

PRIA IN TOUCH

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President's Message

Dear Members:

In just six weeks, many of us will be packing our bags and heading to Milwaukee for PRIA's first in-person conference since February 2020! The Annual Conference (August 30-September 2) will be a combination of in-person and virtual with 30 people already signed up for the virtual component and over 110 for the in-person conference.



The Conference Planning Committee has been meeting bi-weekly to develop the educational program, resulting in a robust agenda of topics and speakers addressing the issues that you run into every day. There are both general sessions and smaller breakout meetings on the schedule each day, interspersed with opportunities to socialize at meal functions and receptions.

On Tuesday evening, August 31, the fun moves off-site to the Drink Wisconsibly Pub in the Deer (really, it's "deer" not "beer") District for a relaxed evening in the communal vibe of a corner tavern. PRIA will have exclusive use of the pub for the evening so come ready to enjoy a beverage and snacks while making new friends and reuniting with old ones.

I'm looking forward to being in person and greeting the many new members who are registered for the conference, along with those tried and true PRIA loyalists.

See you in Marvelous Milwaukee!

Have a good month,

Jerry Lewallen

President



Community Forum Offers Opportunities for Conversation

PRIA introduced an Online Community Forum early in 2021. This online community provides a means for members to ask questions, receive peer-to-peer support, discuss shared interests and make social connections.

This month, there was an interesting discussion about **blockchain** and its effect on the property records industry. To register for the PRIA Community Forum, follow these instructions:

- Visit www.pria.us and click “Members” from the main menu. From the “Members” page, you can either click on the “Community Forum” tile or the “My membership” tile. Either option will get you to the community.
- After logging in, you will see a “First Time Visitor” page, assuming this is your first time to log into the forum, and will be asked to read and agree to the Communities Code of Conduct. Be sure to read the “rules” and the “etiquette,” which is a guide to posting messages for maximum results. Once you scroll through the Code of Conduct, check the box beside “I have read and agree to the Communities Code of Conduct” and click “Proceed.”

The next page will ask you to update your profile, your interests and other settings.

Please note that you can only change your display name the first time you login. Once you have changed it, the system will not allow you to make further updates.

If you haven’t already done so, be sure to upload a picture in the profile section. Profiles with pictures make connections more personal.

Now that your profile has been updated, you are ready to explore the forums.

There is a forum for General Discussions where you can ask questions or offer comments to the PRIA membership. Start a “Thread” on a specific topic, like “redaction legislation,” “RON,” “restrictive covenants” or respond to an existing thread.

There is a forum for each PRIA committee so you can stay up-to-date on their activities, and offer suggestions. Each of PRIA’s current work projects has a forum...some with multiple threads. All committee and work group forums are accessible by PRIA members.

Visit www.pria.us/members to start your community journey today. To see the Community Forum in action click [here](#) to watch a short video.

PRIA Publishes a Paper on Automated Redaction Technology

The Automated Redaction Technology paper is a companion piece to the soon-to-be-released Redaction Best Practices paper. In January, the Redaction Work Group published a list of redaction laws in all 50 states, followed by two joint papers with ALTA on Confidential Recorded Instrument Shielding (CRIS).

The purpose of automated document redaction software is to provide for removal of varying types of privacy information from documents with as little human intervention as possible, while the goals of automated redaction technology are to achieve the highest levels of accuracy, take the least amount of time to process and minimize human labor for document review.

Visit the PRIA [Resource Library](#) to read this paper.



Time To Renew Your Membership Dues

Recently, you received the initial dues renewal notice for the 2021-22 membership year. This message was sent to all members via email.

Two options for renewing membership dues are available: one is to click [here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page to complete the process online; the second is to use the [PDF form](#),

and remit your renewal via check and USPS or credit card number and fax.

PRIA's membership year begins on August 1 and ends on July 31, so don't delay in submitting your renewal.

Continue to take advantage of complimentary webinars all year, reduced fees for conference registrations, access to PRIA's Learning Management System, a members-only website and, most significantly, an opportunity to work with and learn from the brightest minds in the property records industry.

As always, should you have any questions, please contact the [PRIA offices](#) or by calling 919.459.2081.



Where Do They Come From?

Did you ever wonder from what states PRIA government members hail? Or, how many jurisdictions in a particular state are PRIA members? Here are the 10 states boasting the most PRIA members for 2020-21.

State	# Members	Percentage	# Jurisdictions/State
UT	15	52%	29
TX	16	6%	254
CA	18	31%	58
ND	18	34%	53
NC	20	20%	100
FL	23	34%	67
MI	28	34%	83
WI	31	43%	72
IA	39	39%	99
MN	39	45%	87

Having the most members is not the only metric for each state's success. Here are the 10 states with highest percentage of PRIA members.

State	Percentage	# Members	# Jurisdictions/State
ME	38%	6	16
IA	39%	39	99
AZ	40%	6	15
MA	43%	6	14
WI	43%	31	72
MN	45%	39	87
NH	50%	5	10
UT	52%	15	29
NV	76%	3	17
DC	100%	1	1

There are no PRIA members in three states: Maryland, Rhode Island and Vermont. Two limited access members are from Canada: Yukon and Province of Quebec. Two states process recordings at the state level: Alaska and Hawaii.



Counties' Concerns Over IT Costs Dropped During Pandemic

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A survey on county governments' IT priorities shows concerns about the costs of implementing new technologies were largely overlooked during the COVID-19 pandemic, as local officials scrambled to convert their services into virtual offerings and constituents needed digital access to essential services.

Budgets and cost controls, which historically have ranked as county chief information officers' top priorities, dropped to ninth place over the past year, according to the forthcoming Digital Counties Survey that the Center for Digital Government, an IT think tank, is scheduled to release later this month.

Phil Bertolini, the center's vice president, former CIO of Oakland County, MI, and previous PRIA conference speaker, offered a preview of the survey for attendees of the National Association of Counties' (NACo) annual conference. Cybersecurity, citizen engagement and business process automation topped respondents' list of priorities, but balance sheets were less of a worry as the health crisis set in.

Click [here](#) to read the complete article.

Welcome New Members

PRIA welcomed 10 new members in June.

Government

- Emery County, Castle Dale, UT
- Kanabec County, Mora, MN
- Oconto County, Oconto, WI
- Oneida County, Rhinelander, WI
- Ransom County, Lisbon, ND
- Rock County, Janesville, WI
- Rusk County, Ladysmith, WI
- Shawano County, Shawano, WI
- Washburn, Shell Lake, WI
- Winnebago County, Oshkosh, WI

Total paid membership in PRIA as of June 30, 2021, is 762.

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

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