

PRIA IN TOUCH

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President's Message

Dear Members:

On March 17, the PRIA Board of Directors approved a new work project on Restrictive Covenants, and a Call for Volunteers was sent to all members on March 19. Both government and business members are needed to complete this work group and get the project underway.



Restrictive Covenants have been included in real property documents ranging from plat maps to deeds and mortgages. Some of these restrictions had the intent to control to whom real property could be sold based on race, religion and national origin. Although Congress and the 50 states have adopted laws rendering these covenants unenforceable, there is a movement in some states to redact or expunge these covenants from the public record. Such actions, especially expungement, would leave breaks in the public record reducing the reliability of those records and ultimately increasing costs related to real property transfers.

PRIA members should be proactive in this industry issue, which means helping to develop workable solutions for all parties involved. The industry needs Talking Points related to Restrictive Covenants that can be customized based on local laws and traditions that will avoid unintended consequences.

PRIA also will communicate and coordinate with other industry groups, such as ALTA and state land title associations with a shared interest in the preservation and integrity of the public record.

To volunteer for the work project, contact the project co-chairs, [Danny Crank](#), Butler Co., OH, [Mark Ladd](#), Simplifile, or [Stevie Kernick](#), PRIA chief staff officer.

Stay-tuned for the launch of PRIA's website Community Forum. If you haven't registered for the introductory Zooming-In on Thursday, March 25, there is still time to do so. This 30-minute session will introduce members to the website including how to login, set up your profile and begin discussion threads. The Community Forum offers an ideal way to communicate with peers across the country and find out how others are handling operational or legislative challenges. This is a members-only benefit.

Jerry Lewallen
President



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PRIA President's Circle Member eRecording Partners Network

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

Did you know eRecording Partners Network (ePN) is recognized as a premier national eRecording service provider for submitters and recording agencies across the U.S.? We are proud to say, "It sure is!" Since our founding in 2008, ePN has focused **exclusively** on overcoming challenges in the document recording industry, offering a variety of services designed to meet the specific needs of recording jurisdictions nationwide. Our solutions include traditional eRecording delivery services, vendor neutral gateway services, document routing services, a standalone eRecording service and an outsourced recording service.

ePN's goal is to provide greater efficiency and accuracy for all recorders and help increase productivity. During these unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic, many jurisdictions are reevaluating their existing business processes and adapting to current needs. Some want to increase eRecording volume or add additional eRecording business partners and some are looking to get started with eRecording.

If you've been considering improving and reshaping office processes, now is the time to start and we are here to help! With demonstrated experience in implementing electronic recording, ePN is available to support counties, parishes and towns as they expand or begin the eRecording journey. For more information, be sure to visit our website at www.GOePN.com or email Sales@GOePN.com.

Learn about PRIA's Community Forum

PRIA is launching a new members-only benefit – a website Community Forum. To learn how this forum works, register for the Zooming-In session scheduled for 3-3:30 p.m., Eastern Time, Thursday, March 25. Join Stevie Kernick, PRIA chief staff officer, and Mallory Robinson, administrative and conference support, for this session, which is complimentary to PRIA members.

To register for this program, click [here](#). Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until all 100 seats are filled.



Board Binders Now Available on the Website

The PRIA Board of Directors meets on the third Wednesday of each month, with the exception of those months in which the two conferences are held, via video conferencing to address the business of the association. Four days in advance of each board meeting, PRIA staff posts the Board Binder for the upcoming meeting on the website for review by the membership. In March, a new landing page was constructed to house Board Binders from previous meetings.

As a reminder, members always have access to board meeting minutes, once those minutes have been approved for publication. Both meeting minutes and board binders can be found under the "Members" menu on the "Meetings & Minutes" tile.

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Thanks to All Winter Symposium Sponsors and Planning Committee

Fourteen companies stepped up to contribute a sponsorship for the February Virtual Winter Symposium. Sponsoring companies provide significant contributions to PRIA conferences, and this Virtual Winter Symposium was no exception.

Aumentum Technologies – Conference Supporter

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SYNRGO – PRIA SWOT Analysis and PRIA Local

Tyler Technologies – Keynote Speaker

US Imaging – The Essential Recorder, Parts 1 and 2

The members of the Planning Committee for the Virtual Winter Symposium worked tirelessly to develop the programming for the event. Meeting twice a month from October 2020 through February 2021, the planning committee designed the conference theme, educational program and engagement events for the Winter Symposium.

Like the conference sponsors, the planning committee is an essential component of the success of a PRIA conference. A hearty thank you to these hard-working PRIA volunteers:

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Mark Your Calendar

The 2021 Annual Conference, scheduled for **August 30 – September 2** in Milwaukee, will have both an in-person and virtual component. Join fellow industry professionals, in-

person, at The Pfister Hotel or opt for a virtual experience from the comfort of your office. Capitalize on the informative programming offered during our two previous conferences in August and February.

Milwaukee is beer, cheese *and* more. It's a city with a great food scene, and a bar culture better than anywhere else in the world. Wisconsin is an ecologically diverse state and there's a richness and heartiness to Midwestern cuisine, a legacy of the German, Polish and Scandinavian immigrants who settled there. Throw these elements into an environment with creative chefs, and you get exciting restaurants that offer high-quality food, usually with great portions and at reasonable prices.

It's not too early to make your hotel reservation at The Pfister Hotel. Check [here](#) for information about the Annual Conference in Milwaukee.

Your Time To Shine

Back in October, the PRIA Board of Directors approved a new work project on Natural Disasters and Pandemics. Before a PRIA work group can begin meeting on a project, both government and business co-chairs need to be identified.

Have you ever considered co-chairing a PRIA work project? There are no specialized skills or expertise required beyond an interest in the project topic.

Natural Disasters and Pandemics are hot topics right now in the aftermath of COVID, and the fires and floods that have affected many parts of the country. It's a timely issue for PRIA to address and, subsequently, provide resources for the membership.

This project will attempt to develop a set of best practices and multiple templates for PRIA members to use when planning for or imagining their own possible disaster/pandemic scenarios, as well as how those situations will be handled. The project could incorporate several short papers: templates, questions to consider, new technology, inventory needed, existing reference material available on the web and best practices. What questions need to be pondered and then answered? How is 2021 and beyond different from the prior decade or two?

To volunteer or learn more about this project, contact [Stevie Kernick](#).

Welcome New Members

PRIA welcomed these new members in February.

Government

Monterey Co., Salinas, CA
Oliver Co., Center, ND
Onslow Co., Jacksonville, NC
Orange Co., Goshen, NY
Pima Co., Tucson, AZ
Walsh Co., Grafton, ND

Business

Property Sync Software Systems
Stewart Title Guarantee Co.
The Land Records Guy (retired)

Total paid membership as of February 28, 2021, is 729.

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