



***Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
Township Officials of Illinois  
Northfield Center - Springfield, Illinois  
Friday, August 24, 2007***

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Olen Kibler welcomed all members present and called the meeting of the TOI Board of Directors to order at 10:04 a.m. in the Onyx Room at Northfield Center, Springfield, Illinois.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Richard Ralston asked everyone present to stand and think about all those in the military as they serve our country and especially send our thoughts out to Barb Weyrick with her recovery from the terrible accident she incurred as he led the group with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Secretary Larry Mowery took the roll call with 22 members present and 11 absent as follows:

Members Present: Olen Kibler, President; Richard Ralston, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Michael Goral, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Karen Reese, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President; Larry Mowery, Secretary; Susan Carpentier, Susan Curtiss, Gene Jacoby, George Grosso, Karen Twitty-Hartlieb, Leslie Hild, Joseph Jedlovec, Imelda Kelch, Ann Dynako-Kubiczky, Karen Megan, Carol Perschke, Ron Reeder, Steve Schrage, R.C. Smith, Patricia Ann Thompson, Robert Wisniewski, and Jim Young.

Members Absent: Jeff Wallace, Treasurer; Barbara Weyrick, Immediate Past President; Charles Foley, Ronald Johnson, Robert Miller, Shirley Moore, Bill Prather, Bob Rita, Jerry Swanson, Robert Turner, and Grace Vetter.

Others Present: Bryan Smith, Executive Director; Jerry Crabtree, Associate Director/Educational Coordinator; Barbara Hale, Meeting Planner; Rod Beck, TOIRMA Executive Director; and Simphi Lenover, CCMSI.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion made by Patricia Ann Thompson, seconded by Jim Young to approve the Minutes of the March 23, 2007 meeting as presented. By a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Bryan Smith greeted everyone and announced that many directors had called to let him know that they would not be able to attend today's meeting due to a violent wind and rain storm that occurred in Northern Illinois on August 23, 2007. He also elaborated on Immediate Past President Barb Weyrick's medical condition stating that she is now back in Illinois at a Chicago Hospital with a long way to go toward recovery and asked for us all to keep her in our thoughts and prayers while she recovers from the terrible accident she was in early last July. Bryan announced that Imelda Kelch had brought cards with her today to be circulated around the room for everyone to sign that will be sent to Barb to help

brighten her day. He also stated that a note was sent out earlier in the week with an updated address for anyone wishing to mail a card to her.

Bryan reported that it has been a very busy summer with all the information that was being sent out for the upcoming conference. Bryan asked everyone to look at the information provided in the packets, he stated that 1,282 townships have paid their TOI membership dues to date and out of the 85 counties with township government, 16 of those are 100% paid. He added that we also have had 152 associate memberships and 32 Road Districts from commission counties that have paid their dues. He asked everyone to look at their membership list and if you see someone from your county that has not yet paid their dues, please give them a call and encourage them to do so. Also included in your packets is a calendar with important dates and events scheduled for the remainder of the year and many newspaper articles that he encouraged everyone to take the time to read.

Currently the *Laws and Duties Handbook* is being revised and is scheduled for print and the *100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Book* will be available for the fall conference. He reported that nothing has happened with the Local Government Consolidation Commission in which Bryan is a member of, probably due to the General Assembly being in Springfield longer than expected with other issues, he will keep the board advised if anything does transpire with this group. Bryan stated that he is quite concerned if Con-Con or Constitutional Convention comes up next year, that we might see it pass. He thinks that we might see more people pushing for a constitutional convention than we had twenty years ago. Currently there is nothing we can do as an organization, but Bryan sees this as a very serious concern because in 1970 at the constitutional convention, the existence of Township Government held on by a thread.

At Local Officials Day during the State Fair two weeks ago, of the 3800 tickets requested by local government officials, townships had by far the greater number in attendance. Bryan announced that after the meeting today he is traveling to the DuQuoin State Fair where they are having Local Official's Day for the first time. With 1,300 tickets requested he hopes that townships have a good showing there.

