.

Have a good month,

**Jerry Lewallen**  
President



## PRIA President's Circle Member Simplifile

(Third in a series of articles highlighting PRIA President's Circle members.)

Simplifile, the nation's largest eRecording network, and part of ICE Mortgage Technology, connects settlement agents and county recorders via its eRecording service. Simplifile also offers services including collaboration tools and post-closing visibility for mortgage lenders and settlement agents working together on real estate documents. Through

Simplifile, users can securely record, share and track documents, data and fees with ease. Simplifile utilizes the PRIA eRecording XML standards in every recording transaction we facilitate, and we are proud to support the important work PRIA does for the property records industry.

## Nominate a Colleague for the Carl R. Ernst Founder's Award

The PRIA Board of Directors established the Carl R. Ernst Founders Award on June 1, 2005, with the intent to recognize proven, unique leadership and achievement in resolving issues in the property records industry. This award is bestowed in accordance with the Award Selection Criteria.

PRIA's core values reflect the integrity of its members who use their professional skill, industry knowledge and diversity to responsibly address industry issues. Without the integrity displayed through their neutral objectivity, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to formulate and adopt national industry standards.

The Founders Award honors a member who not only reflects PRIA's core values, but who has provided leadership in addressing a specific industry need or standard.

Previous recipients include:

2019: Mark Ladd, ICE Mortgage Technology  
2015: Carol Foglesong, Orange County, FL, retired  
2011: Bettie Johnson, Boone County, MO, retired  
2009: Ardis R. Schmitt, PRIA Administrator, retired  
2007: Mark A. Monacelli, St. Louis County, MN, retired  
2005: Carl R. Ernst, Ernst Publishing, deceased

To learn more about the PRIA Founders Award and nominate a colleague, click [here](#).

Deadline for receipt of nominations is June 30, 2021.



## Looking for a Knowledgeable Speaker for an Upcoming Conference?

Look no further – PRIA has what you need. PRIA speakers can address numerous topics and can be available virtually, if your conference or user group would prefer that environment.

Potential topics include: electronic records preservation, PRIA overview, PRIA Local, eRecording, LRMS best practices, document rejections, land records and GIS, and eNotary/RON. If these topics don't meet your organization's needs, reach out to PRIA for a customized program.

Complete the form found on this [page](#) or contact [PRIA](#) directly.



## PRIA To Provide Industry Calendar

PRIA is developing an industry calendar of events that will include the conferences, meetings or conventions for the state recording or title associations in all 50 states.

This will be a public-access webpage and is intended to serve as a resource for industry

personnel interested in attending state recorder or title association events, but also to aid in scheduling events to avoid conflicts.

To appropriately populate this new page, we ask that you complete the form (link below) and provide all conference dates (and locations, if known) for 2021 and beyond.

Thank you, in advance, for taking just a few minutes to provide this information.

Click [here](#) to complete the brief form for your event.



### Register for the April 29 Webinar – Lessons in Leadership

“Lessons in Leadership: A Guide to Success in the Workplace and Life” will be the second webinar offered by PRIA this month and is scheduled for 3 p.m., Eastern Time, on Thursday, April 29. Zach Zaharek, Data Trace Information Services, is the presenter for this webinar.

Webinars are complimentary for PRIA members and \$25 for non-members.

Attendees will learn:

1. What it means to be a leader in your workplace, community and family.
2. How to build and sustain your personal brand.
3. How to THINK DIFFERENTLY about your career.

To register for this webinar, click [here](#).

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until all seats are filled.

### Kentucky Governor Vetoes Redaction Bill

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear on April 8 vetoed a bill that would have exempted personally identifiable information of judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officers from public records.

Beshear called [Senate Bill 48](#) impractical, noting the additional exemption created in the bill for “public officer” is drafted so broadly as to be unworkable in practice. The measure was originally limited to shielding addresses and locations of public officers, but on the last day of the legislative session it was expanded through a floor amendment. The vetoed bill would have allowed any police officer, prosecutor and some court employees — along with their relatives — to shield an array of personal information from the public.

### Welcome New Member

PRIA welcomed one new member in March.

Government

McIntosh County, Ashley, ND

Total paid membership in PRIA as of March 31, 2021, is 735.

### MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS 2020-21

### **PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE**

CSC  
eRecording Partners Network  
Simplifile

### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

American Land Title Association

### **PLATINUM**

Kofile Technologies  
MERSCORP Holdings, Inc.  
Pioneer Technology Group

### **GOLD MEMBERS**

Avenu Insights and Analytics  
Black Knight - Ernst Fee Service  
Computing System Innovations  
CoreLogic  
Esri Inc.  
Fidelity National Title Group  
Granicus Inc.  
Harris Recording Solutions  
Nationwide Title Clearing  
Rekon Technologies  
SYNRGO Inc.  
Tyler Technologies  
Wells Fargo  
Westcor Land Title Insurance Co.

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