



TOIRMA Update

In the mail

The main number for TOIRMA's new Springfield office is 217-744-8010; fax 744-8011. The toll-free number remains the same, 888-562-7861.

THE TOIRMA BOARD has once again declared a dividend would be returned to our members. This dividend will be based on the membership of the 2004-2005 program year. It will be 15 % of the contribution the member contributed that particular year.

This will continue the practice of returning dividends to the members for the 19th consecutive year. To be eligible for the dividend, the member must have been a member in good standing for the five previous years.

The TOIRMA Program currently has 1,360 township and road district members and 313 Multi Township Assessing Districts. The 1,294 members who are eligible will receive \$1,805,147 in dividends this year. This year's dividend will bring the total returned to our members to \$25,549,660 since the practice began.

The dividend, while certainly not guaranteed, is possible because of the strength of this program during these difficult times. It is also possible because many of our members are really diligent about observing adequate loss control measures to assist in the

reduction of the number of claims. Last year was a difficult year in the number and cost of claims, but this one looks to improve in that area.

Please note the checks will be clearly marked—VOID 60 DAYS AFTER ISSUE DATE. It is important for the receiving member to deposit this dividend check into the correct account upon receipt. The effort required to make phone calls and respond to misplaced checks is a cumbersome process when the time could be allocated to a much better purpose. The dividend check will be mailed to the designated contact person on March 15th. If your township or road district is a member of TOIRMA and meets the eligibility to receive a dividend, it would be appropriate for you to inquire of that designed person whether or not the check had been deposited into the correct account in a timely manner. The inquiry may assist us in increasing our efficiency, which will help reduce associated costs to the program.

Please call if I can be of assistance.

— Rod

