

**MN Metro PRIA Local Meeting
Ridgedale Library
11-14-2019, 10 AM**

Char called the meeting to order, followed by sign in, approval of agenda, approval of previous meeting minutes. M Todd/2nd Doug/Passed. 7 members present

Discussion held regarding meeting frequency. We will have 3 meetings in 2020, March, July & November at Ridgedale library unless someone wants to host elsewhere.

ERERC: Looking for more members, especially a realtor and someone from the bar association

Legislative update: See email attached from Amber Bougie.

MLTA: Char took Intro to Legal Descriptions at an all day training.

County Volumes:

- Ramsey Co-Up 30% from 6 months ago, eRecord percent in upper 70's. 150,000-160,000 docs this year. Usually average 75,000. Return eRecords in 3 days, paper in 7 days.
- Hennepin Co-eRecording at 75%. Pushing 5 & 10 day compliance, catching up with mandatory overtime, voluntary overtime is done. Several retirees. 1500 eRecordings per day & 400 paper.
- Washington-Deeds steady, mortgages are up. At 74% eRecordings.
- Anoka-No report

Tech updates:

- Anoka-Not taking eRecordings during implementation of new system
- Ramsey-Preparing for future to include a new tax system.
- Hennepin-Looking at on-line credit card option for 2020 & offering daily access fee vs monthly subscriptions. In process of new tax system.
- Washington-No report

Discussed our group doing a rejection training. Char reviews new employees rejects for 8 months. We can compile a check list from Recorders who submit to Char & present the findings at the March meeting. We need to highly promote this in hopes of reducing rejections.

Future training ideas: Rejections, eCRV by someone from MN DOR, learn about the trusted submitter side of eRecording.

A Public sector co-chair is still needed. Anyone who would be interested please contact Timi or Char

Next meeting 3-?-2020 @ Ridgedale Library. Dates for 2020 meetings need to be set.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Asmus

Here are a few items of interest for the group from the MCRA Legislative Committee:

1. For documents recorded after December 31, 2019, the minimum state deed tax of \$1.65/\$1.70 will apply to transactions under \$3,000. Also, e-CRVs will only be required for transactions under \$3,000.
2. We are in the process of proposing legislation that would eliminate the Recorder/Registrar's involvement in Well Certifications making that function only with the Department of Health. Alternatively, we will be seeking to make all well certifications electronic as the Certificates of Real Estate Value are now.
3. We are in the process of a Housekeeping bill that would clean up the following:
 - a. make the Papers in Safekeeping Law (Minn. Stat. Sec. 600.23) permissive;
 - b. removal of the requirement that Registrar send Certificate of Title (Minn. Stat. Sec. 508.40) and replacing language that owner or agent will be provided certificate upon request.
 - c. removal of the reference to the Recorder as having forms for a Farmer-Lender mediation available in Minn. Stat. Sec. 583.26 as the county extension office would be the location of such forms.