



from your Executive Director

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TOI Executive Director

Dear Association Members:

I THINK WE ALL CAN AGREE that the influx of cooler temperatures indicating seasonal changes and the beginning of the fall colors are signs of relaxation and a hint that the holidays and the annual January reset is right around the corner.

This time of year, I promote the opportunity for townships to sit down and evaluate the three cycles of planning: where you were, where you are, and where you want to be. With this review you can begin the new year in January with a clear focus of what you intend to complete and achieve during the year ahead. The work we all do as well as our day-to-day operation is different. The return to “how it was” remains unpredictable. The focus is and needs to be on adapting to making our work the best it can be.

A new reset, beginning, or return to normal is something that we could all use as we are still dealing with the pandemic, raging fires in the West, and flooding

in the Northeast. All these events are a strain on local government. I comment often that it is an up close and personal civics lesson. Most importantly it shows how important Township Government can be in responding, managing, and assisting where needed in the community. Township Governments in the United States are all involved in the process of addressing local involvement in response and aid efforts to all these obstacles our communities are experiencing. Our form of government is both rural and urban and the balance toward efficiency is well orchestrated.

I wanted to share a current list of the states that operate under the township form of government. Township Government is unique to the Midwest and north-eastern parts the county. The following chart is a listing of the 20 states in the United States that currently operate under the Township Form of Government. They are all unique and offer a wide array of services to their township residents.



TOI CONTINUES TO WORK with our national group to achieve success in federal funding for Township government in the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We have been working with other Township Government states to make sure that local governments receive funding that is needed.

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