Pennsylvania Electronic Recording Commission

Meeting Minutes

Via WexEx hosted by the Pennsylvania Department of State Harrisburg, PA Wednesday, September 3, 2014 10:00 a.m.

The meeting of the Pennsylvania Electronic Recording Commission was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Janet Kalajainen, Lawrence County Recorder of Deeds. The following individuals were present:

Commission Members:

Janet L. Kalajainen, Lawrence Co. Recorder of Deeds Nancy J. Becker, Montgomery Co. Recorder of Deeds Frederick C. Sheeler, Berks Co. Recorder of Deeds Joe Szafran, Bucks Co. Recorder of Deeds Patricia Streams-Warman, Indiana Co. Recorder of Deeds Cindy Bendroth, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission designee Marc L. Aronson, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries Stuart Keckler, Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation Phillip S. Janney, Pennsylvania Land Title Association Carol Dubie, Pennsylvania Bankers Association

Members Not in Attendance:

Shirley Rockefeller, Bradford Co. Recorder of Deeds Pete W. Weidenboerner, Elk Co. Register and Recorder Evie Rafalko-McNulty, Lackawanna Co. Recorder of Deeds

Department of State Staff:

Martha Brown, Assistant Counsel

Others present:

John Riddell, Simplifile Scott Malfitano, CSC Tom McGivney, CSC Karl Klessig, CSC Mark Wingfield, Property Info

Materials for Consideration

The Commission reviewed and discussed the draft regulations, which were last revised July 31, 2014. Several changes were made, to encompass comments from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Simplifile, CSC, Marc Aronson and New Jersey e-recording rules published in July 2014.

Changes included:

Reference to the PRIA website was added to sections 201.4 and 201.5. The reference to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in section 201.5 was changed to the County Records Committee.

Various clerical changes were made and one legal citation added.

The Commission next discussed the draft Best Practices document and made several clarifying changes to encompass comments from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Simplifile, CSC and Marc Aronson.

The provisions of the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act (Act 100 of 2012) were discussed and the fact that the act does not mandate electronic recording for all counties. The process for promulgating a regulation under the Regulatory Review Act was discussed. The Chair urged that the Commission conclude review of the proposed standards and begin the regulatory review process as soon as possible.

Future Meetings

The date of the next meeting was set for the afternoon of Wednesday, October 8, immediately prior to the regional PRODA conference to be held in State College from October 8-9, 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commission on 10/8/2014