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["Risk Management: Minimizing Your Exposure"](#) by Darity Wesley

["Redaction Best Practices"](#) by Ann Kirkbride, Carol Foglesong, and Darity Wesley

["Understanding PREP and Starting Your Own PREP Chapter"](#) by Mark Monacelli and Carolyn Ableman

["GIS Workshop"](#) by Kay Wrucke, Brent Jones, Joyce Watts, Peirce Eichelberger, Diane Swoboda-Peterson and Mark Ladd

["Introduction to GIS"](#) by Brent A. Jones, ESRI

["First Time Technology Primer"](#) by Mark Ladd and David Ewan

["How an Idea Becomes a PRIA Standard"](#) by Marc Aronson



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We are happy to announce two new advertisers in this volume of the PREP Newsletter. [eRecording Partners Network](#) and [Mid-America Business Systems](#) have both generously offered to sponsor our communication efforts. (Read complete article)

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Links to National News

[Mortgage Industry Workforce Plummet 51% Since 2006](#) - "The number of employees in the mortgage industry declined 51% between February 2006 and February 2011, which equates to a loss of 257,000 jobs."

[Mortgage Applications Fall for Third Week: MBA](#) - "Applications for U.S. home mortgages fell last week to their lowest level since January as interest rates pushed higher, an industry group said on Wednesday."

[Budget Deal Holds Pain for Housing](#) - "Housing programs targeting everyone from veterans to Native Americans will take a hit under some of the largest spending reductions in U.S. history."

[Mortgage REITs on a Tear as High Yields Fuel Demand](#) - "A few years ago, real-estate investment trusts that bought and sold residential-mortgage securities were a dying breed. Today, they are one of the hottest REIT sectors in the industry."

[Simplifile Names Director of Channel Sales](#) - "Mark Ladd will be responsible for developing and maintaining strategic Simplifile partnerships and county relationships."

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Upcoming PREP Chapter Meetings

April/May 2011

West Central Florida
Metro Minnesota
Central Florida
Red River MN/ND
SE Minnesota
West Michigan
Nebraska
California

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ALTA NEWS: ALTA Forms Approved in February Published as Final

The ALTA Forms Approved by the ALTA Board on February 3, 2011, have completed the Comment Period and have been published in final format.

Three forms have been altered slightly as a result of Comments received: Endorsement Form 9.3-06 (Restrictions Encroachments Minerals), Endorsement Form 13-06 (Leasehold - Owner's), and Endorsement Form 13.1-06 (Leasehold - Loan).

Redlines showing comment period revisions are available, along with the final publication of all new forms, at www.alta.org/forms.

PREP Chapter News

In this newsletter volume, we'll be the "new" [Central Texas PREP Chapter](#). ([Read complete article](#)). You can also read the minutes from any of the [PREP Chapters](#) on the PRIA/PREP website.

Central Texas PREP:

Co-chairs: Business, Eugene Sisneros at eugene.sisneros@redvision.com and Diane Mickunas-Ries at diane.mickunas-ries@manatron.com and Government, Nancy Rister at nrister@wilco.org

The very first Central Texas PREP Chapter Meeting was held on March 17, 2011 in Round Rock, Texas. Nancy Rister welcomed the group warmly and reminded everyone what PREP is. With this group, we can enhance/improve communication and get things done! Diane Mickunas-Ries gave a PRIA/PREP Presentation that provided an overview of what each of the organizations are, how they can help, and information on what other PREP Chapters have been doing. Included in the presentation were success stories from other PREP Chapters. This led to participants adding stories of success from the North Texas Chapter as well. A Legislative update was provided by Dan Bartlett and Tedrah Hutchins. It was suggested, due to the wealth of information provided, we should make Dan Bartlett and Tedrah Hutchins (or anyone at Texas Land Title Association - TLTA) our permanent Legislative Update "updaters". Perhaps someone else could give updates from the Clerk's Association.

Future Topics and Speakers were suggested by Eugene Sisneros. They included suggestions for: Technology topics - (perhaps Steve McDonald could do), Use of Kiosks, eNotarization, eCertification, Attorney Doc Prep Expert (maybe we can reach out to one of our title participants to recommend one as they will feel more involved?), GIS (Diane mentioned "Peirce Eichelberger" to speak. Peirce presented at both PRIA and NACRC and is able to speak on the benefits of using

GIS in Land management for Recordors, Clerks, Assessors, Tax Collectors, etc.), Foreclosures - general information on what to do, how to handle, etc., Eugene suggested a few TX Default Attorneys that would be happy to present, FBI - land fraud discussion (there is local FBI in Austin that can be brought in), Bulk Records Distribution/sale (there is a PRIA workgroup working on Bulk Sale of data and this is a much-discussed topic throughout all counties across the nation, eRecording Update (ePN and Simplifile can provide 'submitter' information). Vendors can provide technical updates, etc. The next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2011.
