



from your Associate Director

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HAPPY SPRING to everyone. As the Spring / Summer season begins, we encourage everyone to let us know of community events and County Association meetings that are being held in Townships across Illinois. We encourage you to organize events that embrace the goals and objectives of township government. Send photos of events to our office (kayla@toi.org) for consideration to be in future editions of *Township Perspective*.

Education Program UPDATE

March 2020 was an exciting month. To everyone who attended the 2020 district educational event in O'Fallon, we appreciate your continued involvement and support in the educational programs provided by TOI. The event this year was well received, and we look forward to developing program agendas for 2021 that provide the nuts and bolts training everyone needs as they enter the new term as elected township officials.

Thank you to all the volunteers and others who assisted in making the event a success! Remember to check out all of our upcoming events.

Still on the calendar: The July 23rd election seminar sponsored by the Township Clerks of Illinois Division is an event you cannot miss. You can register online at www.toi.org.



TOI ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR/Education Coordinator Jerry Crabtree addresses March 7 O'Fallon District Event Attendees.



TOI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Bryan Smith addresses March 7 O'Fallon District Event attendees.



TOIRMA LOSS CONSULTANT Matt Knight and TOIRMA Executive Director Jim Donelan working the TOIRMA booth at the March 7 O'Fallon District Event.

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ATTENDEES at the March 7 O’Fallon District Event.



FOCUS ON THE CENSUS 2020

Last month in *Perspective*, I provided information on the 2020 CENSUS. April 2020 is here and the official kick off the 2020 CENSUS count is in full motion. I encourage all of you to work with your Townships to promote the census and help make sure that your communities understand the importance of complying with the count.

Please encourage your township board to become an active partner in helping citizens remove fear and mis information about the data gathering process associated with the 2020 CENSUS. Together we can make the count work.

SALARY SURVEY UPDATE

Many of you have responded to our request for the salary survey data. The Township Officials of Illinois appreciate your participation in generating the data needed to provide a sufficient salary survey response for elected township officials as they prepare to set salaries in November this year (2020) for the next term. Results are scheduled to be released soon and will be printed in *Township Perspective*.

EMBRACE THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR WHAT IT IS INTENDED TO ACCOMPLISH

April is here and that means one thing—the Annual Town Meeting held annually on the second Tuesday in April (unless it conflicts with Passover and the township may change the date to the following Tuesday), is an opportunity for communities / townships to come together and voice concerns, opinions, as well as offer suggestions to improve the community among the elec-

tors. An opportunity is still available for the community to address the local government needs. This annual event validates the connection of the community with the township board and the overall goals and objectives of the community.

REMEMBER THIS IS NOT A TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING BUT A MEETING OF THE ELECTORS!

BOARD MEMBERS ARE CONSIDERED ELECTORS AT THIS ANNUAL MEETING!

The Association promotes this platform for electors to be involved in the township government component of local government. We encourage attendance and participation.

Remember the following outline when considering the MODERATOR of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The election of the moderator (60 ILCS 1/40-5)

- The electors present the ATM select from those present as the moderator;
- The township clerk calls for nominations from the floor and the candidate receiving the most votes cast becomes the moderator;
- Before starting the meeting, the clerk or other qualified officer must administer the oath of office for the moderator.

Outline of the DUTIES of the MODERATOR (60 ILCS 1/40-5)

The Moderator is empowered with the same power and are subject to the same penalties, in conjunction



ADAMS COUNTY Township Officials Meeting.

with their conduct as the moderator, as judges of election under the provision of the general election law.

- They preside over the activities of the meeting;
- They announce the agenda outline (business before the meeting);
- They decide on calling questions of order;
- They maintain order of the meeting;
- They ascertain and declare the results of the votes on each question/motion called before the meeting.

A salary for the moderator *may* be determined and set by the electors present at the annual town meeting.

Please refer to the Annual Town Meeting outline that has been provided in previous editions of *Perspective* magazine. This listing will assist in recognizing the powers of the electors and additional tips related to conducting the Annual Town Meeting.

County Association Update

I recently attended the Adams County Township Officials in Quincy. They have a great annual meeting

where vendors and speakers provide informative information of the duties and responsibilities of township officials in the Western part of Illinois.

I also attended the League of Women Voters open forum on township government in Hainsville. This forum in Avon Township provided an opportunity for an attorney from ANCEL GLINK and me to provide an overview of the operational aspects of townships, duties of elected officials and then answer questions from attendees. It was an excellent opportunity for individual to learn about the significance of Township government.

2020 Fall Conference Planning

MARK YOUR CALENDAR that the Fall 2020 Annual Educational Conference is November 15-17, 2020. We are beginning to develop program agenda for this annual event. If you have a speaker or a program you would like to recommend for the educational program line up, please forward the information to me at the TOI office. The planning committee is always looking for new innovative township programs. Please forward the information to me at jerry@toi.org. 

Save the Date!

Township Government:
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2020 TOI Educational Conference
November 15-17, 2020

Emails are sent to alert our officials on pending legislation that would help or harm township government. Please make sure that if you wish to receive these alerts, our office has your correct email address. Thank you for your help!