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## President's Message

Dear Members:

It's always an exciting time for work group members when final papers are approved for publication. That's the case for the small group of volunteers that have been working for a year to update *eNotarization Frequently Asked Questions* (FAQs), first published in 2017. A lot has changed in the notary world since 2017 and this updated paper, approved by the board for publication on November 17, addresses many of those changes in a Q&A format. Following review by PRIA's Style Committee, this paper will be published in the website Resource Library.



In addition, during the November Board of Directors meeting, the board approved two papers for posting for a 30-day comment period. The Redaction Best Practices is the final component in a series of documents developed by the Redaction Work Group over the past two years. The first paper was a state-by-state listing of redaction legislation. Then, a small taskforce formed to update the 2015 paper on Redaction Best Practices. The taskforce first published an informational paper on Social Security Numbers, followed by a stand-alone paper on Automated Redaction Technology. The final document addresses Redaction Best Practices and has been posted for comment [here](#).

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

It has been a notable year for PRIA publications, starting with the state-by-state redaction legislation guide in early February, two redaction-related resources published in conjunction with ALTA, a getting started guide for new recorders, cybersecurity and ransomware, eRecording best practices for recorders, papering-out, updates to the GIS paper from 2017, automated redaction technology, service level agreements and, finally, the eNotarization FAQs.

I'm proud to be a member of an association that focuses on providing significant and timely resources for its members. And, there are additional papers in the pipeline, so stay-tuned.

Happy Thanksgiving to all,

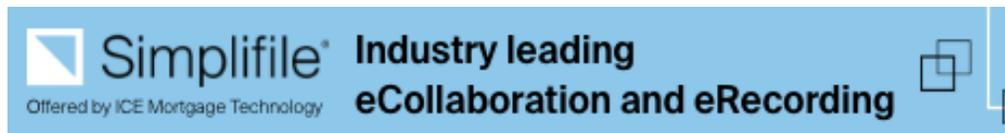
**Jerry Lewallen**  
President



## Print a PRIA Membership Certificate for Display

Now that you have renewed your organization's dues for membership year 2021-22, it's time to print a current membership certificate for display in your office or at a trade show booth.

Log on to the members' side of the PRIA website and click on the "My Membership" tile. On the members landing page, you can click to download a printable PDF membership certificate for the current year. Be sure downloads are enabled in your browser settings.



## Are You Searchable in PRIA's Membership Directory?

PRIA's Membership Directory is an easy way to connect with other members around the country. Perhaps you met someone at a PRIA conference but neglected to get a business card or contact information. Search the members-only directory to find your contact.

If you want your name and organization to be searchable in the directory but aren't sure whether the appropriate setting is enabled, click the My Membership tile and then Profile. From the Profile menu, you can update your contact information by clicking "edit my profile." While you are editing, be sure to upload a picture for easier recognition.

Also from the Profile menu, you can change your "settings." From the settings dropdown menu, select "directory settings." On this page you can update your preferences indicating your desire for a listing in the Membership Directory.

Businesses can click the "custom" menu and use the dropdown to indicate the scope of services offered. Check all that apply and be sure to click "update." Then, if government members are issuing an RFP or looking for a vendor, they can check the directory listings to know which companies offer the services they desire.

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Remember when changing "My Profile" to also update "My Organization." "My Organization" is accessible only to the Primary Member.

[Click here](#) to renew your membership. (Only primary members can renew online for their organization.)

Click the "Members" tab in the top navigation menu to access members only content.

[Click here](#) to download a printable PDF membership certificate for the current year (enable downloads in browser security settings).

[Click here](#) to access your financial history and receipts for all transactions as well as event registration confirmations.



## Check Out PRIA's Webinar Schedule Through January

The PRIA Education Committee has developed a schedule of webinars through January 2022. Next up is a Zooming-In with PRIA program on *Document Rejections and eNotary* on November 30, followed by a Zooming-In program on the *Pathway to Leadership*. PRIA's Zooming-In programs are 30-minute, virtual gatherings focused on a single question and are for members-only.

In January, PRIA will host a *Legislative Update* webinar featuring a state and federal outlook for 2022. This is one of two webinars held during the year that is complimentary to members AND non-members.

Click [here](#) to register.



## Theme Set for 2022 PRIA Winter Symposium

The theme for the 2022 Winter Symposium, slated for February 14-17, in Phoenix, is *Celebrating the Past - Imagining the Future*. With PRIA's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year in 2022, recognizing the accomplishments of the past and envisioning the potential for the next 20 years is in the forefront.

From general sessions to interactive breakouts and networking opportunities, the Winter Symposium Planning Committee is busy developing a program to address topical issues of vital importance to the property records industry.

Reunite with your PRIA colleagues in person at the Renaissance Phoenix Downtown. Make your [reservation](#) online today.

No travel budget? No problem. PRIA is offering a hybrid experience. You can join the Winter Symposium from the comfort of your office chair or your living room couch and experience the robust programming you've come to expect from PRIA delivered virtually. Click [here](#) for a list of reasons to attend.

Look for registration information available by December 1. Stay tuned for more details and check the PRIA [website](#) for regular updates!



## ALTA Forms PRIA Liaison Work Group

The Board of Directors of the American Land Title Association (ALTA) recently formed a work group to encourage the exchange of information between the title industry and property records stewards.

The ALTA work group will encourage its members to get involved with PRIA, including PRIA Local chapters and PRIA work groups, to share information with the government sector on title issues.

Among the issues that have been prioritized by ALTA are notarization, redaction, ransomware, eRecording adoption, restrictive covenants and predicable recording fees. The ALTA PRIA Liaison Work Group is chaired by Lindsay Hall Harrison, Stewart Title Guaranty Co., and Chris Hultzman, First American Title Insurance Co.

## Addressing a Painful Past

Jeremy Yohe, vice president of communications, ALTA

During the 20<sup>th</sup> century, discriminatory restrictive covenants peppered property records in communities across the country. In Minneapolis, the first racial covenant appeared in 1910, when Henry and Lenor Scott sold a property to Nels Anderson. The deed conveyed in that transaction contained what would become a common restriction, stipulating that the “premises shall not at any time be conveyed, mortgaged or released to any person or persons of Chinese, Japanese, Moorish, Turkish, Negro, Mongolian or African blood or descent.”

Racially restrictive covenants refer to contractual agreements that prohibited the purchase, lease or occupation of a piece of property by a particular group of people. Racially restrictive covenants were not only mutual agreements between property owners in a neighborhood, but were also agreements enforced through the cooperation of real estate boards and neighborhood associations.

To read the full text of this article, click [here](#).

## Welcome New Members

PRIA welcomed 11 new members in October.

### Government

Dearborn Co., Lawrenceville, IN  
 Des Moines Co., Burlington, IA  
 Greene Co., Jefferson, IA  
 Houghton Co., Houghton, MI  
 Howard Co., Cresco, IA  
 Kalamazoo Co., Kalamazoo, MI  
 Kalkaska Co., Kalkaska, MI  
 Lake of the Woods Co., Baudette, MN  
 Newaygo Co., White Cloud, MI  
 Ogle Co., Oregon, IL  
 White Co., Monticello, IN

Total membership as of October 31, 2021, is 647.

## MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS 2021-22

### PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

CSC  
 eRecording Partners Network  
 ICE Mortgage Technology

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

### GOLD MEMBERS

Black Knight - Ernst Fee Service  
 Computing System Innovations  
 Esri Inc.  
 Fidelity National Title Group  
 Harris Recording Solutions

American Land Title Association

Nationwide Title Clearing

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