



from your Associate Director

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Navigating Through Township Government

ARE YOU READY TO NAVIGATE through the 2018 Conference Agenda for innovative and educational opportunities for all township officials? The 2018 Annual Educational Conference schedule and events have been finalized. The next thing on the Associations TO DO LIST, besides final touches to the event, is to welcome all of you to the annual event on Sunday, November 11, 2018. This year, like all others, the Conference Committee and TOI staff have created opportunities for everyone to enjoy, network and learn new things about the roles of elected township officials in Illinois. The Association is looking forward to seeing everyone in November. Register today at www.toi.org or with the forms included in Perspective magazine.

Highlights for the 2018 Conference!

The Conference APP is returning. This is an easy way to pre plan your conference experience. You can review the schedule in advance and select the education program you are interested in attending.

The APP provides the following:

- A preview of the schedule
- Access to events schedules any time and customize your conference experience
- Review speaker bios and information in advance of their schedule educational sessions
- Download / review their handouts prior to attending their session
- Review the Exhibitor listing and view their location on the exhibit floor
- Get updates and offers to participants specifically for APP users
- Share comments, pics and engagement opportunities with attendees

The Exhibit Hall

The Sunday evening main attractions is the Exhibit Hall. The venue provides an opportunity for township officials to visit with various vendors that provide township products and services. Additionally, the various division of the Association have exhibits promoting participation in the divisions contribution to the overall

success of the association.

There are cell phone charging stations and refreshments available in the exhibit hall to make your networking opportunities even better. Take advantage of the products, services and networking opportunities provided in the 2018 Exhibit Hall.

Opening Session

The 2018 Opening Session starts with promoting the townships participating in the flag program. This year, like others we have over 25 participating townships. The object of the entrance activity highlights the community and promotion of the services provided by townships across the state. Support these townships and if your township does not currently have a township flag we encourage you to adopt the program. The keynote speaker this year promises to deliver a message all in attendance can use in their townships to promote the government closest to the people.

Concurrent Educational Sessions

There are education tracks offered on Monday and Tuesday. Conference attendees can register for the entire conference or if your schedule only accommodates limited participation we have single day registration opportunities for either day. There are several opportunities and course development for each of the individual elected positions that make up a township board.

The Monday Evening Reception

From 6-7pm, prior to the Banquet, the Association is offering a reception (cash bar) to welcome you to the event and meet township officials from across the state of Illinois who have come together in Springfield to learn, network and share township experiences.

Banquet

The Banquet is on Monday evening (a separate ticket is needed to attend). Plan to attend the Banquet. This event was moved last year in an effort to promote the first day of the conference and all attendees. This frees up Tuesday evening for dinner on your own opportunities at one of the great Springfield dining attractions.