



from your Associate Director

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EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE

The Township Government Education Network's (TGEN) launch of the Newly Elected Officials Training holds the first event in Lisle on July 13th! We are excited to bring this new program to the newly elected officials in this part of the state. Our database has been updated and registration information was mailed to all Township Supervisors.

The program is aimed as a return to the basics for all elected township officials. Please plan on attending one of the four (4) scheduled trainings offered this summer. You can register on line at www.toi.org or from the registration form included in this edition of *Perspective*.

CALLING ALL WEBINAR TOPICS

If you are interested in a particular webinar topic for our LUNCH AND LEARN WEBINAR series, please forward your thoughts and ideas to me at jerry@toi.org. Remember that we have a complete library of available webinars available from our website. These 60-minute web based tools provide information on a variety of topics related to your duties as an elected township official.

THE 2017 TOI EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN

It is great to finally release the 2017 Fall conference registration materials and event information. There are a few changes this year to the overall program so follow up with those in this edition of *Perspective*. Please promote attending this event to your entire township board. There is something for everyone.

For the education program component of the program, we are offering the following courses:

Monday, Nov. 13

Session A (Eight individual, concurrent 60-minute educational sessions)

- AITCOY (Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth) sponsored program: Prescription Painkillers – The New Heroin Epidemic
- ITASCSC (Illinois Townships Association of Senior Citizens Services) sponsored program: Yoga and Meditation for Health on All Levels

- Township Cemeteries in 2017
- Technology in Township Government
- Prevailing Wage and Contracts in Township Road Districts
- Social Security Disability: Change and Confusion
- Township Clerks Nuts and Bolts
- IMRF Update

Session B (Eight individual, concurrent 60-minute educational sessions)

- AITCOY sponsored program: The New Heroin Epidemic – The Impact of Use within Your Township
- ITASCSC sponsored program: A Gift of Hope – Life Goes On
- Controlling Township Workers Compensation Costs
- Technology in Township Government
- Best Financial Practices in Township Government
- Planning for the Township Audit – Annual and Quadrennial
- Common Policies and Procedures All Townships Should Have
- Cyber Liability and its impact on Township Government

Session C (Seven individual, concurrent 60-minute educational sessions)

- AITCOY sponsored program: Heroin in Your Township – What Can Your Township Do

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- ITASCSC sponsored program: Mason Jars, Mugs and Mocktails Projects
- Three “HOT” Topics in Township Government Employment Law
- Ask a Township Attorney Panel
- Serving the People: How Township Government Works
- The Basics of the Township Drug Program with Mid-West Truckers Association
- Planning for the Township Audit – Annual and Quadrennial

Tuesday, Nov. 14

Session A (*opposite the awards breakfast if you are not attending*)

- Public Works “Mutual Aid” Network Program Overview
- Township Budget 411

Session B (Eight individual, concurrent 60-minute educational sessions)

- Local Update on Census Addresses Operation Program
- Public Works “Mutual Aid” Network Program Overview
- How To Run An Effective Township Board Meeting
- QuickBooks and Township Government ... Learn the Basics
- Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades in Township Government
- Freedom of Information Act / Open Meetings Act
- Construction, Bidding and Purchasing in Township Government

- Archiving Township Government Records

Session C (Eight individual, concurrent 60-minute educational sessions)

- Serving the People: How Township Government Works
- QuickBooks and Township Government ... Learn the Basics
- Township Government and the Media – What To Do
- Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades in Township Government
- Social Media and Township Government
- FOIA / OMA
- What To Know about Township Personnel Policies
- Archiving Township Government Records

Session D (Eight individual, concurrent 60-minute educational sessions)

- TOI Legislative Update
- Construction, Bidding and Purchasing in Township Government
- Archiving Township Government Records
- Tree Trimming in Township Road Districts
- Serving the People: How Township Government Works
- Cyberliability and its Impact on Township Government
- Township Government and the Media – What to Do
- I Purchased the GA Manual – NOW WHAT

New this year, we are recommending the following SCHEDULE of education programs for those attending the conference for the first time and may or may not be newly-elected township officials. This is only a recommendation.

Monday Session A	Technology in Township Government
	Township Clerks Nuts and Bolts
Monday Session B	Common Policies and Procedures All Townships Should Have
Monday Session C	Serving the People: How Township Government Works
Tuesday Session A	Township Budget 411
	<i>Only if you are NOT planning to attend the Awards Breakfast</i>
Tuesday Session B	How to Run an Effective Township Board Meeting
Tuesday Session C	FOIA / OMA
Tuesday Session D	Construction, Bidding and Purchasing in Township Government

CONFERENCE APP AVAILABLE NOW!


2017 is the fourth year for the conference APP. This is relatively new technology for conference attendees but very useful in planning your TOI educational program experience. The purpose of the APP is to eliminate your reliance on paper copies of the agenda and course offerings as well as evaluations. Watch the magazine for APP updates as we get closer to the November conference. There are a few new items with the 2017 conference app that we have not had in the past. You can download the app in advance of the conference.

5th Annual Conference TOWNSHIP FLAG PROGRAM

The fifth Annual Presentation of Township Flags takes place during the opening session on Monday, Nov. 13. If your township has a township flag, please email me and register to present your flag at the opening session of the conference. We have had over 20 participants in past years and look forward to breaking the 2016 record of participation. If you are interested, please forward your township information to me as well as who will be the flag bearer during opening session.

COUNTY ASSOCIATION SEASON IS UPON US

With every four-year term kickoff, we promote the use of county associations of townships to promote

what you do in your individual areas of the state. Much can be accomplished by working with neighboring townships and networking in offering efficient, effective services to township residents. Of the 85 counties that operate under the township form of government in Illinois, we only have about 20 active county associations. If you are involved in the process already or interested in bringing a once active county association back to life, let us know. We are happy to assist in promoting county township organizational activities. If your county association is hosting an event or you are trying to organize a meeting, please let us know if we can assist. 

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