



from your Associate Director

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District Education Program Update

The four education programs are completed. As the program winds down we had a great turnout for the Education District Program at all four events. We now turn gears and focus on planning for the fall conference as well as the 2017 election cycle.

I want to thank the TOI staff members for all of their work in making the education programs run smoothly. Additionally, thank you to the various division board members who volunteered and assisted with registration and other behind the scenes jobs to make each event a success.

To the vendors that contributed to the financial responsibilities of providing the programs, your continued support is greatly appreciated. Please take time to talk to these and all vendors who support the work of the Township Officials of Illinois. Their continuous support is highly valued.

WEBINAR Program is a success

The 2016 WEBINAR program is reaching many new members interested in taking short educational programs from their home or office. We are looking for new webinar topics all the time. If you have a program or suggestion to offer for consideration please forward the information to me at Jerry@toi.org. We have averaged 9-25 participants on the program and look forward to more programs in the future.

Professional Development Update

Mark your calendars for the August 12th event in Springfield. We have planned a course that will dive deep into preparing for the 2017 election. I have a representative from the State Board of Elections coming

to discuss the process and changes that have occurred from the last election cycle. Register by completing the form included in this edition of *Perspective*.

Additionally, we have a speaker on image and representing yourself as an elected official. The program will be from 10 am-3 pm on August 12, 2016 and includes lunch.

CONFERENCE UPDATE

Yes, July is the launch of the conference registration season. The 2016 Annual Education Conference is here! We have planned several educational programs that assist in performing your duties and responsibilities as an elected township official. Some of the things we are planning include the following:

CONFERENCE APP

2016 is the third year for the conference app. As you know, the purpose of the app is to eliminate your reliance on paper and introduce you to an interactive way of participating in your planning and evaluation of the conference. You may download the app in advance of the conference and start planning which education programs you would like to attend.

TOIRMA has agreed to partner with TOI as a primary sponsor of the conference APP. Watch the website and *Perspective* for updates on the App's availability.

With over 50 percent of conference attendees downloading and utilizing the App for their conference experience, it has proven to be an efficient tool. Watch future issues of *Perspective* for download instructions as well as advertisement opportunities for the Conference App.

**In the next issue ...
Preparing for the 2017 Election Cycle**

FLAG PROGRAM RETURNS

The Fourth Annual Presentation of Township Flags program is being planned. If your township is interested in participating in the great program please complete the form below and return it to the TOI office. You can also email your information to me at Jerry@toi.org. What we need is the name of all townships participating as well as the individual that will represent the township in the parade of flags during the opening session on Monday, November 14, 2016.

COUNTY ASSOCIATION SEASON IS HERE

TOI receives many county association speaking requests during the summer months. In June, Bryan and I attended the Township Officials of Cook County. I am headed to Franklin County as well as Jersey County in June and July. If your county association group is interested in scheduling a meeting and would like assistance in determining a location and program, please contact the TOI office at 866.897.4688 or reach me directly at Jerry@toi.org. This is an effective way to communicate township issues with everyone in your individual areas.



Does your township have a flag?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you need assistance in creating a township flag?

Yes _____ No _____

Would you like to participate in a flag parade at opening session of our Annual Educational Conference Nov. 13?

Yes _____ No _____

Please contact Jerry at jerry@toi.org, or fax 217-744-7419

Name/Title _____

Township/County _____

Email or phone _____

CONFERENCE HOLIDAY FOOD PANTRY PROJECT LAUNCH

As part of the Conference theme this year, *Township Government: Neighbors Serving Neighbors*, the conference committee is wanting to



generate support for a food basket program offering all conference attendees an opportunity to assist in giving back to the community. We are asking for private donations (not township funds) to assist in purchasing nonperishable food basket

items. Each conference attendee will have an opportunity during conference exhibit hours to fill food baskets to be delivered to a local Springfield charity in anticipation of offering a needy family a holiday meal. The baskets preparation area is part of the TOI vendor booth space this year.

We are asking for donations and the names of the individuals, as well as the townships they represent, will be listed as a sponsor of the program. Please note that Township funds CANNOT be used as a donation for this program. We are asking for personal donations from elected officials. Please forward your donation to me at the TOI office. Checks may be made payable to the Township Officials of Illinois. Please help us help others and participate in giving back to the community.

Food items will be purchased from local grocery stores with sufficient support. If we do not receive a minimum of \$350, TOI reserves the right to cancel the project.

If you have any questions or are interested in assisting at the TOI booth with this program please let me know. Questions can be sent to me at Jerry@toi.org.

EDUCATION PROGRAM LISTING

The following is a listing of over 20 proposed education programs for the 2016 Annual Education Conference.

- Working with your organization
- DCFS 101 Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
- What Happens After you Make the Call
- When the Investigation is Finished
- Hiring and Firing Practices in Township Government
- The Township Budget Crisis
- Check Lists for Survivors
- Stress Relief Painting
- Government Consolidation: New Laws, Proposed Laws, that Townships Need to Worry About
- Legislative Review from the 99th Illinois General Assembly
- State Budget Crisis and its impact on Youth programs

- ❑ The POWER of TED (Empowerment Dynamic)
- ❑ Looking toward the 2017 Election Cycle
- ❑ Developing a Township Program that works what are the steps?
- ❑ Top Tips to keep your Township out of court
- ❑ The Protector of Township Highway Commissioners from Liability
- ❑ Prevailing Wage in Township Government
- ❑ Mind and Body Skills for Reducing Stress
- ❑ Characteristics of a Well Built Township Road
- ❑ Ask and Attorney Panel of Township Attorneys
- ❑ General Parliamentary Procedure in Township Government
- ❑ Right of Way (Common Problems in Township Government)
- ❑ A look at the 2017 Election Process with the State Board of Elections
- ❑ Creating a Township Day in your Township
- ❑ How a Bill Becomes a Law (What Does it all Mean?)
- ❑ Social Security and General Assistance Applications – What to Know

The final program and schedule is made available in the October *Perspective* magazine. You can register for the conference effective July 1, 2016 and determine your individual agendas in October after downloading the conference APP.

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