



From Your Associate Director

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Bringing Back the Southern Spring Conference!

This month, June 10, we are hosting what we are referring to as the Southern Spring Conference. The intent is to provide a conference experience in this part of the state similar to the fall conference held in central Illinois. Many of our officials in this part of Illinois are part time and are unable to attend the annual conference for numerous reasons.

Our keynote speaker is Dr. Glenn Poshard, who is no stranger to Southern Illinois. In addition we have numerous educational programs that will help officials increase their awareness of changes in Illinois law to their duties and responsibilities as elected township officials.

Plans for the 2015 Annual Educational Conference are underway. The July/August edition of *Perspective* magazine will launch the registration process and a first look at the program line up. I encourage all of you to put this on your June or July township meeting agenda and get all necessary approval by the board to attend the conference.

The success of the 2015 TOPICS DAY is proof that we have the support of our membership to actively convey the township message to members of the Illinois General Assembly. The lobbying efforts of all who attended the event is appreciated. As we move forward toward the end of the current session, I encourage all of you to watch your e-mail for legislative alerts. Additionally, become a fan of our FACEBOOK page and watch for updated legislative videos on our legislative agenda.

As we move through the summer months, please don't forget to forward pictures and event information that will help us showcase the events and special occasions that occur in your township. Our township sponsored community events are some of the best in Illinois and we want to share that recognition throughout our membership.

County Association Notice

If you are a member of an active county association that is planning a meeting this summer/fall, please notify TOI so we can assist in an educational program. We work with county association meeting planners to create a valuable program that benefits your township officials.

Education Program Update

As a reminder, the **Professional Development Program** has open registration for the events scheduled for July 24. This program will provide an overview by representatives of the Township Attorneys Division on recent cases and changes in Illinois law impacting township government. This daylong program is limited to 25 registrations and is held at the TOI headquarters in Springfield. Register today by completing the registration form included in this publication of *Perspective* or by downloading the form from the website at www.toi.org.

TOI Conference Offers App Technology

Returning this year is the CONFERENCE APP. This technology opportunity is being provided to enhance your conference experience. It is available for download on all Apple and Android devices. Exhibitors and educational sessions are just a few items that are accessible with this app. We are planning to release the app with the July/August issue of *Perspective*, when the confer-

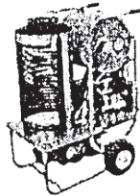
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