



From Your Executive Director

Your vote is vital to the election process

IN JUST A MONTH, on November 2, 2010, we will have the opportunity to vote for the candidates of our choice in the races for U.S. Senate, Governor, and a host of other state and county offices up for election.

While the news media focuses most of its attention on the race for Governor and other statewide offices, we cannot forget just how important our vote is in determining the winner in these races. While these races are very important, it may be that to us at the township government level, candidates for the General Assembly are more important.

Elsewhere in this magazine, you will find a listing of those candidates for election or re-election to the Illinois General Assembly that were endorsed by your political action committee, TOIPAC. I strongly encourage you to review the list and support them in their election efforts.

TOIPAC sent letters in July to all candidates. Non-incumbents were asked if they were interested in being endorsed. If they were interested, they were asked to respond with a brief statement describing their views on township government.

On the other hand, incumbents were asked to contact us only if they were *not* interested in being endorsed and no incumbent made such a request. The

voting records on key TOI issues were examined for incumbents and used as a gauge for determining support for township government of those incumbents seeking re-election. As mentioned earlier, the TOIPAC Committee met and eventually made the endorsements found in this issue.

Unfortunately, TOIPAC will not be able to provide much financial assistance to many of the candidates it has endorsed. Hopefully, these candidates will be able to point to our endorsement with pride.

Active support of pro-township candidates by TOI members is vital. Be sure to talk to the candidates in your area running for the General Assembly. Volunteer for the campaigns of the endorsed candidates and actively support them. All candidates are elected locally, one vote at a time, in each of Illinois' 11, 208 precincts. If we keep that in mind, then our status as active local officials is elevated even more.

Remember, our collective votes will make a difference on November 2.

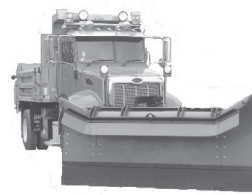
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