



TOIRMA Update

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TOIRMA Executive Director

New Term of Office Begins – Use TOIRMA Resources

SPRING IS MY FAVORITE TIME of the year. The grass is turning green, the flowers and trees are blooming, the temperature is warming up, and yes, baseball has begun. These items are always welcomed with open arms, but even more so after 2020. Last year was quite unique and one I hope we don't have to experience again. That said, now let's look forward to 2021 and beyond.

The new township term of office begins May 17, 2021, for all township officials except for assessors and tax collectors whose term begins on January 1, 2022. Whether you are a veteran township official or a first timer, the new term is an opportunity of renewal.

If you are retiring later this month, thank you very much for your service to township government. Your dedication to your township is appreciated. TOIRMA Members, please keep the following resources in-mind during your new term, and if you are retiring, please pass this information along to your successors.

Human Resources Help Line (888) 472-6785

The Human Resources Help Line is valuable resource available to all TOIRMA Members at no-charge. Help Line professionals are available to assist TOIRMA Members with questions relating to hiring, disciplining and documentation, legal termination, and employment policies, rules, regulations, and practices. No matter what the employment issue is, please make sure you are consulting with TOIRMA through the Help Line *before* taking action. This will help ensure that you get off to a good start to the new term of office.

TOIRMA Contact Sheet

Sometimes, knowing who to call is all you need. The TOIRMA Team prides ourselves on helping Members with risk management questions. Please feel free to contact us regarding your coverages. Service to our Members remains a priority for the TOIRMA Program. Please refer to the TOIRMA website for a complete listing of staff and their contact information, <https://toirma.org/about-us/staff>.

Members Only Section of toirma.org

TOIRMA recently launched a new "Members Only" section of the TOIRMA website. The section provides

Members access to Video Training, categorized Risk Reminders on numerous safety topics available to download, Safety Items for order, and other Helpful Resources.

Accessing the "Members Only" section is easy by following the steps below.

- Go to the TOIRMA website, toirma.org.
- Once on our site, click on the "Members Only" button located in the top right corner of your screen.
- You will then be prompted to register by inputting your email address.
- If your email address is already in our system, you will receive an email with the instructions to set up a password, and you're all set.
- If your email is not in our system, you will be prompted to fill out a short form that will be emailed to TOIRMA. A member of our staff will contact you for verification, and you will then be provided access.

We appreciate your attention to these matters. We hope that by utilizing these tools, you will have a successful new term of office.

As always, if you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me toll-free at (888) 562-7861 or by email at jdonelan@toirma.org.

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TOIRMA ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR Matt Knight celebrated his 50th Birthday on April 9th. Executive Director Jim Donelan was kind enough to decorate the TOIRMA office in celebration.

TOIRMA Dividends

THE TOIRMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES voted to issue a dividend to all eligible members. To be eligible, members must have been in the TOIRMA Program for the previous five consecutive years. This is the 30th consecutive year the Board of Trustees has declared a dividend to eligible members.

It pays to be a member of TOIRMA! TOIRMA is a self-funded intergovernmental pool established to provide coverages exclusively for Illinois townships that are members of the Township Officials of Illinois.

Officials across the state have been receiving their dividend checks. Member names will be published in the *Township Perspective* if the dividend check is not cashed by May 31, 2021.



TOIRMA MEMBER SERVICES ASSOCIATE Mickey Goral presents the dividend check to Freeport Township (Stephenson Co.) Finance Director Liza Pattat and Supervisor Patrick Sellers.



TOIRMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Jim Donelan presenting the dividend check to Supervisor Curtis McCall (Centreville Township, St. Clair Co.).



ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR Matt Knight and Executive Director Jim Donelan present the dividend check to Township Clerk Sherry Tite (Wood River Township, Madison Co.).



TOIRMA ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR Matt Knight and Executive Director Jim Donelan present Supervisor Sarah Grammar (Normal Township, McLean Co.) the dividend check.