Bryan asked everyone to find in there packet, an Amicus Brief and a reply to a court case he wants every member to have a copy of. This is in reference to a law suit by Makanda Township Road District in Jackson County vs. Devils Kitchen Water District, in which the road district has requested by state statute, to have the water district pay the costs to relocate its water mains while the road district is trying to improve their roads. The road district won the case in circuit court, but the water district has appealed the case on to the appellate court in the fifth district. An adverse ruling by the courts would have a severe impact all road districts throughout the state for the expense of moving utilities on township right of way. Bryan said that this is the first time that he knows that TOI was ever requested to join in filing an Amicus Brief. The recommendations from attorneys were for TOI to be involved with the filing to help uphold the decision from the Circuit Court. An adverse decision from the courts would affect all townships throughout the state and take a major legislative effort to overturn or reverse.

In other business, Bryan sent everyone information where TOI is currently reprinting an updated copy (2007-2009) of the Directory of Township Officials for distribution at the conference. Currently there are 22 ads so far, so if anyone wishes to have an additional ad placed in the directory please send it in soon before it goes to the printers.

Bryan was sent a resolution from the Bank of Springfield to authorize electronic banking titled Commercial Internet Banking Resolution. This resolution needs to be adopted by the board of directors giving Bryan the authority to do banking transactions via the internet. A motion was made by Carol Perschke, seconded by Karen Twitty-Hartlieb. With no further discussion, the motion by voice vote carried unanimously.

As questions or comments were entertained by Bryan; Legislative Consultant Bill Foster replied with a comment that however the Amicus Brief was decided by the courts, that there will be some type of future legislation come from the decision of this case in the General Assembly.

## **NATaT REPORT**

Bryan reported that the NATaT conference will be September 4<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington D.C. with 100 registered delegates from Illinois. It will include a congressional breakfast on Thursday, and several representatives and one senator have confirmed to meet the delegation. Bryan will report more on the conference when they return.

## **ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Associate Director/Educational Coordinator Jerry Crabtree greeted everyone and announced he has distributed a report to everyone in their packet labeled Associate Directors Report, August 24, 2007. He thanked everyone who participated in the video production taped prior to the start of the meeting, in which excerpts will be used in the opening session plus at two other locations during the conference that will have the entire 62 minutes of tape run continuously. Outlined in his report he listed website statistics with a summary of hits recorded by users from January 1<sup>st</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 with over 20,000 first time users. He added that we currently have 51 townships participating in the web program that have initially produced \$9,025 of revenue with renewal collections of \$2,750 for 2008. Having the ability to utilize the internet for receiving payments to TOI and subscribing townships, Jerry has set up a link on the webpage for E-pay services with the state treasurer's office. This service is free to use and allows online payment for a variety of services such as requested by Long Creek Township for a means to have their customers pay water bills online.

### **Education**

Jerry reported that in setting up the county association meetings he has contacted everyone except 3 areas in the 14 zones that include 680 townships. Of the 5114 elected officials represented, over 433 individuals have attended the scheduled zone meetings to date. The goal was to incorporate this program into the 2008 education program and schedule meetings in areas where there is an inactive county association or no established association to provide educational opportunities in their respective areas. The 2008 education program is scheduled to have a slightly different agenda providing for the opportunity of a different experience in each educational district. Listed in his handout report are some of the topics that are planned to be included. Jerry stated that Education Committee Chair Karen Twitty-Hartleib will report on the 2008 education program.

### **2008 Leadership Academy**

He wanted to highlight that Bryan and TOI are in the process of working out a Memorandum Of Understanding with the University of Illinois Institute for Government and Public Affairs toward the 2008 Leadership Academy. This memorandum will help finalize the partnership for the next two years and one of the items listed will be to limit the academy class size to no more than 30 people each year. Finalizing his report Jerry commented that he brought cookbooks for sale and a lot of upcoming activities are planned for TOIPAC at the conference.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None presented.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None presented.

### **DIVISION REPORTS**

#### **Supervisors:**

Mickey Goral, for President Jerry Swanson, reported that the Supervisors Division just concluded their 4<sup>th</sup> and final zone meeting for the year with the first one at DeKalb in May, Fairview Heights in June, East Peoria in July and Champaign in August. All were successful with very positive comments. The division also concluded two GATI conferences in Rockford and Bloomington. They are ready to start their fall

GATI session and are looking forward to helping at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration during the fall conference.

**Town Clerks:**

President Larry Mowery stated that the membership in the Clerks Division is down by approximately 50% from this time last year and reported that all three zone meeting went very well with positive comments and an excellent program presented by Paul Craig from the Illinois Office of Public Leadership Institute of Government and Public Affairs. He thanked Jerry Crabtree for all his assistance as the Clerks celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> year. They look forward to the November Conference and TOI's 100 year celebration.

**Assessors:**

President Susan Carpentier reported that the Township Assessors Guide was received very well and will be available at the fall conference in November. She reported that there is a continuing problem in Illinois with Assessors not doing their job and vacancies in the Assessor position. The division is constantly trying to help with this problem as next year is the qualifying year for Assessors to meet their education requirements prior to an election.

**Highway Commissioners:**

Les Hild in the absence of President Ron Johnson reported that Ron Johnson and Bob Miller were elected to the Highway Commissioners Board of Directors, and Joe Jedlovec will be coming off the board due to term limitations. The summer seminar in Peoria was the Highway Commissioners 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in which Les was elected President for next year.

**Trustees:**

President Bob Wisniewski reported that the Trustees Division had a successful summer seminar at Lisle and this year they will hold a seconded seminar on September 8<sup>th</sup> in Fairview Heights. He thanked Jerry Crabtree for all his help and securing speakers for their seminars. At the division board meeting in Bloomington they approved paying for a bottle of champagne to be placed at every table for the champagne toast during the November Conference. Everyone applauded and thanked the Trustees for their generous donation.

**Tax Collectors:**

President Imelda Kelch read her West Peoria Township June Tax Collectors report stating that it was a good tax collecting season.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Legislative Committee Report:**

Chairman Mickey Goral announced that Bob Turner was unable to attend today's meeting because his wife Roberta had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, she is recovering quite well and they expect to move her to the rehab center today. Mickey reported that this year's legislature has been very interesting in this highly unusual session and introduced our own consultant Bill Foster to sort it out here today for everyone.

Bill Foster reported that in the 37 years he has covered the General Assembly this has been the strangest year he has ever observed and it is continuing to go on. He continued by stating that the Governor has vetoed many items out of the recently adopted budget and whether or not the General Assembly is coming back this fall to address those vetoed items is still unclear. There are many unfinished items such as capital projects and budget implementations which will probably bring them back in session prior to what they call the fall veto session. He continued to say that every time that they come back to town we get nervous because you never know what they will do while in Springfield, as they can consider any other issue at the same time. Regardless of all this, Bill reported that TOI did pretty well this session.

The following is an update on current legislative action and TOI sponsored initiatives:

- **SB612** has passed and was signed in to law which allows townships and road districts to administer recycling programs within their respective jurisdictions.
- **SB436** has passed and was signed into law which raises the bid threshold for township water districts from \$2,500 to \$20,000, the same limit as Townships, Road Districts, Library Districts as well as other units of local government currently have.
- **HB1670** was signed into law which allows 2 people on a 5 member board to talk outside of a public meeting and discuss public business. It also requires a minimum of 3 votes to pass any legislation by a 5 member board. The old law only required 2 people to pass legislation and you could not discuss public business.

Additional Bills from the TOI's agenda that didn't pass:

- **HB1270** sponsored by a member of our own board, Representative Bob Rita, which would have raised the maximum salaries for Cemetery Trustees, Township Building Managers and Cemetery Care Trustees. In order to get this passed, Bill suggested that we need to narrow this legislation down and then expand on it.
- **SB384** which would allow Townships who operate sewer systems to cut off water service as well as sewer service to those individuals who don't pay there sewer bills. This bill would have allowed cutoff by entering into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with a municipality or to enter into contracts with privately owned water systems.

Other good bills introduced that didn't pass and weren't part of TOI's agenda, that we supported were:

- **HB187** which changes the motor fuel tax distribution formula to road districts, that those who aren't levying the maximum tax to receive a prorate portion of that. This bill passed the House but was introduced to late for the Senate to get it out of the rules committee. Bill believes that this will pass next year.

