



from your Associate Director

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WINTER IS ON ITS EXIT that is for sure! Time to change our focus on the upcoming events of spring and the most important event on the horizon for township government is the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (ATM) that is statutorily required to be held annually the second Tuesday in April. For this year, that great day is **Tuesday, April 10th**. You are encouraged to take advantage of the tools provided by TOI to assist in your planning and moderating of this annual event.

We have a **WEBINAR** scheduled for April 5th on the subject of Preparing for the Annual Town Meeting. This lunch and learn webinar will outline the process itself as well as providing an overview of the powers the electors have at this annual meeting of electors. To register for the webinar, visit our website at www.toi.org and look for the education tab that includes references to registering for this webinar and the many programs planned as part of the Township Government Education Network for 2018.

The check list for the ATM was printed in the February *Perspective* magazine this year. Make sure you review this checklist and listing of powers provide to electors at this meeting.

With the new year also comes the first week of March (March 5-9). This week is designated as Local Government Week. If you attended an event highlighting this great week for local government forward our office some pictures and a description of how you celebrated local government week in 2018.

We have **TOPICS DAY** scheduled for April 25, 2018 (Wednesday). TOI wants all township officials to attend this meeting or send a representative from your township boards. We have a great event planned and hope to convey a unified message to members of the Illinois General Assembly—that Township Government is efficient, productive and balanced. Most important that township government provides valuable services to the residents of Illinois statewide. Information on the event and how to register is provided in this edition of *Perspective*.

TOI LAUNCHES NEW EDUCATION PROGRAM APP FOR 2018

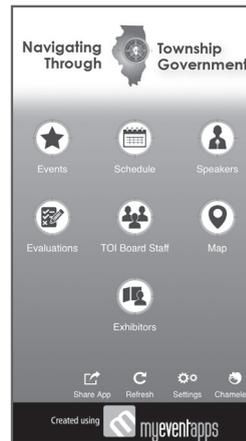
New this year the app highlights all of the events we are planning for the year. Additionally, provides venue

Downloading the App

Get the App

1. **Go to your device store.** Access the App Store on IOS devices and then the Play Store on Android.
2. **Install the App.** Search for Chameleon Event App. Once you've found the app, tap either **Download** or **Install**.

After installing, a new icon will appear on the home screen.



Find your event

1. Once downloaded, open the Chameleon Event App. **Allow** Chameleon to send you notifications, this will allow the app to update you on events.
2. **Search** for Township Officials of Illinois in the event search bar.
3. **Open your event.** Tap the Events icon to open it.



location, agenda and evaluation opportunities for all event attendees. It is our goal to enhance the event experience for all of our members and guests.

Remember to check the website (www.toi.org) as well as the calendar of events in the front inside cover of each edition of *Perspective* magazine for upcoming events. TOI is hosting many events to assist township officials and their staff in delivering services in township communities. The Township Government Education Network offers webinars, professional development days, and various education opportunities.

SEARCH FOR PROGRAM IDEAS OPEN

If you are looking for a specific program or would like to recommend a speaker for TOI to contact please forward the information to me at jerry@toi.org.

