



# from your Executive Director

By Bryan E. Smith

TOI Executive Director

ON NOVEMBER 15, 2016, at the Closing Session of the Annual Educational Conference, Robert "Bob" Miller, Algonquin Township Highway Commissioner, was elected as President of TOI. Bob had served on the TOI Board of Directors for several years and then became a TOI officer, formerly serving Secretary, Treasurer, 2nd Vice



BOB MILLER

President, and 1st Vice President. He had also served a term as President of the Highway Commissioners Division, as well as the McHenry County Highway Commissioners and the Northern Illinois Highway Commissioners.

Bob has served Algonquin Township for 44 years, 24 of those as highway commissioner. He was hired as a laborer in 1972 and continued in that role until being elected as highway commissioner in 1993, taking over for his father, Del Miller, who passed away a few weeks before the 1993 township election. Throughout his time working with TOI, Bob has been a strong supporter of educational opportunities for township officials, and specifically highway commissioners.



DANNY HANNING

However, as they say, all good things must come to an end. On February 28, Bob lost his Republican Primary election race and come May 15, he will no longer be a township official. I spoke to Bob the day after the Primary and while disappointed, he was thankful for all the people he has been able to work with through the years. Bob said that he felt it was best if he resigned as TOI President immediately, in order to give our 1st Vice President more time as president, instead of him just holding the spot until May.

While Bob's departure was certainly unexpected, it did make me realize how quickly circumstances, over which we have no control, can change our lives and

even a statewide organization like TOI. The TOI Board of Directors realized this many years ago when they provided for the orderly transition of business in the event something happens like we've just experienced. The TOI By-Laws, Article V, section 2, provides that in the event of the death, resignation, or removal of the President, the 1st Vice President shall assume the duties and responsibilities of that office. Our 1st Vice President, Danny Hanning, Huntsville Township Highway Commissioner, Schuyler County, has accepted that responsibility and, with the support of everyone, the association will continue on course without "missing a beat."

As we look to the future, I want you to personally say "thank you" to Bob Miller for his untiring efforts to make a difference in keeping township government and keeping it strong! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. And to Danny Hanning, our new TOI President, I want to say "thank you" for all your years of service and for "stepping up" to lead our association. I have no doubt you will do a great job given your years of "hands-on" experience and working your way up through the ranks. I look forward to working with you.

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