Bills that we didn't like and were able to have an impact from passing were:

- **HB630** which was designed to prevent the State Police from using portable scales during harvest (September 15 - November 1) on local roads. We have had difficulty with this and have opposed it all the way along with county engineers and municipalities.
- **HB918** would have allowed 80,000 pound trucks, for the purpose of loading or unloading, to go any distance via the direct route off any highway onto any other road for the purpose of food, fuel, repairs and rest. The current law only allows trucks to go 5 miles off any highway on to roads that are not posted, and this amendment would have opened up all our township road system to 80,000 pound trucks.
- Bill also reported that we were able to prevent the passage of a bill to make bicyclist permitted users of local roads, and a bill that would amended the Freedom of Information Act to redefine a public record to include the financial aspects of settlement agreements.

Bills TOI opposed and didn't like that were passed:

- **HB1499** which allows anyone to operate an ATV engaged in farming operations on any county or township road adjacent to their property.
- **HB985** which provides that the workers on any maintenance repair assembly or disassembly performed on equipment on public works projects must be paid prevailing wages.

Bill mentioned, as Bryan reported on earlier, that the Illinois Constitution provides every twenty years a question is to be placed on the ballot for whether or not a (con-con) constitutional convention is needed. This will automatically be on the 2008 ballot and Bill has grave concerns now, not for an immediate threat for doing away with township government, but to consider all the strange things that have gone this summer and the response of the governor for what the general assembly has or has not done. His fear is because of those things, there will be a ground swell of support for a new constitutional convention and once they meet we will need to be on guard against them going beyond the scope of the original intent of calling for a new constitutional convention. Additionally, he reported that we are currently in the process of revising the legislative survey that goes out every year and to encourage a better response then we have

had in the past. He would like to make the form a little less cumbersome and easier to use. Everyone should be getting a copy in the mail soon and it will also be published in the Perspective Magazine and placed on the website. Bill stated that he is hopeful to have a legislative committee meeting during the first part of December after the surveys are returned and to sort them out in order to be ready for the next session of the General Assembly.

Questions: Jim Young requested an explanation of HB630. Bill stated that the sponsor has tried to convince people that the State Police were using portable scales to operate like a speed trap by setting scales off somebody's farm and waiting for them to come off the farm with a wet load of grain and fine them. This bill passed the House, but was defeated in the Senate as he explained earlier. He also stated that the sponsor of that bill is retiring and hopefully this question will not return at a later time.

Susie Carpentier asked about property tax with HB664. She wanted to know if the General Assembly just did an umbrella on everything in regards to exemptions. Bill answered that they did and he plans to do a summary of that bill in his next article of the Perspective Magazine if the Governor signs the bill.

Ann Dynako Kubiczky inquired about the prevailing wage law. She stated that for example if a township has a copy machine and you hire someone to work on it. Bill boldly stated no, it's only on construction projects such as machinery used to repair roads with. Bryan and Bill discussed the reasons for the passage of this bill as it was pro labor with a Democratic controlled General Assembly and it is very hard to defeat organized labor in regards to issues on expanding prevailing wages. It generally means that when someone is paid prevailing wages they more than likely will be a union member which creates or expands jobs for the union. Ann followed up by asking if installing handrails would be covered by this law. Bill said yes, if you contract out, you will be paying the prevailing wage.

