



from your Executive Director

By Jerry B. Crabtree

TOI Executive Director

WHAT A BUSY FALL SEASON. With the completion of the fall veto session, the continued response to the pandemic and of course our second attempt at a virtual fall educational conference.

For December 2021, we take pause and celebrate the 80th anniversary of one of our prized accomplishments at the Township Officials of Illinois, the TOWNSHIP PERSPECTIVE MAGAZINE. This magazine is one of the primary member benefits and has evolved over time to improve the informational services we provide. Our members receive the publication outlining their role and responsibilities as the year unfolds from January to December. From a communication perspective it is one valuable resource for township officials, and I'm honored to be part of the process as the editor.

In 1941, the first distribution of its kind called *Illinois Supervisor and County Commissioner* magazine began its run. Shortly after 1941, the magazine took on a new name, *The Illinois County and Township Official*. In 1999, it became the *Township Perspective*. The cover of this edition highlights the transition of the magazine. It is something we should all be proud of as being a valuable resource for 80 years.

One of my roles as Executive Director is to serve as the editor of the monthly publication. This is a highlight of the position because it provides an avenue to cover a vast variety of topics, responsibilities, and informational items, all benefiting township officials. I am looking to add additional topics to the content of the magazine providing even more informational resources to our members through the 2022 calendar year and beyond.

Many associations are moving toward electronic versions of their magazine. However, we value the feedback that we receive and understand that many of our members prefer the printed form. We may provide an option in the future, but the printed form will always be available.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the 2021 Fall Annual Educational Conference (Virtual) held for Township Officials across the state. The program was a success, and it is because of our committed board members, staff and our members that support all of

“The magazine is TOI’s biggest tool for getting information into the hands of EVERY TOI member. It has been for the last 80 years and will hopefully continue to be a valuable tool for many more years ahead as township officials face the challenges of the future”.

— Bryan E. Smith, former Editor
and Executive Director

Eighty years!

“Eighty years of monthly information that Illinois township officials need and have come to rely on. Print magazines come and go, so to have continued over all these years is a testament to the dedication of TOI to provide essential dates, laws, and instruction to thousands of officials. And it is a testament to those officials who have used the magazine as a reference guide.

Yes, the website is more timely and is essential in 2021. But it is my hope that print materials will never fade away. *Township Perspective* has been not only a vital reference but has featured news of the many officials and their service that we can all learn from.

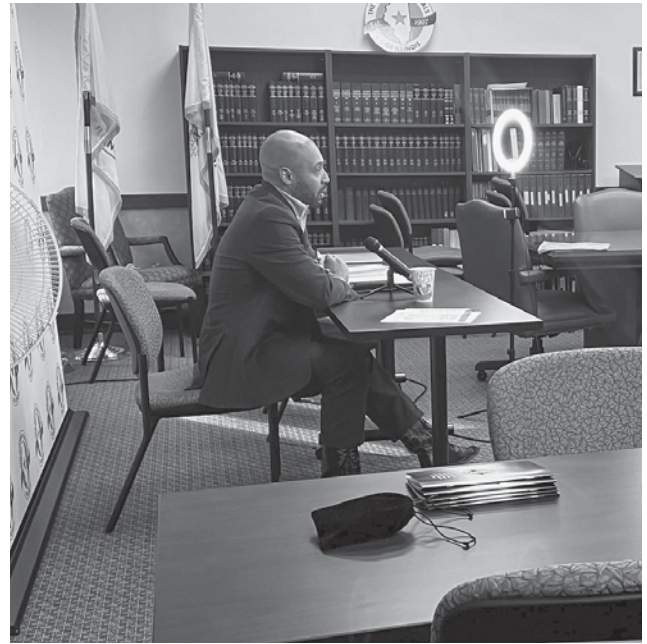
Here’s to another 80!”

— Erin Valentine,
Former Associate Editor

the outreach programs. We had over 350 members and guests participate in the event and from the evaluations received the programs and delivery was great! Some of the program documents will be available on the TOI website if anyone is interested in downloading them. We are not providing any recordings of the sessions. The WEBINAR program in 2022 will provide access to some of the topics. Remember to watch for the January edition of *Perspective* as it highlights the entire 2022 year of programs.



TOI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Jerry B. Crabtree goes LIVE to attendees of the 114th Annual Educational Conference.



TOI LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT Taylor Anderson spoke live to attendees of the 114th Annual Educational Conference on Tuesday, November 16. He covered the annual TOI Legislative Update.

I would like to wish you all a HAPPY HOLIDAYS and a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR! We all have experienced so much change in the world lately. I hope that

2022 is a year of adjusting positively to the changes that are now part of our lives.

Jerry B. Crabtree

WISHING YOU
Happy Holidays
AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR