



# From Your Associate Director

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**THE CROWD OF OFFICIALS** at the Naperville education district meeting

**S**UMMER IS AROUND THE CORNER. Spring has welcomed us all with warm temperatures and the promise of longer daylight and outside activities. If your township is hosting summer activities, do not forget to take pictures, interviews and send them to us at the TOI headquarters for consideration in future editions of *Perspective*. The community-based work and projects you are all involved in validate the significant importance of township government in Illinois. We look forward to promoting what townships do in Illinois.

It is my hope that you enjoy your family and community this summer. Get outside and do something!

## **EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE**

The 2015 Education District Program is well underway. We have had two events as I compose this article (Springfield and Naperville). The evaluations have provided positive feedback on the program. The theme this year seems to be carrying the intended message. The program is designed to encourage township officials to look at where they have been, where they are and most importantly, where they are going. As township government continues to be scrutinized, we need to work together to educate the new government leaders on

the value and benefits provided to local communities. Check the agenda and plan to attend one of our education program events scheduled for 2015.

We look forward to seeing officials at the May 21st event in Bloomington.

We have initiated our planning for the 2015 Annual Educational Conference. As we start securing speaker contracts, I would like to invite anyone to recommend a program or speaker that they think would benefit the attendees at the Annual Educational Conference scheduled for November 8-10 in Springfield. It is through our member recommendations that we locate and provide valuable speakers to our program. If you would like to make a recommendation, please contact me by e-mail at [jerry@toi.org](mailto:jerry@toi.org) or contact the TOI office toll free at 866.897.4688.

Remember that the registration for the 2015 Annual Educational Conference opens on July 1, 2015.

## **TOWNSHIP FLAG PROGRAM REMINDER**

2015 will be the third year for the annual parade of Township Flags. I have received several new calls on creating a flag and the program in general. We encourage all townships to participate. The parade of flags is



**SUGAR GROVE TOWNSHIP** (Kane Co.) Assessor Laura Ross and Naperville Township (DuPage Co.) Assessor Warren Dixon III



**DR. PAUL GREEN** with TOI Executive Director Bryan Smith

open to all 1,431 townships in Illinois. Please forward an email to me at [jerry@toi.org](mailto:jerry@toi.org) for additional information or if you would like to secure your spot in the parade lineup. We look forward to seeing many new entries this year.

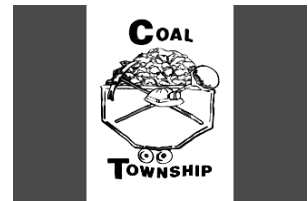
**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED**

TOIPAC is again beginning to secure silent auction items to benefit our PAC fund. We are specifically asking for “paper items”, not gift baskets, for the 2015 auction. If you have event tickets, ballpark tickets, hotel accommodations or other items you would like to donate, please contact the TOI office today. You can call TOI toll free at 866.897.4688.

**TOIPAC RAFFLE REMINDER**



Don't forget to purchase your chance to win some HOLIDAY CASH! Each TOI board member is selling tickets for the 2015 raffle.



Does your township have a flag?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need assistance in creating a township flag?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to participate in a flag parade at opening session of our Annual Educational Conference Nov. 9?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Jerry at [jerry@toi.org](mailto:jerry@toi.org), or fax 217-744-7419

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Township/County \_\_\_\_\_

Email or phone \_\_\_\_\_