

# from your Executive Director



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TOI Executive Director

## Happy New Year!

I HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED YOUR HOLIDAYS and are ready to step up to the plate for township government in 2022. We are happy to release the 2022 THEME and calendar of events. We are excited to provide excellent educational opportunities for elected township officials and their staffs from all areas of the state. Share the center section of the *Perspective* magazine with your township board and discuss the events you can attend. Register early.

As we enter a new calendar year, it is my hope that you find peace and a simple return to normalcy. We have all endured so many changes over the past two years that a new perspective on work and personal life will bring the calm and return we are all looking for. A new season is here and we are all in Spring training right now.

The theme for the association's program's "**STEP UP TO THE PLATE FOR TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT**" is a way for you to work with your township boards as a team on innovative ways to promote community activities within and among your township. Work with your township residents to promote new programs and services that you can bring from

your township to your community. Attend programs to learn how you can make a difference in your townships. Together, as a team, we can make township government stronger than ever before.

I hope you take advantage of the many scheduled events throughout 2022. Help us promote the 2022 scholarship program among Illinois high school seniors and drive it home attending the fall conference in Springfield, November 15-17th. We may all need a seventh-inning stretch, we may all need the help of shortstop but if we focus on the win for all and realize that there is no "I" in team—we all win.

As I enter the new year and with new responsibilities as your Executive Director, I am encouraged and excited to take on the new and even returning challenges the new year will bring. However, I am confident that you our members are ready for the challenge and have the team spirit necessary to bring home a win!

May the new year bring you all that you hope for.

*Jerry B. Crabtree*



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