### **TOIPAC Committee Report:**

Chairman Joe Jedlovec reported that the TOIPAC committee had a teleconference meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss fund raising and expenditures planned for the annual conference in November. At that time there were 713 cookbooks sold and now as of today over 842 are sold with approximately 855 remaining. The committee has decided to produce the pictures for free at the conference this year and having two winners for the 50/50 drawing. Additionally, every board member has been given 10 tickets to sell priced at \$10 each for a complete paid trip to next years conference with the value to the winner worth over \$600. Joe stated that last year TOIPAC made around \$11,000 and this year the funds are up a little with spending lower. Jerry reported that the TOIPAC balance as of today is \$17,742.56 and have collected \$8,520 so from the sale of cookbooks. Jerry said that with over 800 left to sell, he has brought two cases of cook books with him today in case anyone was interested in purchasing them. Cookbooks will also be available for purchase at the TOI booth or registration desk during the conference. Jerry explained that it is planned to have one 50/50 drawing with tickets to be sold 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10 throughout the conference and packets of tickets will be sent to all board members to sell in advance of the drawing. The winner will be announced at the closing session on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm, this year with 50 % of the pot going back to TOIPAC there will be two winners with a second chance drawing on the remaining amount as the second winner will receive 25% of the original amount drawn. Their contact information will be on the back of the ticket so the winners need not be present to win. Jerry stated that Hampton Equipment Inc. has agreed to sponsor the picture booth event and he working out the details to provide this. He said that as you walk into the banquet, Having a Ball Productions will have a back drop where your picture will be taken while you are dressed up and the picture will be put in a cardboard frame and handed to you before you leave the event for a take home gift. Jerry and Joe asked the board if they have any other suggestion for a revenue project, to let him know and they will present it to the committee to review.

### **Conference Committee Report:**

Chairman Susie Carpentier reported that the conference schedule has been distributed to all board members and everyone should have looked at it by now.

Some of the exciting things planned for the conference are as follows:

- The keynote speaker Mr. Patrick Lee who will portray Thomas Jefferson on township government.

- The Illinois Funds are helping sponsor tote bags again for the conference.
- The Trustees Division is supplying the champagne toast at the banquet.
- Hampton Equipment is donating the pictures at the picture booth for the banquet.
- The Illinois Assessors association is making a contribution for the center pieces on the tables at the banquet.
- There will be a master of ceremonies for the banquet and Mr. Royce Elliot, a stand up comedian will perform, with dancing after his performance.

There are 21 exhibitors to date and 379 full registrations as of yesterday for the conference with 20 registrants taking advantage of the single day registration. Totals for the spouse program and lunch are 57, and 205 registered for the awards breakfast and gala banquet. Susie asked for sponsors to help with Monday night's event of karaoke and line dancing. She said that this was very well received last year and we want to continue with it this year. Barbara Hale added that the help needed for the karaoke event will be for serving the refreshments and money may be offered to defer the expenses. The cost is approximately \$350 for the DJ, \$300 for the Line Dance Instructor and based on last year a cost of approximately \$3,000 for the complimentary beer and wine. She also wanted to remind everyone that the information on how to order a tuxedo for the banquet is outlined in the Perspective Magazine at a cost of \$45 per person. She encourages all the men to order one and it will be delivered to them at the hotel. An update on hotel information was compared to the sleeping rooms contracted last year at Peoria, she listed the numbers used in 2004, 05 and 06. This year we are currently at 400 room nights over last year. By mid July both the President Abraham Lincoln and Hilton Hotels were sold out for advanced registrations, she added the recently remodeled State House Inn which has approximately 100 rooms is also downtown and as of Wednesday it was also sold out, so Barb has moved out to the Crown Plaza and Holiday Inn Express for additional rooms. She stated that after October 13<sup>th</sup>, which is the deadline for cancellations, you can call the downtown hotels to see if they have any availability. Historically there is about a 10% fall off in cancellations. Finally she said that all living past presidents and other dignitaries have been invited to attend, but we probably won't hear anything until the last minute on whether or not they will attend our celebration. Susie also wanted to thank the Supervisors Division who donated \$2,000 in cash toward the events of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the conference. Bryan added that we are still looking for other sponsors to help out. He said that this conference will be special and a big party. Other things are planned that you won't find out until the conference for a big surprise. Bryan wanted to also thank TOIRMA and Rod Beck for their sponsorship and donations.

