

# GRASS ROOTS REPORT



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*The Official Newsletter of the ND Township Officers Association*

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## Notice of the 52nd Annual Meeting of NDTOA

You can be paid to attend this meeting! Costs such as convention registration, hotel charges and mileage are allowable township expenses. This convention also qualifies as meeting days so you can be paid for your days at the rate set by your Township. All Township Officers are urged to attend, this is your meeting!

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the North Dakota Township Officers Association will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Ramada Inn, 1400 East Interchange Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota.

Monday morning registration will begin in the Heritage Ballroom at 7:30; the session will begin at 8:30. We will host several speakers that are in key positions in the state government and others that have impact on Township Officers. The convention will break at noon for the provided Awards Luncheon; the Grassroots Leadership award will be presented to this year's selected outstanding Township Officer.

This year we tried to make the nomination form for the Grassroots Leadership Award a little less intimidating so hopefully you will take time to nominate someone deserving of the award. But get your nominations in quickly so the

awards committee can work through the pile of applications!

The convention will resume at 1:00 PM with the annual business meeting. Reports of finances and association activities will be given at that time. Elections for three directors will be held (see list in separate section). There will also be a vote on an amendment to the NDTOA Constitution.

After the adjournment of the business meeting, at 5:00 PM, there will be a "no-host social" (cash bar). The evening banquet will begin at 6:00 PM. At that time the Legislator of the Year Award will be presented followed by the informative banquet speakers.

Tuesday morning registration will begin at 7:30; the session will begin at 8:30. Tuesday morning is more of a workshop – question and answer format.

Presenters will include: from NDLTAP, Denise Brown and Dale Heglund to discuss the more technical road issues and training opportunities NDLTAP has to offer.

Sandra DePountis, Assistant ND Attorney General, will give a presentation on open meetings & records, with plenty of opportunity for your questions.

Thomas Moe, NDTOA Attorney, will complete the morning with his Attorney's Report and discussions. Lately there have been a lot of questions about railroad crossings and closures so there will be a focus on those.

Zoning issues and questions have also been increasing and Tom will lead a question and answer period on them, a mini workshop on zoning.

Besides those focused issues, Tom will be available for the general attorney questions, so bring yours!

The 52nd Annual Meeting of the North Dakota Township Officers Association will adjourn by 12 Noon on Tuesday December 4, 2018.

Convention Registration is \$50 per person at the door, \$40 if pre-registered and paid by November 16, 2018, mail to: Barb Knutson, 2600 236th St NE, McKenzie, ND 58572. This also covers the cost of the Monday luncheon and evening banquet. It should be noted these are not just meals but are part of the program with informative speakers.

Hotel reservations can be made at 701-258-7000. Call by November 16 and tell them you are with ND

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## President's Comments



Hello everyone,

Strong hints of winter have arrived but let's hope it's only Mother Nature's way of letting us know of what is coming, hopefully later, much later. Lots of harvest to be completed yet.

We have been getting many calls lately on what can be done about trees and other obstructions in the township right-of-way.

This has been addressed many times in our presentations at workshops, county association meetings, NDTOA annual meetings, articles in the newsletter, and the discussion forum section on the website.

The answers to most of these questions can be found in the Township Officers Handbook: NDCC 24-06 -28 thru 31 and NDCC 63. If property owners had been complying with Title 63 all along, and township officers ensuring that property owners were complying, there would be considerably less problems with trees or obstructions in the R.O.W.

We are hearing of many variations of solutions to the problem: some townships are sending notices to property owners to get these obstructions removed at their own expense and some are offering a cost share proposal due to lack of due diligence on all involved. If nothing is done, it can be an extra cost to the township for snow removal and road maintenance.

Another item of concern, at least in my neck of the woods, is the mandate promulgated by the 2017 legislative session ordering that estimated tax statements be sent to all property owners.

Indeed, the county auditor and some assessors in my county have said they have received several calls wondering why the county is going to all the time and expense of sending out these notices that hardly anybody cares about or pays attention to since they will be getting the real thing in a couple months or so.

