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2024 OCTOBER UPDATE

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CELEBRATING THE DEPUTIES CONFERENCE

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Deputies Conference! Deputies and county leaders from across the state came together to share knowledge, discuss best practices, and explore innovative solutions for the challenges we face. This annual conference serves as a platform for collaboration, professional growth, and the exchange of ideas that help strengthen our communities.

We're excited to share the event's moments with you! Be sure to visit our [conference event page](#) to view the photo gallery and relive some of the highlights.

Thank you for your dedication and participation—we look forward to seeing even more of you next year!

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CERTIFICATION CREDIT

WATCH THE HISTORY OF ILR

Former County Recorders gathered at the last ICRA meeting during the ISAC Conference in August to share their perspectives on the inception of Iowa Land Records and the journey Iowa has taken to create a digital land record management system.

[WATCH THE RECORDING](#)

The ICRA Certification is a two year program to *"provide educational training designed to improve and enhance the management skills, knowledge, and professionalism of Iowa County Recorders, and further enable them to fulfill their elected duties and better serve their community."*

County Recorders and Deputies can earn certification status as a "Certified Recorder" or "Certified Deputy" after completing and maintaining 12 credit hours. Credits can be obtained by attending ICRA Summer School, ISAC Meetings (such as the recorded "History of ILR" video), PRIA, or other outside function as approved by the ICRA Certification Committee. When completed, please submit your approved activity and times to Mary Ward at mward@casscoia.us or Tracy Marshall at hancockrecorder@hancockcountyia.org.

FEE POLICY & MODERNIZATION RESOURCES

In August, the Iowa County Recorders Association overwhelmingly approved the new recording fee policy and modernization initiative. With the support and feedback from the ESS Coordinating Committee, a draft of the legislation is currently being prepared and is set to be introduced in the 2025 legislative session.

We encourage you to review the Fee Policy handout, which is linked below.

[\(Graphic\) TALKING POINTS](#)[\(Text\) TALKING POINTS](#)[FEE POLICY HANDOUT](#)

HOW DO I SPEAK TO MY COUNTY SUPERVISORS & LEGISLATORS?

As we approach the 2025 legislative session, it is important for recorders to share the [Fee Policy & Modernization](#) with their county supervisors and local legislators.

Why is this necessary? County supervisors often play a key role in setting your county's budget and are in regular contact with local legislators, making them essential allies in gaining support for this initiative.

While the talking points cover a lot of information, you don't need to address every detail. Use them as a guide to answer questions and share the most relevant points. The handout is intended as something you can leave behind as resource material with your contact information.

To help start the conversation, we suggest keeping it simple by focusing on the basics: **What, Why, How & When.**

FEE POLICY INTRODUCTION EXAMPLE:

"Hi, I'm (name and title). I wanted to share an exciting initiative we're launching to modernize our recording services. We're proposing a reasonable adjustment to our recording fees, which haven't been updated since 1985. The proposal includes an increase in recording fees to \$10.00 per page while eliminating various "add-on" fees. This simplified fee structure will provide predictable costs for users. Additionally, the modernization plan includes upgrading Iowa's electronic recording system, enhancing search tools, expanding access to property data, and introducing new services like a statewide property notification system. The modernization proposal will be introduced during the 2025 legislative session."

For any questions about the initiative or if you need assistance leading discussions with your community, please reach out to Census Lo-liyong at clo-liyong@clris.com.



MEET YOUR ICRA OFFICERS

During ICRA's last meeting, new officers were sworn into leadership roles within the association.

Pictured from left to right are Mary Ward (Cass) - ISAC Representative; Jamie Stargell (Adams) - Secretary; Ann Ditsworth (Dickinson) - Vice President; Melissa Bahnsen (Cedar) - Treasurer; Lisa Kent (Wapello) - President; Nancy Booten (Lee) - Past President; Megan Clyman (Davis) - Legislative Representative; Stacie Herridge (Story) - Legislative Representative. Roles go into effect in January 2025.

[Like the ICRA LinkedIn Post!](#)

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

Standards and Finance committee members are nominated by the recorders in their respective ICRA districts, and ESS Coordinating Committee members are appointed by the ICRA Executive Board. Policies do allow deputies to be nominated or appointed. Again, confer with the recorder or your supervisor if this would be of interest. From time to time workgroups are organized to take on special projects, and volunteers are sought to participate. Announcements about these activities usually appear in an ILR newsletter.

As a reminder, committee meetings are open to the public and are usually held via Zoom. All future meeting dates are listed below with a new document that includes links to all meetings through December 2024.

Please contact us if you have questions at support@clris.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[All Quarter 4 Meetings](#)
[PDF Download with links](#)

[Finance Subcommittee](#)
[Nov. 7th @ 9 a.m.](#)
[Dec. 5th @ 9 a.m.](#)

Standards Subcommittee
[Oct. 17th Recording.](#)
2025 Dates TBD

ESS Coordinating Committee
[Nov. 14th @ 10 a.m. \(tentative\)](#)
2025 Dates TBD

E-Submission & Search Webinar
[Nov. 12th @ 10 a.m.](#)

WATCH PAST MEETINGS ON YOUTUBE



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—Your Iowa Land Records Team



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