### **Education Committee Report:**

Chairman Karen Twitty-Hartlieb asked everyone to refer to the information received today in you packets from the education committee. She stated that the yellow colored sheet gives you the schedule of events for the 24 sessions on Monday and Tuesday at the conference. And moderators are still needed to help with the sessions listed on the blue sheet. Barbara Hale distributed a sign up sheet for volunteers to help moderate the sessions that are listed with out moderators. This provides an opportunity to help at a session that you probably want to attend anyway. These are simple tasks to help get everyone seated in the room, introduce the speaker, pass out materials and take a head count of attendees of that event. The computer classes will be advertised in the September issue of the Perspective Magazine for registration and will be held off site two miles away. The cost is \$75 for one session paid in advance by October 31<sup>st</sup> and transportation will be included in the fee that you pay for the class. With no questions, Karen asked everyone to go to the next page for the 2008 education schedule. She discussed that with all the conversations she has had with Bryan and Jerry they always emphasize reaching out. Listed are the 8 educational districts and dates introduced by Jerry earlier this year. Karen said that reaching out will be the responsibility of this board in making sure that people will come and attend these educational seminars to partner for the future of township government. The location, contact information, and map are shown on hand outs presented to everyone to reach out to their townships and over 11,000 people in township government. A question was raised about with all the additional education meetings will it hurt the divisions with their programs being scheduled. Karen suggested that this is a different opportunity then division meetings and maybe people will attend both or this might be something different to spark them to attend. The goal is to provide continuing education as these are intended to replace the spring

workshops with only an hour drive or less to each of the planned locations. Karen asked everyone to look at the map showing the location of each member in relationship to their educational district. She said that Jerry has been very active in attending the county association meetings by getting them organized or reactivated in areas that either do not have an association or where they simply don't participate. To sum up her report, she reemphasized that part of our goal is to reach out to all the areas of the state and provide them the opportunity to participate with our educational programs.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Report:**

Chairman Richard Ralston discussed that the hard bound book Bryan has worked very hard on producing has went to the printers this week. The book will be approximately 192 pages with 50 pages of advertising in it which indicates that it has paid for itself with a little bit of profit to be put toward some of the other things planned. He said that you have all heard about most everything except the surprises Bryan discussed earlier. You have seen the lapel pins and pens to be provided and everyone will receive a souvenir glass from the champagne toast when you leave the banquet. Richard said early on that he would speak about the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at every meeting held throughout the state this year. Jerry provided a power point presentation that he, Jerry or Bryan has shown at every meeting that has about wore him out. He hopes that everybody who attends the conference is as enthusiastic about our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration as he and everyone in this room is today.

### **By-Laws Committee Report:**

Chairman R.C. Smith thanked all the members of the committee and TOI staff who have worked hard on this endeavor of updating the By-laws. Those members are, Ann Kubiczky, Imelda Kelch, George Grosso, Bill Prather, Ron Reeder and Steve Schrage. The By-laws committee met in Springfield on June 5<sup>th</sup> and the draft with all changes were mailed out to all the board members on June 8<sup>th</sup> to review. The proposed changes are:

- **Article 3**, changes in the category of staff members will be deleted as no payment is available. The category of sustaining members will be deleted and moved to the category under associate members.
- **Article 5**, #1 the president, deleted the national center of small communities because this organization no longer exists and we only use NATaT. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence under appointments adding "or staff member of the association" because this will allow the president to designate another board member or staff member to attend in his or her absence. Also deleted was the language for the appointment to the TOIRMA Board since that is outdated and was change over 10 years ago. Under #2, the vice-president. The word board was deleted and the word president was added as to who may assign the duties of the vice-president.
- **Article 6**, has the same identical changes as referred to in Article 5.
- **Article 7**, this is the article discussed in reference to the possible reduction of the size of the Board of Directors. Although the committee agreed that this eventually might be necessary in the future it has referred this proposed change to the long range planning committee to review. No changes at this time. Additionally in this article, language was added that states no board member may miss more than 2 board meetings including committee meetings in a calendar year without being excused or they will be removed from the board.
- **Article 8**, changes in the language as to the election of the board at the annual conference which allows for a voice vote or a paper ballot vote if requested. This clarifies the current practice being used.
- **Article 9**, changes that committee meetings may be conducted by teleconference and that a committee meeting may be called with 5 days notice instead of 10 days.
- **Article 10**, changes that the suggested committee size may not be less than 5 members instead of 7 members. It will also allow the president to establish sub-committees or special committees as he or she deems necessary, plus allowing the president to appoint non-board members to committees. Defines the officers comprised on the executive committee. Deletes the resolutions committee, when the need arises, the president may establish it at anytime.
- **Article 13**, changes that notices may be sent by U.S mail, email or by Fax.
- **Article 15**, changes the title of the article from Miscellaneous to Association Financial Matters.

