



From Your Executive Director

Look back with us as we mark 70 years for our magazine

FROM THE MOMENT you saw the cover of this month's issue of our magazine, I'm sure you were immediately aware that we are celebrating. Our magazine is celebrating 70 years of existence!

In my capacity as Executive Director of the Township Officials of Illinois, I also assume the duties and responsibilities of editor of the association's magazine. With a lot of assistance from Associate Editor Erin Valentine and the folks at K.K. Stevens Publishing Company, we put together the magazine 11 times a year. This is probably the most enjoyable part of my job that takes more time than most people realize.

70 years is a long time. First published in 1941 by Mr. Richard Morris, the magazine was first named *The Illinois Supervisor and County Commissioner*, a division of the Illinois Association of County Officials in Springfield. The first issue appeared in February 1941 and the rest, as they say, is history. Not long after being born into existence, the name of the magazine changed to *The Illinois County and Township Official*, a name it would keep until 1999, when it became *Township Perspective*.

Charles Allison took over as publisher in 1951, 10 years after the magazine was born. He and later, his wife, Muzette, served as publishers for 20 years until 1971.

For many years, publication of the magazine was a private business, and the magazines were purchased by the associations to send to their memberships as a member service. On August 1, 1971, the magazine was purchased by the Township Officials of Illinois from its publisher, Mrs. M. Turner Allison. It has been published and owned by the association ever since.

Mileage rate increases

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2011, the standard mileage rate for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be 51 cents per mile for business miles driven, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

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Yes, 70 years is a long time. To celebrate the magazine's 70th, we are going to take the opportunity each month in 2011 to "look back" and see where the magazine has been. We are even going to publish a special commemorative issue later this year, so be looking for that.

One of the credos of township government is its closeness to the people, your constituents. Our magazine has applied that credo throughout the years, keeping it close to you, our readers. After all, it is our biggest tool for getting timely and useful information into the hands of our members, township officials.

As we proceed through the year 2011, take time to look back and enjoy the history of our magazine.

Happy 70th!

Bryan E. Smith