



from your Executive Director

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TOI Executive Director

THE ACTIVITY AROUND THE TOI OFFICE is buzzing as we prepare for the 2021 VIRTUAL Annual Educational Conference coming up on the 15th of November. The event includes over 19 education programs covering many township topics in township government. This is TOI's second virtual annual conference, and I realize the offering is not ideal compared to meeting in person. Nothing will replace the networking and exhibit hall experience. However, we are excited to offer programs that will help new and returning township officials with a guarantee to returning to in person as soon as we can. Register your entire township online today at www.toi.org. Plans for in-person in 2023 are already in place. Help us promote this event to neighboring townships and your county associations of township officials as well.

As you know, the pandemic put a hold on many things. That being said, the office has been behind in calculating the results of the April 6, 2021, Consolidated Election and how it impacts township government statistically overall. We are notified by county clerks of the changes to township offices after the election results are verified. From our calculations, the following is a summary of changes:

(These numbers are an estimate from our AMS database)

New Officials (First time holding office)	1929
Officials taking on an alternative office	254

Percentages of change in each township elected office:

Supervisors	25.74% (268 New; 99 from a different office)
Township Clerks	20.34% (237 New; 53 from a different office)
Highway Commissioners	20.84% (264 New; 25 from a different office)
Trustees	21.44% (1160 New; 74 from a different office)
Single Assessor	No information available

THANKSGIVING is upon us. I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, I hope that you are able to spend the holiday with your family and friends. One thing the recent two years has taught us all is that we have so much to be thankful for. I hope that you all find comfort in being able to be thankful for the many blessings we all have and share.

The things that I am most thankful this year include, but are not limited to:

- My entire family—My wife, Mary of 27 years; my legacy, my children—Hannah (25), Caroline (23), and Carter (21), they mean everything to me, and my remaining family members.
- My Parents, Larry and Bonnie Crabtree who reside in Frankfort Township (Franklin Co.).
- My in-laws, Rudy and Ginger Kink who reside in Capital Township (Sangamon Co.).
- My network of colleagues and close friends—you know who you are!
- The TOI Board of Directors, staff, and affiliations with the Township Officials of Illinois. It is a great place to work!
- Our state, community, and country and its leaders trying to make it the best place it can be.
- Being alive! My Health—Life is short—Live it to the fullest
- Oh—and everything I forgot to put on this list.

I hope you all enjoy a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday!

My favorite Thanksgiving Memories: I hope you all have one just as good as mine!

I am teased annually at this inside joke; you are all familiar with the Ocean Spray Cranberry sauce in the can. I continue to have this at every holiday meal. However, I call them beets. I did as a kid and still do. They bring back fond memories of my mother using the family china and silver and getting into trouble for stealing pieces of turkey before we all sat down to eat. My mother always made the holidays great, and I thank her for that. We never ended up at a Chinese restaurant for Thanksgiving dinner! Don't forget your beets!

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