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President's Message

Dear Members:

As I look back over the past two years, I am grateful for all the volunteer hours this organization has offered to help our industry thru a very trying period of time. Our members rose to the occasion and shared information, procedures and just real life advice to help each other. Our membership numbers are at a record level and we have increased our services to members both through our website offerings and the amount of staff time allocated. Our conference attendance is returning to post COVID levels with the addition of the "virtual" offerings and our webinars and learning management curriculum continue to grow. Recently, we received news that now all 50 states have passed legislation that allows eRecording!



As we reflect on the first 20 years of PRIA, reaching the milestone of all states allowing eRecording is amazing. But what will be the defining topic for PRIA in the next 20 years? We need you to stay involved and help us navigate the changing times ahead. I believe the format of PRIA where we bring government and business together is the best environment to help us create the future together.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President for the past two years. It has been my honor to serve this organization.

Jerry Lewallen
President

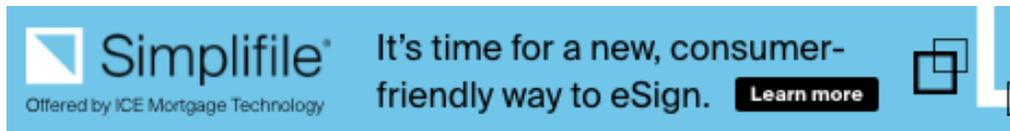


Indexing Best Practices Posted for 30-Day Comment

During its July 20, 2022 meeting, the PRIA Board of Directors, approved the release of the *Indexing Best Practices* paper for a 30-day comment period.

This paper updates PRIA's *Best Practices: Indexing Names and Parties* published in 2015. The work group was chaired by Carrie Kilgore, Crawford Co., AR, and Kim LeGate, eRecording Partners Network. The work group has been meeting every two weeks since November 2021 to review an extensive list of indexing practices.

To access the document, click [here](#). Please submit your comments directly to [Stevie Kernick](#), PRIA's work group coordinator, no later than 5 p.m., ET, Monday, August 29, 2022.



Giving Back to Move PRIA Forward

PRIA is looking for members who are interested in learning more about leadership roles.

The goal is to identify those with an interest in leadership and provide them with information about how to prepare for that role in the future.

As we begin the new membership year for 2022-23, there are currently opportunities to join one of PRIA's five standing committees:

- Communications
- Education
- Governance
- Membership
- Standards & Best Practices

If you are attending the Annual Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, there will be an informational breakfast on Thursday morning, September 1, where you can chat with current PRIA leaders and get the straight facts on different leadership positions.

If you aren't attending the Annual Conference, not to worry. We'll schedule a "learn about leadership" Zoom call later in the fall for you to attend.



Two New Papers Posted to PRIA Resource Library

The PRIA Board of Directors recently approved two work products for publication. Once approved by the board, the PRIA Style Committee steps in to review documents for consistent use of grammar and syntax.

eRecording Best Practices for Submitters, approved for publication on June 15, 2022, is a companion piece to *eRecording Best Practices for Recordors* published in late 2021. With the wider adoption of and greater reliance upon eRecording, PRIA is frequently asked for the best practices and norms for eRecording processes. Both papers set forth the consensus that has been reached on a series of eRecording best practices.

The *Discriminatory Restrictive Covenants* paper was approved by the board for publication on July 20, 2022. Discriminatory covenants are contrary to law and a stain on our national history. Today, land records custodians, real estate stakeholders, and lawmakers are working to provide education about the history of discriminatory restrictive covenants and empower property owners to take action regarding this language in public land records related to their property. This paper provides background, suggested approaches for removing offensive language from the public records, and advice for policymakers.

Visit the PRIA [Resource Library](#) and search using keywords from each paper's title.

PRIA Website Matters – New Recorders

PRIA prides itself on the resources we provide to the property records industry. One of those such resources is perfect for those trying to navigate their new role as a recorder.

Take time and explore the information for new recorders on the PRIA website and learn from those who have walked in your shoes previously.

Whether it's putting together an annual budget or understanding the skills needed to manage supporting staff, PRIA has the information you need to get you started on the path to success.

[New Recorder Info](#)

Welcome New Members

PRIA welcomed seven new members in July.

Government

Genesee Co., MI
Macomb Co., MI
Missaukee Co., MI
Muskegon Co., MI
Winnebago Co, IL

Business

KellPro, Inc
Jim Harper, retired

Total paid membership in PRIA as of July 31, 2022, is 847.

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PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

CSC
Digital Asset Registration Technologies
(DART)
eRecording Partners Network
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Notarize Inc.

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

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