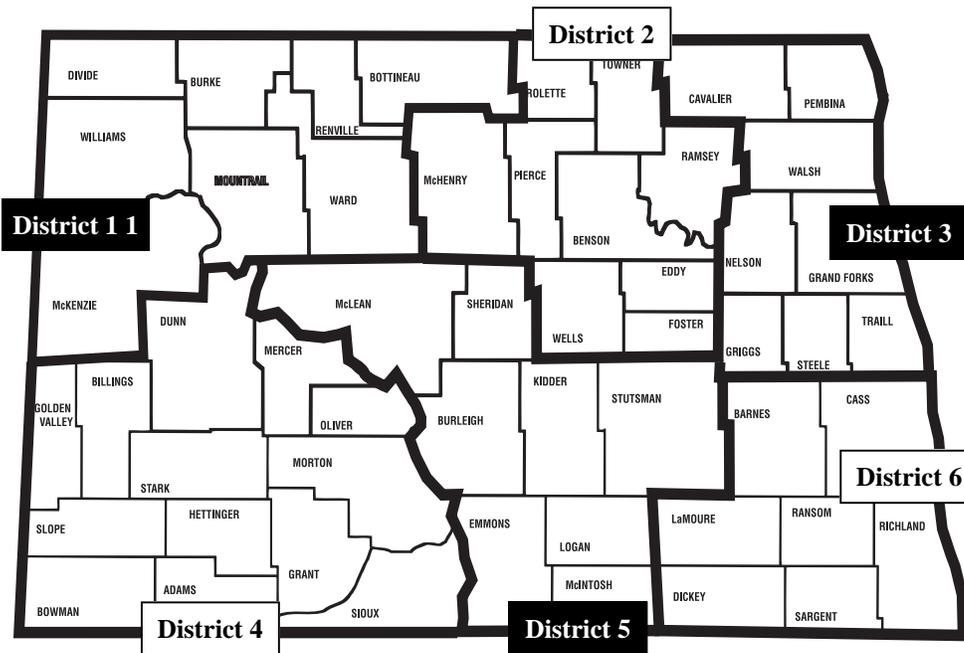
Due to the wording in the law, some townships and other entities can be billed for a part of the expense for sending these statements. Just one more unfunded mandate handed down by state government that could cause local taxes to increase in order to pay for it.

Hoping to see a good turnout for the NDTOA annual meeting and convention in Bismarck on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Remember, this is your convention, your opportunity to elect members to the NDTOA board of directors, your opportunity to provide input on how the organization will be run in the future.

At your last board of supervisors meeting each year it would be a good idea to set the regular board meeting schedule for the coming year. If you then send this schedule to the County Auditor it will satisfy your notice requirements under open meetings regulations.

Let's do our jobs diligently and keep our form of Grassroots Government alive and well.

# NDTOA Elections to be Held



District Directorships to be filled this annual meeting are as follows:

**DISTRICT 2** consists of the following counties: Benson, Eddy, Foster, McHenry, Pierce, Ramsey, Rolette, Towner and Wells. *Directorship currently vacant.*

**DISTRICT 4** consists of the following counties: Adams, Bowman, Billings, Dunn, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sioux, Slope and Stark. *Directorship currently held by Leon Monke, Regent.*

**DISTRICT 6** consists of the following counties: Barnes, Cass, Dickey, LaMoure, Ransom, Richland and Sargent. *Directorship currently held by Steve Ginsbach, Hankinson.*

At the time of election a candidate to be an officer or director of NDTOA must be a currently elected township officer of a township that is a dues paying member of NDTOA. Anyone interested in serving on the NDTOA board of Directors for those districts or as an officer should contact a nominating committee member: District 1 Director Thomas Wheeler, District 3 Director Al Bekkerus, or District 5 Director Barb Knutson.

## Proposed Constitution Change

On December 4<sup>th</sup> 2017, the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention, the voting membership of the North Dakota Township Officers Association passed a resolution that the following change to Article 4 of the Constitution be considered by the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention in 2018.

Delete the phrase: “, not to exceed three consecutive terms.”

Article IV

*The membership of the Board of directors shall consist of those members as outlined in the By-Laws of the Association. There shall be elected from the membership of the association during annual meetings held in odd numbered years a president and vice-president who shall hold office for a term of two years, ~~not to exceed three consecutive terms~~. At the time of the election, the president and vice-president must be currently holding an elected township office. The Board of Directors shall meet annually in December and at other special meetings as called by the president or any five members of the Board of Directors.*

This change will be voted on at the Monday afternoon business meeting of the convention December 3, 2018. The meeting will be held in the Heritage Ballroom of the Bismarck Ramada Inn. If passed, the change will allow the serving President and Vice President to stand for re-election and leaves the decision up to the voting membership if they should continue in office for another term.

# The Country Lawyer

by Thomas R. Moe, Attorney-at-Law



Greetings! This newsletter finds us just weeks away from our NDTOA State Convention in Bismarck.

You will find a schedule of events elsewhere in this edition. Please plan on attending, because it allows all of us to meet and greet each other, and it sure helps me to put a face to a name and a voice!

I'm always curious as to the excuses people use for not attending—We are all busy, but any township office can and should attend. Finances shouldn't be a reason, because the convention is official township business, so the township should reimburse attendees for their travel expenses. I really do hope to see you in Bismarck!

The eastern part of the State had some very early wet heavy snow, so the harvest has been really delayed. Gravel roads are a sticky wet mess, so I'm hoping we warm up and dry out, so at least one more pass by the road maintenance crews can be achieved before freeze-up—otherwise we'll be dealing with frozen ruts and bad road conditions all winter!

For those that can still travel your township roads easily, make sure you get a road and sign survey done yet this Fall.

Document your trip, and make plans to replace those signs that are either severely damaged, or those that have lost any nighttime reflectivity.

We all would hate to see a bad accident occurring where the driver couldn't see any warning signs—all because the township failed to timely replace those signs that are no longer visible.

I've had several questions posed to me over the last year pertaining to Zoning. Hopefully we will have a session on zoning at the convention. I can touch on the topic as well during my time on the program.

