PRIA IN TOUCH

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President's Message

Dear Members:

COVID-19 has disrupted our lives both personally and professionally. We've learned to be nimble and adjust to a new remote working and learning environment. Humans are extraordinarily creative and can adapt in an upside down world.

Within PRIA, we've also pivoted to adjust to the new normal, most notably our Virtual Conference in August. Another meeting that has been modified for 2020 is the annual board planning session, typically held in April, during which the association's leadership would traditionally consider strategies for the future.

Not to be deterred, the board has scheduled a series of one-hour calls, which began in June, during which different subjects have been addressed. The first two board planning meetings tackled COVID-19 and the effects on PRIA members, the industry and the association's operations. You may remember receiving the board's COVID-19 survey back in June, the results of which were evaluated by the board during the first two planning meetings.

In October, the board developed a list of deliverables to address the effects of COVID-19 and then focused on PRIA's advocacy role – what has that looked like in the past, what are expectations for the future, how are advocacy issues defined. The discussion was robust and concluded with consensus but not a clear policy statement. A sub-group will continue to build on a draft statement. In November, board transparency will be one of the topics, along with continuing education offerings.

Do have an issue you would like the board to address? If so, please forward your request to me.

Have a good month,

Jerry Lewallen
President

Download the LMS App

Increase your learning opportunities by downloading the Talent LMS, PRIA's learning management system, app for Apple or Android platforms. Visit this **link** in your mobile device to download the app. If you are already registered in PRIA's LMS, use the login and password provided to you; however, if you've been procrastinating, you can register for the **LMS here**. Access to the LMS is a service for PRIA members and their staffs and is not available to non-members.

There are two learning modules currently available in the LMS: Electronic Records Preservation and Land Records Management System Best Practices. A third module is in the final stages of preparation for uploading.

Register today and take advantage of this opportunity to increase your industry knowledge.

New Publications Coming to the Resource Library

Two new publications are set to be added to the Resource Library pending approval by the Board of Directors during its October 21 monthly meeting.

The first is a GIS Toolkit designed to guide recorders considering an integration project, a step-by-step guide for getting started. The toolkit will help facilitate the integration of GIS and land records by offering analysis and considerations derived from real-world implementations with perspectives from recorders, LRMS vendors, GIS experts and other industry partners.

The second is an educational paper on how electronic notarization impacts recording. While electronic notarization can seem complicated, this paper will demonstrate it is actually straightforward when considered in the context of the recorder's role in a real estate transaction.

Electronic Notarization Resources Available for Members and the Public

PRIA's website offers information on electronic notarization and Remote Online Notarization (RON) for both members and non-members. The **public-facing information** includes a map of the 50 states that indicates the status of both eNotarization and RON legislation.

For members, there is more extensive **information**, including a continually updated chart depicting the status of electronic notarization, RON and emergency RON orders for the 50 states. It also includes blockchain legislation for each state and eWills. Login to the website and click "Notary News."

Have You Remitted Dues for 2020-21?

Undoubtedly, 2020 has been a year of unparalleled challenges. You may be working remotely, sheltered in your home, teaching or helping your children with their own unique obstacles. It's not surprising that your 2020-21 PRIA membership renewal may have fallen through the cracks.

The PRIA 2020-21 membership year began on August 1, 2020, and runs through July 31, 2021.

Don't miss out on access to PRIA's updated website, access to detailed information on newly enabled eRecording jurisdictions, the Learning Management System (LMS), complimentary monthly webinars and more.

Access information that affects offices like yours across the country by tapping into hundreds of publications in PRIA's Resource Library.

To keep your organization active in PRIA for 2020-21, go ahead and renew those annual dues.

Logon to the PRIA website (**www.pria.us**), click the "Members" tab at the top and click the "Membership Renewal" tile on the "Members" page to initiate your renewal online.

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Call for Presentations for the 2021 Winter Symposium

What's going on in your organization? Have you instituted a creative solution to an office problem? Enabled a process to better meet the needs of your customers? Developed a new way of doing something old?

If yes, tell PRIA about it. The Winter Symposium Planning Committee is seeking program ideas for the February 22-25 conference in Phoenix. There will be both general sessions and breakout meetings with a variety of different formats from singular presentations to panels to interviews, depending on the topic.

Submit your ideas to Mallory Robinson, **info@pria.us**.

Register for the October 22 Webinar

There's still time to register for the October webinar on "Ransomware - How Does it Happen?," scheduled for 3 p.m., Eastern Time, on Thursday, October 22. PRIA webinars are complimentary for members and their staff; non-members pay $25.

Presenters include Sharon Davis and Valita Holmes, Durham Co., NC, who will describe the attack perpetrated on the County and City of Durham in March 2020. Max Greene, Tyler Technologies, presented at the 2020 Winter Symposium in Austin, is a Social Engineering Pentesting Professional (SEPP) and cybersecurity educator.

This webinar will address the tactics that cybercriminals use, how to recognize and avoid fraud, best practices on how to work securely and how to build a cyber resilience program to weather an attack.

To register for this webinar, click **here**.

ESRA Offers Digital Education Series Free for All Attendees

The Electronic Signature and Records Association (ESRA) is now offering its Digital 2020 Education Series free for all attendees. Did you miss an earlier webinar? Not to worry, all content was recorded and is available on-demand. Throughout this series, you'll continue to hear from top industry leaders with insights and practical guidance on the business, technology and legal implementation issues surrounding electronic signatures across a wide spectrum of applications. These issues are of critical importance even more during this time of social distancing, remote work and contactless consumer engagement.

To learn more about this series and to register, click **here**.

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