

PRIA IN TOUCH

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President's Message

Dear Members:

Last week PRIA held a virtual orientation for our first timers attending the Annual Conference, as well as those members who have joined in the last year. This is a new offering for the association and we plan to offer this online program twice a year.

One of the topics covered during the webinar: getting involved in PRIA's committees. This is a great opportunity to get engaged with your association outside of attending one of the two conferences. Whether its the membership committee or one of our work groups, this is a great chance to serve the association, while at the same time connecting with members from across the country.



I'd like to take the time to introduce our committees and their co-chairs. If you see an area of interest, feel free to reach out to them. I'll share links below.

Communications Committee – Co-chairs: Shawnyne Garren, Douglas Co., NV, and Christie Adams, eRecording Partners Network.

Education Committee – Co-chairs: Dan Crank, Butler Co., OH, and Brent Blankenship, Granicus.

Governance Committee – Co-chairs: Staci Hoffman, Jefferson Co., WI, and Ryan Crowley, Pioneer Technology Group.

Membership Committee – Co-chairs: Lindsay Laufersweiler, Webster Co., IA, and Liz Kelly, Black Knight - Ernst Fee Service.

Standards & Best Practices Committee – Co-chairs: Rachel Sanchez, Ottawa Co., MI, and Barbara Burke, RELS Publishing.

If you are interested in contacting one of our committee co-chairs or joining one of our committees, please click on one of the links below!

Sincerely,

Annette Hill
President

COMMITTEE SIGN

COMMITTEE INFORMATION



Property Tax in Tough Times

By Brent Jones, Esri, co-chair of PRIA's GIS Work Group
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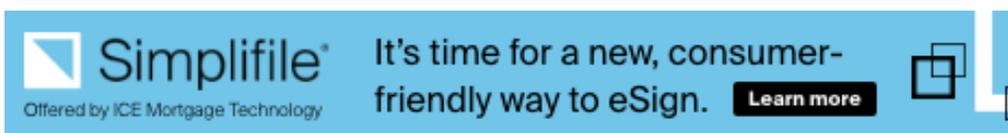
As much as baseball and apple pie are imbedded into American culture, so is the dislike of taxes. With all the taxes we pay—federal and state income, excise, sales, and many others—property tax is unique in our tax ecosystem. It is one of the more transparent taxes that strives to be fair, equitable, and uniform.

Most property tax is a local government levy, and the benefits are tangible. We enjoy what these taxes fund every day—police and fire protection, public schools, civic works such as our roads and parks, and many others. Some say that property tax pays for the things that make our lives safe and enjoyable.

Regardless of the things that taxes bring us, we still don't like property taxes, but we do tolerate them for a few reasons. We understand what we get from them, and we believe we are taxed about the same as our neighbor. This transparency is key in the success of our property tax system. Some argue that the more transparent the assessment operation is, the fewer the costly tax challenges and valuation appeals there are.

But what happens when property values drop and there is inadequate property tax revenue to provide the services we enjoy? In some areas, raising taxes can be political suicide. So, what to do? A GIS (geographic information system) can help.

To read the complete article, [CLICK HERE](#),



PRIA Says Farewell to Long-time Volunteer

Carol Foglesong, who retired as assistant comptroller in Orange Co., FL, but then spent five years supporting PRIA with in-kind services, attended her final conference in Ft. Lauderdale as she stepped away her PRIA duties.



Foglesong first joined the PRIA Board of Directors as a member of the Council of Advisors in 2002 and was then elected to the board in 2005. She stepped into the role of treasurer in 2006 and in 2007 was elected by her fellow board members to serve as president for two years. Upon completion of her term as president, she continued to serve as an elected member of the board for the next three years. Subsequent presidents appointed her to the Council of Advisors for 10 years before she stepped down at the end of PRIA's fiscal year.

Through the years, Foglesong chaired numerous committees, co-chaired multiple work projects, edited every issue of *In Touch* and *PRIA Local*, and reviewed and revised every PRIA publication for the past 20 years.

She has been the association's de facto historian, calling upon her longevity and deep knowledge of all PRIA's activities to provide background and color commentary to the board. Not surprising that in 2016 she was awarded the elite Carl R. Ernst Founders Award.

Foglesong remains a dues-paying, retired member of PRIA so her experience is not totally lost and that makes all of us at PRIA very happy.

Happy retirement, Carol!



Register for the PRIA Local Webinar

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, Oct. 26, 3P, ET, for a complimentary webinar about PRIA Local.

During this webinar, attendees will learn:

1. What PRIA Local is
2. Why there is a need for a PRIA Local chapter
3. The benefits that a PRIA Local chapter provides
4. How to start a PRIA Local chapter
5. Strategies for growing and maintaining a successful chapter

Our speakers for the session: Lindsay Laufersweiler, Recorder, Webster Co., IA; Shawnyne Garren, Administrative Services Manager, Douglas Co., NV; Christie Adams, County Sales Executive, ePN and Carolyn Ableman, PRIA Local Coordinator.

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until all seats are filled.

[REGISTER](#)

PRIA Website Matters – Member Directory

Imagine you are a recorder in Nebraska and your county recently voted to increase technology funding in your office to prevent cybersecurity. While that's great news, it sure would be nice to speak with other professionals who have been down this path.

Thanks to your membership in PRIA, you recall seeing a webinar about cybersecurity and also remember reading a white paper that provided some helpful hints. Now if you could only connect with those presenters and learn more.

As a PRIA member, it's as simple as visiting the website, clicking on "Members" and then clicking on the tile for "Member Directory." Now you have access to PRIA members all across the country.

This is just one of the many ways you can utilize the PRIA website and get the most out of your membership.

[MEMBER
DIRECTORY](#)

Welcome New Members

PRIA welcomed 5 new members in September 2022.

Government

Anderson Co., KY
Monroe Co., IN
Randolph Co., NC
Stanley Co., SD
Swift Co., MN

Total paid membership in PRIA as of September 30, 2022, was 645.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS 2022-23

(as of September 30, 2022)

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

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Digital Asset Registration Technologies, Inc
eRecording Partners Network
ICE Mortgage Technology

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American Land Title Association

PLATINUM

Kofile Technologies
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Harris Recording Solutions
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Pioneer Technology Group
Tyler Technologies
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Westcor Land Title Insurance Co.

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