

PRIA IN TOUCH

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President's Message

Dear Members:

As 2021 draws to a close, we look forward to new beginnings in 2022. The new year will mark PRIA's 20th anniversary and activities are currently being planned by our Communications Committee to commemorate this significant milestone, culminating with a celebration at the August 29 – September 1 Annual Conference in Ft. Lauderdale. You'll notice that beginning with the first of the year, the PRIA logo will take on a different look, while incorporating the 20-year observation.



In January, we will welcome a new chief staff officer (CSO), Jim Thompson, who is replacing Stevie Kernick as she moves into retirement. Thompson is an experienced association executive having worked with multiple associations over the past 25 years. The Board of Directors has met and talked with Jim in a virtual environment, and we look forward to working with him as he transitions into his leadership role with PRIA. Kernick is phasing out of the day-to-day management of PRIA, a role she has held for the past 17 years. Fortunately for PRIA, she will continue supporting the work groups currently in progress and act as an advisor during the CSO transition. Both Jim and Stevie will be with us in Phoenix, along with Mallory Smith.

I wish you all a very merry holiday season and good health and happiness in the new year. I sincerely appreciate the contributions made by so many of you who volunteer tirelessly on PRIA projects. Our success is driven by your accomplishments. To those who are not currently in a position to volunteer, your support as a member is invaluable. Membership dues are key to PRIA's ability to provide services that will assist members in leading their organizations.

Enjoy the season!

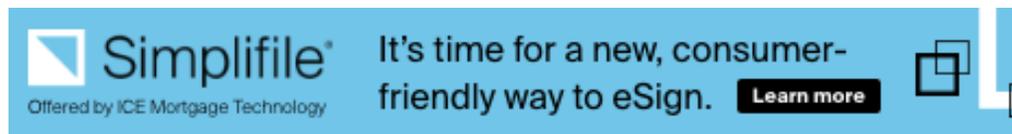
Jerry Lewallen
President



PRIA 2020-21 Annual Review Posted

At the close of each fiscal year, Joyce and Co., CPA, in Cary, NC, conducts a review of the association's financial activities for the year. The 2020-21 Annual Review was first evaluated by the PRIA Financial Oversight Committee for questions and variances, and presented to the Board of Directors on December 15.

Read the Annual Review [here](#).



Recorders: Give the Gift of Associate Membership

You can give your staff the gift of PRIA membership for the remainder of the membership year (through July 31, 2022) for **just \$25**. This is a limited offer that expires on January 31, 2022.

By enrolling your staff as PRIA members, they will have access to members-only documents on the website. They can participate in a committee or work project team and engage in the process of developing standards and best practices for the industry. Your staff will have access to PRIA's Learning Management System, complimentary monthly webinars and micro-learning opportunities on Zoom.

Membership in the industry's national trade association for standards development will offer them an opportunity to connect with other like-minded professionals and develop a network of industry contacts.

Your staff will appreciate this added benefit of their employment with your organization. Use this [Membership Application](#) to enroll your staff members today.



REMINDER! Two PRIA Papers Posted for 30-Day Comment

During the November Board of Directors meeting, the board approved two papers for posting for a 30-day comment period. The [Redaction Best Practices](#) paper is the final component in a series of documents developed by the Redaction Work Group over the past two years.

A paper focused on [Interstate Recognition](#) was also approved by the board for 30-day comment.

Submit your comments to [Stevie Kernick](#) by 5 p.m., ET, Wednesday, December 22.



Plans for 2022 Winter Symposium Being Finalized

The keynote speaker, who will take center stage following the opening session on Tuesday, February 15, is confirmed. Tom Morrison will jumpstart the 2022 Winter Symposium in Phoenix with a lively keynote address, *OMG...What's Next? Thriving in a World of New Norms*. He has over 20 years of experience in business, having served as CEO of three different organizations, and attributes his success to embracing change, focusing on marketplace disruption, and driving maximum value to the customer

experience. He currently serves as the CEO of the Metal Treating Institute and president of Tom Morrison & Associates.

Be sure to register before January 14 to save with early-bird rates. Prices increase after that day by \$100 for in-person registration and \$50 for virtual registration.

Find both PDF and online registration options [here](#).

The PRIA room block at the Renaissance Downtown Phoenix is 87 percent filled, so if you plan to attend the 2022 Winter Symposium, don't delay, book your [hotel accommodations](#) now.

There is a planning [schedule](#) on the website to help you determine when to arrive and depart. Come early for the Monday, February 14, Welcome Reception, and stay through the ending session on Thursday, February 17, the PRIA Fiesta Bowl.

PRIA To Host Two Webinars in January

Be sure to register for PRIA's January webinars to assure a reserved seat. On January 6, Chris Hultzman, First American Title Insurance Co., will discuss the papering-out process in a members-only Zooming-In with PRIA session set to begin at 1 p.m., Eastern Time. The term "papering-out" refers to a statutory process of converting an executed and notarized electronic document into tangible paper form and submitting the tangible paper copy for recording by traditional recording procedures. Confusion swirls around the topic so [register](#) (login required) for this session to gain further insights on the process. Zooming-In with PRIA sessions are for members-only.

On January 19, Paul Hodnefield, CSC, will provide an annual Legislative Update with a look into what will be center stage in state legislatures during 2022. Hodnefield is Associate General Counsel for CSC®, where he is responsible for advising the company regarding real estate recording, notary, UCC, and other public record transactional services. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Minnesota Bar Association, and a Fellow of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers. Attendees will get a look at what is on the horizon for real estate recording in 2022, including notarial law, redaction legislation, restrictive covenants and other pressing issues.

This webinar is complimentary to all registrants, members and non-members. Click [here](#) to register.

Submit Your Funny Recorded Documents

Over the past 30 years Barbara Burke, RLS Publishing, has been working in the title insurance business and has seen her share of funny or puzzling documents recorded in the official land records. She is now compiling what she has collected into a book for others to enjoy. Following the Annual Conference in Milwaukee, several attendees sent her examples from their offices.

If you have funny, odd or unusual documents archived in your records and would be willing to share, please email them to bburke@relspublishing.com.

Welcome New Members

PRIA welcomed six new members in November.

Government

Aransas Co., Rockport, TX

Boone Co., Belvidere, IL

Crawford Co., Denison, IA

Van Buren Co., Keosauqua, IA

Business

Total paid membership in PRIA as of November 30, 2021, is 710.

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