



# from your Associate Director

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## *The importance of Attending a program sponsored by TOI!*

**W**E HAVE HELD three Education District events so far this program year and the acceptance by officials attending the events evaluated by returned evaluations is that they are achieving their intended goals and objectives. TOI thanks everyone from volunteers to participants for achieving great success in 2018!

These education district programs provide positive interaction with our elected Township Officials across the state as well as endless networking opportunities on the goals and objectives of Township government state-wide. Two of the events we have held so far, this year were evening events (Mt. Sterling and Mt. Vernon). Both meetings provide an opportunity for elected township officials who have day time commitments the opportunity to attend an association sponsored program.

Many new issues are impacting townships statutory requirements. Attending one of the programs provided

by the association ensures that you are kept aware of any changes to your requirements as an elected township official. There are four left so register now at [www.toi.org](http://www.toi.org) or from the registration form(s) printed in this edition of *Perspective*.

Don't forget to check out our list of webinars and professional development courses. Register early!!

### **Do you have a speaker or program to recommend?**

As we enter fall conference 2018 planning season, I am asking all of the association's members to provide suggestions for programs you would like to see at the fall conference. If you have a recommendation to provide to the Education Committee for the 2018 Conference program line up, please forward your suggestions to me at [Jerry@toi.org](mailto:Jerry@toi.org).

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**Don't wait until the last minute!**

**Make your reservation for this machine in March, April or May before the busy season hits!**

## Professional Development Course Added!

The Association is excited to announce a **BONUS** Professional Development Day event. I have been working with Ms. Kristen Olson to organize a course specific to TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT and grant information. This course is designed to provide an in-depth discussion on how to search for and secure grant funding available to local government—specifically TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT. The following summary has been provided.

**Title:** *Grant Writing 101*

*JULY 13, 2018*

**Course Description:** You know the challenges of funding your local programs. You also know that grant funding is one piece of a diverse funding plan. Applying for grants, however, is time-consuming and requires specialized expertise. This one-day seminar is designed for Illinois township officials and employees with little or no experience writing a grant proposal. Kristin Olson will help you discern if a grant opportunity is a good fit for your funding needs. Then she'll walk you through the process of writing a grant narrative, including the need statement, evaluation plan, and budget. Last, but not least, Kristin will pass along a few of her tips of the trade to help you put the finishing touches on your proposal before you submit it.

**SPEAKER:** Kristin Olson, Grant Writing Specialist with Grants Galore, has submitted more than 500 grant proposals over the past 20 years. With a success rate of 52%, she has secured \$100.8 million in grant funds and

government contracts for Illinois nonprofits and units of local government. She lives and works and votes in Cartwright Township (named for Peter Cartwright, the circuit-riding preacher and political rival of Abraham Lincoln) in Pleasant Plains, Sangamon County.

## TOI Releases new promotional video

Make sure you check out our new promotional video highlighting what we do regarding education, legislation and overall promotion of township government. The new promotional public relations piece can be viewed from our website homepage at [www.toi.org](http://www.toi.org). Share this new educational video with your township at the next scheduled meeting.

## Association Meetings are being scheduled

On my calendar the past few months has been an increased number of county associations. Remember that this is an effective way to get township in your particular county involved in local government. If you know of a county association meeting or would like assistance in securing an education program or guest speaker for you event please contact the TOI office at 866.897.4688 or email me at [jerry@toi.org](mailto:jerry@toi.org).

Enjoy summer and all it offers. Please remember to send us your photos of summer programs and events being held in your townships. We like to promote what is going on and how others can learn from great things happening.



# Professional Development



**K**URT ASPROOTH ATTORNEY with Ancel Glink and David Evans, Deputy Director of Cemetery Oversight & Funeral for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, led the second Professional Development of the year on April 13 at the TOI Office in Springfield. The course covered exploring the basics of township cemeteries, including authority of a township to assume control of an existing cemetery as well as revenue sources available. This session was the second in a total of five Professional Developments that will be offered in 2018. Be sure to sign up for the next one, which will take place on June 22, covering the Basics of QuickBooks for Township Government.