

## Our Purpose:

The Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers is comprised of General Assistance staff as authorized by each Township Supervisor. The designated staff is recognized as associate members of the Township Officials of Illinois. Dues are \$25.00 annually in addition to the portion of the dues collected by TOI for its Associate memberships. The objective of the Association is to educate General Assistance staff and to ensure consistent implementation of General Assistance programs throughout the State of Illinois.

## Our Division

- \* Contributes to TOI Scholarships
- \* Sponsors Conference Speakers
- \* Maintains General Assistance Caseworkers website information

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#### HISTORY

On November 9, 1970 at the 61st Annual Convention of the Township Officials of Illinois, 25 people met at a seminar for Township Social Workers. James M. Brown, Chief of Operations for the Department of Public Aid, gave the address. Mr. Brown congratulated the group for “having this first meeting of Township General Assistance Social Workers.” At the Annual Convention in November 2010, the Social Workers Division celebrated 40 years since its inception.

During the early years, there were two meetings at the conference: the Seminar for Social Workers and a Joint Meeting with the Supervisor’s Division.

In 1983, it was announced that \$10 from each registration fee of the social workers attending the conference would be paid to the Social Workers’ Division by TOI.

In 1986, George Miller, Executive Director of TOI, welcomed delegates and guests to the Social Workers’ Division meeting and spoke to the important role the Supervisor and Social Worker play in local government units.

At the 1994 meeting, Bryan Smith, representing George, stated that “social workers are the driving force behind Supervisors and that our jobs are vital and important to township government.” He urged us “to continue to be more active and visible in statewide organizations.”

## WHERE WE ARE HEADED

The Executive Board is proposing to change the name of the division to the “Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers.” The name change would indicate that any person working with General Assistance is eligible for enrollment. Changing the name better identifies the purpose and direction of the division as well as help to increase membership.

The Association is looking ahead to a great year. We are reaching out to townships statewide to assist them with connecting to local community resources and services available to better serve residents.

At the 2016 TOI Educational Conference the Association will be hosting an Educational Session with Attorney Jeffrey Rabin.

Jeffrey Rabin has been representing individuals with disabilities and medical/legal issues since 1980. He began this law firm in 1988 to focus his practice in the representation of disabled persons seeking Social Security disability benefits.

Finally, In 2016 we hope to build membership so we can continue to do great things within the Association and for all Townships.



Please mail payment to:

Illinois Township of General Assistance Caseworkers of TOI, c/o Kindra  
Cunningham, 143 Arnold Road, East Peoria, Illinois 61611.

\_\_\_ Yes, I want to be a member please find my \$25 check is enclosed.

\_\_\_ No, I do not want to join, but please keep me on your mailing list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

