



from your Associate Director

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SEPTEMBER WELCOMES THE END OF SUMMER and the official start of the 2017 conference season. We are excited to finalize our plans for the 2017 TOI Annual Educational Conference. Our Newly Elected Official Training programs have concluded and the outpouring of support by new and returning township officials has proven our program goals and objectives to be successful. Your **INVOLVEMENT** as an elected township official to **EDUCATE** and **PROMOTE** our existence on the local government landscape is imperative. The programs we offer this year are designed to assist in promoting what you do at the local level, and to promote your **TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT** services and connection to the community. Together we will continue to improve the education and promotion of township activities.

The turnover this year with the election and new term officially beginning May 15th provides several new faces and new outlooks on the services provided by townships across Illinois. You are encouraged to learn from the past and promote the future existence of township government in your area. If we are going to effectively confront the anti-township/government consolidation efforts currently on the forefront with the Illinois General Assembly, we are required to do our part in educating our electors and elected officials on the importance and benefits of township government. We are not saying that consolidation may not be the most cost-effective alternative in some areas of the state. However, we ask that the financial impact and cost savings be provided prior to initiating any formal consolidation effort. Together we can educate everyone on the existence and importance of township government. Therefore, the Association is encouraged and excited about the educational component of the 2017 program year.

2017 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The Conference App will be available October 1st. We encourage early registration for the conference as well as following the schedule in the conference APP to plan your education schedule of programming while you are here attending the conference. Information is available online at www.toi.org and in the *Perspective*

magazine. The APP has a small change this year; you are no longer asked to download the APP from your relevant APP store. You are required to download the Crowd Compass Attendee App from your iTunes /Play store. After you download the Crowd Compass App, you search for "TOI2017" in the search box to locate the event app. We will have a direct link in the email confirmation you receive after you register for the conference.

THE 2017 TOI EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN

It is great to finally release the 2017 Fall conference registration materials and event information. There are a few changes this year to the overall program so follow up with those in this edition of *Perspective*. Please promote attending this event to your entire township board. There is something for everyone.

For the education program component of the program, we are offering the following courses:

MONDAY, NOV. 13

Session A (Eight individual, concurrent 60-minute educational sessions)

- AITCOY sponsored program: Prescription Painkillers – The New Heroin Epidemic
- ITASCSC sponsored program: Yoga and Meditation for Health on All Levels
- Township Cemeteries in 2017
- Technology in Township Government
- Prevailing Wage and Contracts in Township Road Districts
- Social Security Disability: Change and Confusion
- Township Clerks Nuts and Bolts
- IMRF Update

Session B (Eight individual, concurrent 60-minute educational sessions)

- AITCOY sponsored program: The New Heroin Epidemic – The Impact of Use within Your Township
- ITASCSC sponsored program: A Gift of Hope – Life Goes On
- Controlling Township Workers Compensation Costs

- Technology in Township Government
- Best Financial Practices in Township Government
- Planning for the Township Audit – Annual and Quadrennial
- Common Policies and Procedures All Townships Should Have
- Cyber Liability and its impact on Township Government

Session C (Seven individual, concurrent 60-minute educational sessions)

- AITCOY sponsored program: Heroin in Your Township – What Can Your Township Do
- ITASCSC sponsored program: Mason Jars, Mugs and Mocktails Projects
- Three “HOT” Topics in Township Government
- Employment Law
- Ask a Township Attorney Panel
- Serving the People: How Township Government Works
- The Basics of the Township Drug Program with Mid-West Truckers Association
- Planning for the Township Audit – Annual and Quadrennial

TUESDAY, NOV. 14

Session A (*opposite the awards breakfast if you are not attending*)

- Public Works” Mutual Aid” Network Program Overview
- Township Budget 411

Session B (Eight individual, concurrent 60-minute educational sessions)

- Local Update on Census Addresses Operation Program
- Public Works “Mutual Aid” Network Program Overview
- How To Run An Effective Township Board Meeting
- QuickBooks and Township Government ... Learn the Basics
- Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades in Township Government
- FOIA / OMA
- Construction, Bidding and Purchasing in Township Government
- Archiving Township Government Records

Session C (Eight individual, concurrent 60-minute educational sessions)

- Serving the People: How Township Government Works
- QuickBooks and Township Government ... Learn

the Basics

- Township Government and the Media – What To Do
- Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades in Township Government
- Social Media and Township Government
- FOIA / OMA
- What To Know about Township Personnel Policies
- Archiving Township Government Records

Session D (Eight individual, concurrent 60-minute educational sessions)


- TOI Legislative Update
- Construction, Bidding and Purchasing in Township Government
- Archiving Township Government Records
- Tree Trimming in Township Road Districts
- Serving the People: How Township Government Works
- Cyberliability and its Impact on Township Government
- Township Government and the Media – What to Do
- I Purchased the GA Manual – NOW WHAT

New this year, we are recommending the following SCHEDULE of education programs for those attending the conference for the first time and may or may not be newly-elected township officials. This is only a recommendation.

- Monday Session A: Technology in Township Government**
- Monday Session B: Township Clerks Nuts and Bolts**
- Monday Session C: Common Policies and Procedures All Townships Should Have**
- Monday Session D: Serving the People: How Township Government Works**
- Tuesday Session A: Township Budget 411**
Only if you are NOT planning to attend the Awards Breakfast
- Tuesday Session B: How to Run an Effective Township Board Meeting**
- Tuesday Session C: FOIA / OMA**
- Tuesday Session D: Construction, Bidding and Purchasing in Township Government**

FLAG PROGRAM

We are continuing the Township Flag program for Conference. If your township has a flag and you would like to participate in the parade of flags at the Annual Conference in November, please forward your township name and the information on who will walk your flag

them actively involved in county associations of township activities. If you are part of or would like to work to re-establish your county association of township officials, we can help. With access to the elected township officials in your area, we can assist in generating a mailing list and marginal assistance with postage for an event in your area. These meetings are unique and provide an excellent venue to network with townships in your county area, as well as provide an educational component to help township officials in your county. Contact the TOI office today at 866.897.4688 or email me at jerry@toi.org to discuss ways we can help you help your county association of township officials. 



County Associations



DeWitt County Township Officials

The DeWitt County Township Officials held their annual meeting on July 24, 2017 at the First Christian Church in Clinton, Illinois. The meeting was conducted by John Griffin, Supervisor of Barnett Township and President of the group. After dinner a few remarks were made by TOI Executive Director Bryan Smith.



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