



TOIRMA Update

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Transitioning to Fall

I REMEMBER A GOOD FAMILY FRIEND telling me years ago “time flies by quicker as you get older.” I heard the words of course, but they really didn’t register. Back then, school years seemed to last forever and crawl by at a snail’s pace. Only the last few weeks of summer seemed to speed up. Well as they say, “that was then, and this is now.” To put it simply, today it seems like Memorial Day, Independence Day, and then it’s time for the kids to go back to school. Throw in educational meetings throughout the state, the Highway Commissioner’s Summer Seminar, and a TOIRMA Board of Trustees meeting and the once snail’s pace is a rocket’s pace. Here we are in the month of September, so now what?

I would like to reflect on the events and activities of the spring and summer months. It was great to participate in the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) regional educational programs throughout the state. The five sessions were interesting, educational, and it is always nice to see our members and hear what’s going on in their neck of the woods.

In early August, the Township Highway Commissioners of Illinois (THCOI) held the Summer Seminar in Peoria. This event is an excellent opportunity for Illinois highway commissioners to learn and share ideas with other commissioners. I appreciate the THCOI board inviting the TOIRMA Team to participate in the educational sessions again this year. Our staff focused on the importance of traffic control signage rules, ongoing sign maintenance, and TOIRMA’s partnership

with the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN). The TOIRMA Team presented Course D of the “Illinois Highway Commissioners Certification Program.” This session focused on risk management, safety and loss control, claim prevention, and post claim and accident reporting. We appreciate the continuing working relationship with THCOI and look forward to future joint ventures. In addition to the scheduled educational sessions, the Summer Seminar is a tremendous occasion for highway commissioners to hear from others and share experiences regarding relevant issues from their townships and road districts.

Annual Member Survey

Now that we are moving towards the fall season, I would like to switch gears and ask that all TOIRMA Contacts in each township/road district be on the lookout for our “Annual Member Survey.”

On October 1, 2019, we will be mailing the Survey to all designated TOIRMA Contacts. Upon receiving the Survey, we ask that the Contact complete the Survey and return it to TOIRMA. We even include a self-addressed prepaid envelope with the Survey.

Your feedback is very much appreciated and in past years has been the basis of enhancing TOIRMA’s coverages. In fact, the TOIRMA Team evaluates the responses and responds to any that require action accordingly. TOIRMA Contacts be on the watch for the Survey, and thank you in advance for your attention.

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Thank you for your attention to these matters. As always, if you have any additional questions, please

feel free to contact me toll-free at (888) 562-7861 or by email at jdonelan@toirma.org.

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As of August 23, 2019, the following TOIRMA members have not deposited their 2019 dividend check. If your township/road district is on this list below, please deposit your dividend as soon as possible. Thank you!

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