R.C. stated that the committee voted unanimously to present these change to the board today for passage and forwarding it on to the membership for adoption at the annual conference in November. President Kibler asked if the members had any questions before moving forward with a vote. Carol Perschke asked for a clarification of the proposals to Article 7 on members missing meetings. R.C. explained to her that it includes board meetings and committee meetings as well. The motion to adopt these changes was made by R.C. Smith and seconded by Mickey Goral. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote unanimously. President Kibler thanked the committee for all their hard work in accomplishing this difficult task.

### **Finance Committee Report:**

Vice-Chairman Richard Ralston reported in Jeff Wallace's absence that finances were doing very well. He asked everyone to refer to the budget information handed out and notice that this year we are well ahead of previous years with extra revenue probably due to the extra efforts in raising funds for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The tentative budgets for 2007-2008 for TOI and the magazine had been previously mailed to the Board and Richard highlighted a few items. Richard Ralston made a motion to adopt the 2007-2008 budgets for TOI and the magazine as presented, seconded by Pat Thompson. With no questions or further discussion, the motion carried by a voice vote unanimously.

### **Nominating Committee Report:**

Chairman Larry Mowery reported that the Nominating Committee met by a teleconference call on August 14<sup>th</sup> to review the names submitted by the Divisions for their nominees to the Board of Directors for 2007-2009 for a two year term. These nominees are:

From the Supervisors Division:

Steve Schrage - Quincy Township, Adams County  
Robert Turner - Belvidere Township, Boone County

From the Clerks Division:

George Grosso - Limestone Township, Kankakee County  
Shirley Moore - Summit Township, Effingham County

From the Assessors Division:

Grace Vetter - Princeton Township, Bureau County  
Ron Reeder - Murphysboro Township, Jackson County

From the Highway Commissioners Division:

Robert Miller - Algonquin Township, McHenry County  
Ron Johnson - St. Charles Township, Kane County

From the Trustees Division:

Mary Hamilton - Aetna Township, Logan County  
Ann Dynako Kubiczky - Riverside Township, Cook County

From the Tax Collectors Division:

Karen Megan - Millbrook Township, Peoria County

Larry stated that the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of these nominees to the board and to forward their approval to the membership to be passed in November at the conference. President Kibler called for a vote of the board to forward the nominees to the election in November. A motion was made by Karen Reese and seconded by Gene Jacoby. With no discussion the motion carried by a voice vote unanimously.

### **TOIRMA REPORT**

Executive Director Rod Beck had no report.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ann Dynako Kubiczky spoke about the article that will be in the Perspective magazine from the Township Officials of Cook County on collecting donations toward the recovery of Barb Weyrick. She discussed the extra expenses that Barb will have over the period of time before she is back on her feet again. It could be up to a year before she is able to resume her day to day schedule. Anyone can donate to this fund by a personal check under \$12,000 made out to Barb Weyrick. She encouraged everyone to please read the article and donate what ever they can to help Barb. The check should only have Barb's name on it and it is not tax deductible.

Bryan also mentioned that since we last met, Robin Ledman had to leave the staff because of many health issues. A new staff member was hired to replace her position, he asked Mary Lou Frank to stand up as he introduced her as the new receptionist at the TOI office. Bryan also introduced Office Manager Pam Butler and Bookkeeper Jo Ann Cooper. Bryan also mentioned Erin Valentine the Associate Editor of the Perspective Magazine who was on vacation. He thanked them for the tremendous job the do at TOI and announced that they will join us for lunch today. President Olen Kibler added that he wanted to thank everyone for letting him be your president of TOI this year. He said that this has been the most exciting time he has had in his life working for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. He thanked all the board member for their efforts and hard work this year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Joe Jedlovec made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Young. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote at 11:52 am. Olen thanked everyone for attending and announced that lunch will be served in the Ruby Room.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Larry W. Mowery, Secretary