

# PRIA IN TOUCH

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More counties choose  
Simplifile for e-recording.

Find out why.

## President's Message

Dear Members and Friends:

Despite this extraordinary time in which we are currently living, PRIA is working tenaciously to stay connected and maintain the value of your membership. We've increased the number of webinars in both April and May and introduced a new Fireside Chat format to provide a more interactive webinar experience. The webinars in April and May have all attracted between 75 and 250 registrants.



Then we had the timely introduction of PRIA's Learning Management System (LMS) with one all-encompassing module on "Electronic Records Preservation." Already 40 people have registered to take this on-demand course. A second module is currently in development and will be announced soon. (See article below for additional information on the LMS.)

Although the 2020 Annual Conference scheduled for August in Milwaukee was cancelled, the Conference Planning Committee, along with the Education Committee, has met to begin planning for PRIA's first-ever virtual conference. Stay-tuned for details as plans evolve.

At this point, the 2021 Winter Symposium in Phoenix is on track to convene, as usual, in February.

What can PRIA do for and your staff to ease the COVID-19 angst? I encourage you to contact me and let me know your needs.

Until next month, stay healthy and well.

**Larry Burtness**  
President



## eRecording Jurisdictions Continue To Grow in April

For the second consecutive month, jurisdictions enabling eRecording hit a record high with 32 new counties coming on line. This follows 27 new jurisdictions enabled in March.

Recording jurisdictions are enabling eRecording at a record pace in an effort to provide essential services to those organizations that need to submit documents for recording. Submitters who previously rejected eRecording and continued submitting paper documents are now adopting this technology as the way to continue business operations while county offices are closed to the public.

As of April 30, there are 2,144 eRecording jurisdictions across the country. For a complete list of those counties, click [here](#).



## A Common Sense Guide for Returning to the Post COVID-19 Workplace

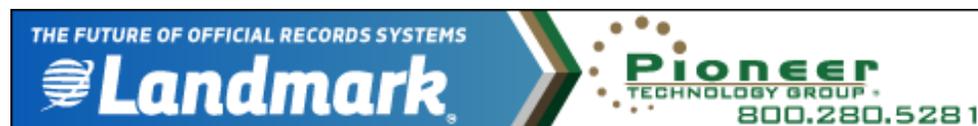
Excerpted from April Edition of *Work Design Magazine*

Health and safety were the top motives for sending employees home to work during the COVID-19 pandemic and those same two factors will be the drivers for employees' return to the office. Employees will be uncomfortable returning to the workplace until they feel it is safe to do so. As organizations begin planning the transition back to the office, the environment will be very different. Significant attention should be paid to "visible housekeeping" that was once intentionally concealed. Workstation areas will no longer have the crowded café feel, rather they will be de-densified to maintain social distancing. And, whoever imagined that the concept of a restroom attendant would ever re-surface?

Every organization's return to the office will be customized for their circumstances, but each will have a few commonalities:

- **Perception is reality** and what employees perceive is what they will believe is happening.
- **Transparency is essential** for building trust and managing misinformation.
- **Common sense should prevail**, grounding decision making in practical sound judgement.

To read the complete article, click [here](#).



## ESRA Releases Policy on Consumer Privacy & Data Protection Law

The Electronic Signature & Records Association (ESRA) has released a policy statement recommending a unified standard for consumer privacy and data protection laws. "Protection of consumer information is of critical concern today," said Harry Gardner, Chairman of ESRA. "But equally important is a uniform national standard to guide the approach to this important issue. Our membership supports either federal legislation or a uniform state law, to prevent the development of a statutory patchwork of inconsistent state privacy laws."

The ESRA policy states, "Uniformity of consumer privacy and data protection legislation across all U.S. states is critical to the current and future utilization of electronic signatures and records which drive digital commerce. In 2018, California became the first state to enact the nation's most comprehensive consumer data privacy and protection law, the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) (effective January 1, 2020). Since enactment of the CCPA, there has been a wave of proposed consumer data privacy and protection legislation across states. As states move to implement their own consumer data privacy and protection laws, conflicting requirements for compliance are arising."

To read the complete policy statement, click [here](#).

PRIA is a dues-paying member of ESRA for 2020 with Marc Aronson, PAN, serving as the member representative.



## Introducing PRIA's Learning Management Program

The Education Committee recently introduced PRIA's **Learning Management System** (LMS). Access to the LMS is **complimentary** for all PRIA members and their staffs.

The first LMS module is "Electronic Records Preservation." It is a multi-faceted unit consisting of two papers, both of which include a knowledge-check for a review of what was learned, two videos and additional supplementary pieces.

At the conclusion of the module, students can print a certificate of completion suitable for framing.

A second learning module is under development with additional units in the queue. Once there are multiple modules approved for the LMS, the system will open to non-members for a per-course fee.

Take advantage of this member service to enhance your knowledge of the property records industry. With many state associations cancelling meetings because of COVID-19, PRIA's LMS will offer yet another vehicle for providing education for the industry.



## PRIA Provides Updates on Electronic Notarization and RON

An updated map depicting the status of eNotarization and Remote Online Notarization (RON) is available on the public side of the [website](#), courtesy of Pennsylvania Association of Notaries.

See which states are legally using electronic notarization today, which states have legalized electronic notarization but are currently dormant and which states have not yet legalized electronic notarization.

For [members](#), there is an updated chart, which tracks legislative action on Notary, eNotarization, RON, Blockchain, RULONA and more. This chart is updated on a regular basis so check back often to stay informed on the evolving legislative front.

## Welcome New Members

PRIA welcomed these new members during April.

### Government

Butler County, Poplar Bluff, MO  
Fremont County, Lander, WY  
Hernando County, Brooksville, FL  
Ingham County, Mason, MI  
Renville County, Mohall, ND  
Rich County, Randolph, UT  
Turner County, Parker, SD

Business

Venture Title Agency, Patchogue, NY  
Beach Pacific Escrow, Huntington Beach, CA

Total paid membership as of April 2020, is 774.

## MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS 2019-20

### PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

CSC  
Notarize Inc.  
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### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

American Land Title Association

### PLATINUM

eRecording Partners Network  
MERSCORP Holdings, Inc.  
Pioneer Technology Group

### GOLD MEMBERS

Aumentum Technologies  
Avenu Insights and Analytics  
Computing System Innovations  
CoreLogic  
Ernst Publishing Co. LLC  
Esri Inc.  
Fidelity National Title Group  
Granicus Inc.  
Harris Recording Solutions  
Kofile Technologies  
Nationwide Title Clearing  
Rekon Technologies  
SYNRGO, Inc.  
Tyler Technologies  
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