

## VOLUNTEER TO HELP PREP!



PREP provides a **local** structured forum for property records industry stakeholders to meet and work together more effectively. We've found that the over 25 PREP Chapter(s) have improved local working relationships through discussion of local issues and expanded educational opportunities. Networking nationally through [PRIA](#), PREP Chapter participants are better informed and enjoy a stronger voice when addressing federal legislation, standards and best practices. Through [PRIA](#), your Chapter will be provided with information and materials concerning national industry standards, adopted or proposed. [PREP Chapter program assistance](#) is also available covering such topics as eRecording, privacy issues, mortgage fraud, access to bulk records and other topics that impact your office.

### **Get Started!**

**If you already are involved in a PREP Chapter** – keep things going!! Keep meeting and keep talking. The PREP Coordinator is always working on topic ideas for your meetings so don't hesitate to ask her for help! The most consistent PREP Chapters talk about local issues – and there are always issues that government and our business partners need to keep on top of!

**If you'd like to start a Chapter** everything you need to start is on our [PREP website](#) or you can contact [Carolyn Ableman](#) - the National PREP Coordinator - at any time to walk you through the process. It's not hard and the benefits are many. Many PREP Chapters have great stories that we publish regularly about how their chapter made a difference in their county and state – from positively affecting legislation to passing statewide standards for eRecording, redaction and privacy. Here's a brief list of some of [your first steps to starting a PREP Chapter](#) (also on the website):

Congratulations on your decision to organize a PREP Chapter in your area! Click here for a complete [PREP Meeting Pack](#) (includes sample agendas, press releases, invitation and save the date letters). Here are some suggestions to help you get started (these are also in your [PREP handbook](#)):

- **Create a list of individuals** consisting of at least one representative from each sector– title, escrow, recording, lenders, underwriters, and vendors. All sectors of the property records industry are encouraged to participate. If you already have some type of networking group, expand on it.
- **Send an invitation** to all those on the list you created. Develop an agenda covering the purpose of the meeting and discussion items. Keep it simple. See the invitation and agenda samples on the PREP web pages.
- **Meet and discuss the purpose of PREP**, including why and how it was formed. Provide helpful information about PREP, including a review of the operating rules, discuss benefits.
- **Develop an on-going plan** including naming your chapter, finding co-chairs and deciding on a geographical area for your PREP Chapter.
- **Keep the PREP Coordinator informed and use the PRIA/PREP resources and website as much as you'd like. This is YOUR PREP Chapter.**

### **Useful links and phone numbers for PREP:**

- Carolyn Ableman, National PREP Coordinator, 206.972.8451 or [cableman@pria.us](mailto:cableman@pria.us)
- PREP Committee co-chairs: GOV - Susan Kramer at [kramer.susan@co.olmsted.mn.us](mailto:kramer.susan@co.olmsted.mn.us) and BUS – Elizabeth Blosser at [elizabethb@alta.org](mailto:elizabethb@alta.org)
- PREP Chapters Website (via PRIA): <http://www.pria.us/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3311>
- PREP Handbook: [http://www.pria.us/files/public/Committees/PREP/General\\_Docs/PREPHandbook.pdf](http://www.pria.us/files/public/Committees/PREP/General_Docs/PREPHandbook.pdf)
- List of current 2018 PREP Chapter contacts: [https://www.pria.us/files/public/Committees/Outreach/PREP/General\\_Docs/COchairsMtgDates2018.pdf](https://www.pria.us/files/public/Committees/Outreach/PREP/General_Docs/COchairsMtgDates2018.pdf)
- PREP Blog: <http://prepchapters.org/>
- PREP LinkedIn site: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3296949>
- PREP Newsletter – “Working Together” <http://www.pria.us/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3686>

