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President's Message

Dear Members:

Did you know that PRIA has a robust social media presence? Follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter for the latest updates. On each outlet, we share news about upcoming events, industry articles, and other news from both our industry and PRIA.

We invite all members to like, comment, and share all content and help grow awareness of PRIA. Higher engagement on our social platforms means more people see our messages.

If you have any feedback and/or ideas on social media efforts, please let the PRIA staff know and send comments to cs@pria.us.

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Sincerely,

[Jerry Lewallen](#)
President



PRIA Posts Infographic in Recognition of 20th Anniversary

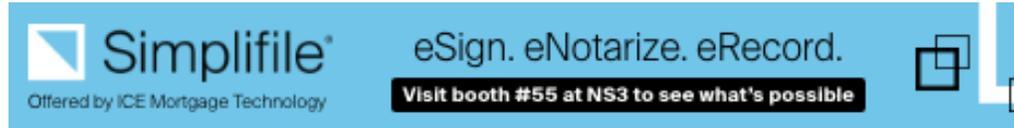
PRIA has created an infographic depicting significant association milestones from the past 20 years. Founded in 2002 with a single focus that within the property records industry government and business can work together, with mutual respect, to address issues of common concern in the world of property transactions, PRIA has evolved into the leading resource for the property records industry.

PRIA has experienced steady growth over the past 20 years with membership approaching 800 organizations and individuals from 48 states representing both

government and business. Members include government recorders and deputies, along with title companies, lenders, servicers, and technology vendors.

Initially driven by the need to enhance technology in the recorder's office, PRIA, in conjunction with the Mortgage Industry Standards Maintenance Organization (MISMO), set standards for the electronic land recording interface leading to what is now the wide acceptance and adoption of eRecording. Over 92.5 percent of the US population currently resides in a recording jurisdiction that is eRecording enabled. Since those early efforts, PRIA has gone on to publish over 70 best practices and white papers on topics ranging from redaction to electronic records preservation to electronic notarization.

For a more detailed timeline of PRIA's key accomplishments through 20 years, visit the [PRIA website](#).



Know Someone Deserving of Free PRIA Membership and More

Each year, thanks to the generous support of Black Knight, PRIA is able to offer a form of recognition that embraces the future.

Black Knight's Ernst Scholarship Award program provides two individual awards each year, one for government and one for business. The awards will be presented prior to PRIA's Annual Conference and will offer a full year of membership and registration/travel for one event. Each scholarship recipient will be selected based on outstanding contributions to the property records industry and will be deemed eligible in one or more of the following ways:

- Recipients are not currently PRIA Members.
- Recipients have demonstrated exceptional accomplishment in their chosen field.
- Recipients have demonstrated exceptional service in local, state or national affairs.
- Recipients have demonstrated exceptional service consistent with the mission and continued excellence of PRIA.

The deadline for the scholarship application is June 15 and the award will be announced around July 15.

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In Case You Missed It

During the April 20 meeting of the Board of Directors, the board unanimously approved posting the most recent PRIA paper on *eRecording Best Practices for Submitters* to the website for a 30-day comment period. This paper is a companion paper to the *eRecording Best Practices for Recordors* which was updated and republished in August 2021.

As eRecording has steadily progressed throughout the United States, recorders, end-user submitters, technology business partners (TBP) and Land Records Management System (LRMS) vendors have tested out multiple approaches and strategies to optimize the process. PRIA is frequently asked for the best practices and norms for eRecording processes. This paper sets forth the consensus that has been reached on six best

practices for submitters.

The *Discriminatory Restrictive Covenants* paper has been posted for a **second 30-day** comment period. In response to comments received during the initial 30-day posting, the work group reconvened and added a new section to the paper, *Land Records Primer*, to offer more in-depth information on the role of the recorder in creating a permanent, unaltered record of land transactions that are maintained in perpetuity. There were no substantive changes made to the intent of the paper, but more details were added to better explain the PRIA's position on discriminatory covenants.

To read and comment on either of these papers, click [here](#), review the paper and use the form on the website to make recommendations on the papers' contents. Note the deadline for comment submission for each paper.



President's Circle – eRecording Partners Network

eRecording Partners Network (ePN) is a premier national eRecording service provider for submitters and recording agencies across the U.S.



Since our founding in 2008, ePN has focused exclusively on providing solutions 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 and a standalone eRecording service.

At ePN, we know eRecording inside and out. We have several former county employees and other industry experts on our team. ePN is focused on building and maintaining a firm foundation of excellent service to counties and submitters. ePN's goal is to provide greater efficiency and accuracy for all recorders.

According to the PRIA eRecording Best Practices for Recorders paper, if counties want to maximize their eRecording submissions as well as ensure submitters have access to electronic recording they should work with all qualified vendors. If your county is not already a part of the ePN network, we would welcome the opportunity to work with you.

Our exclusive focus on the document recording industry, best-in-breed software integrations and highly experienced staff make ePN the key to document recording. If you have questions or would like additional information you can contact us at Sales@GOePN.com.

PRIA Website Matters – Presentations

When asked if PRIA offers past recordings of its webinars and Zooming in presentations for members, the answer is a resounding, "YES."

As a matter of fact, PRIA has so many recorded webinars that it would take you a day (well, actually 23.7 hours) to watch all of the content. All of this is available to PRIA members as a part of your membership. From a session about lessons learned from a cyber attack to remote notarizations, there are over 40 recorded webinars available to you, 24/7.

Additionally, the nearly 24-hours of content doesn't even take into account the four years of recorded sessions and slides available from both the PRIA Winter Symposium and Annual Conferences.

Visit the "Members" area of the website and click on the tile for "Webinar Presentation Library".

Start enjoying today!

President's Circle – Notarize

Notarize is a leader in remote online notarization, offering notary services to consumers and organizations 24/7.



When buying or selling a home, many documents require notarization before being recorded. Notarize is fully equipped to connect customers to notaries to complete notarizations on everything from your deed to your mortgage.

At Notarize, compliance comes first, meaning our internal systems and teams have built a platform customized to satisfy each state's unique requirements and comply with the specific laws and regulations governing remote online notarizations. Notarize is proud of our partnership with PRIA as we work together to support innovation and improve the experience for all parties throughout the property records industry.

For more information, please visit www.notarize.com.

Welcome New Members

PRIA welcomed one new member in May.

Government

Divide County, ND

Total paid membership in PRIA as of April 30, 2022, is 791.

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