More and more individuals and agencies are requiring permits for their building planning, and many townships are in the dark about how to go about that permit process.

Zoning doesn't have to be complicated, and there are several sample zoning ordinances on the NDTOA website for your review. If nothing else, an established 'set-back rule' would be most helpful, where limitations can be placed on constructing permanent structures, or, planting trees too close to the road.

The point is to get started on Zoning in your township if not already in place—it might be a good wintertime project to get ready in time for the March annual meetings.

Speaking of annual meetings, even though it is only October/November, it's not too early to check to see which officer's terms are up next March. And, not too early to start 'twisting arms' to find replacements if needed!

Also, if you know of a township officer who is retiring, don't forget to consider that person as a nominee for NDTOA's Grassroots award.

One of the rules of that award system is that a retired township officer is not eligible for that particular recognition—so get that person nominated before retirement.

Once again, please consider coming to Bismarck for your state convention.

Those who have attended in the past always tell me that the sessions were educational and they all wondered why they took so long to make the commitment to attend! Hope to see you there!

Following are a few questions I've received at the office. Stay warm!  
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**QUESTION:** The railroad has indicated they want to close some crossings in our township. They claim they can do that on their own without our permission. Is that correct?

**ANSWER:** Not if it's a section line. Section line closings are within the jurisdiction of the County Commission, and only after notice and a hearing about the proposed closing.

Now, if the township determines that the crossing is indeed not needed, the township can close the road (after notice and a hearing) leading up to the crossing, but the 66 foot right of way on the section line remains—regardless if there is a road there or not.

Or, maybe the railroad crossing can be closed, but the township wants the road leading up to it to remain in place, but with proper signing—probably a "T" sign and other advance warnings letting the driver know to turn either left or right at that intersection.

If this latter idea is utilized, the railroad ought to pay for the signage and maybe even the road closing hearings and notices in return for the township's agreement to allow the closing of the rail crossing. Make

# The Country Lawyer cont'd

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sure you respond in writing to the railroad with a letter regarding your requirements, so your case is documented with the railroad's head office.

**QUESTION:** The township officers 40 years ago closed a section line and allowed the adjacent landowner to farm over it. Now, the land has changed hands on one side of the line and the new owner wants to make a trail on the section line to get to his property.

The owner on the other side won't let him do that and has indicated that he's 'grandfathered in' because his family has been farming the section line for 40 years and has threatened to sue us if we don't let him continue to farm the line, and, if we allow his new neighbor to make a trail. What should we do?

**ANSWER:** You indicate that the township "closed" the section line all those years ago—but townships don't have authority to abandon section line right-of-ways—only the county commission can do that. *(See the above discussion about the railroad crossing).* So my guess is that 40 years ago, the township closed the road, but the 66 foot right of way remained.

Fast forward to today, and the present set of township supervisors most assuredly can re-open the road and allow the public—in this case the new neighbor—to use the section line. This is why we have section lines every mile—so the public, either now or in the future, can have access.

The threat of a lawsuit is an idle threat, as there is no such thing as a 'grandfathered' use—unless there was a written agreement done up years ago, but even then, the town-

ship officers at that time would not have had to the jurisdiction to permanently abandon the right of way.

**QUESTION:** We talked to the school superintendent about closing two miles of our road this winter because we don't want to do snow removal on it.

No one lives on the two miles, but it is a school bus route. The bus driver said she could go around and it would add only an extra mile or two. Can we do this?

**ANSWER:** I think so, as you could designate it as a minimum maintenance road for these few months with the proper signing of course.

You are right in that the school will have to agree about the changed bus routing, as that is indeed one on the requirements for a minimum Maintenance designation—the road cannot be a school bus route. (Nor a postal route, or a residence on the stretch of road).

**QUESTION:** Our clerk is a 'snowbird' who goes South for the winter. Can he continue to be the clerk?

**ANSWER:** The requirement for any township officer is that they must be residents of the township. As long as the clerk doesn't change his residence to the other state, then you should be okay.

I think I would want him to be fairly computer literate, however, because most of the clerk's duties could be handled electronically.

Generally, I think the law assumes township officers are always present in the township for the public to work with, but with today's technology, many absentee conversations can be done. You may want to consider having him appoint a 'deputy clerk' however, who could also handle the duties in

the clerk's absence. See Section 58-07-02 of the Century Code in our handbook pertaining to deputy clerks.

**QUESTION:** Who actually approves our township budget? I say it is the supervisors, but we have a resident who says he should have a say in how much money is spent.

**ANSWER:** The supervisors are charged with the duty to prepare and submit a budget to the annual meeting. *[See section 58-06-01(20) in our handbook—powers and duties of township supervisors].* So it is the annual meeting where the budget is finally approved by the residents of the township.

Now I understand the annual meeting is often just the supervisors and the clerk present, but on that day the officers are also acting as residents—so the resident whom you speak of would also have a vote on the proposed budget as well. Isn't grassroots government fun?!

## SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS

If your county has an issue that you feel should be addressed by NDTOA, bring it to the annual meeting as a written resolution.

All written resolutions should be sent to the NDTOA office: Larry Syverson, 465 150<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Mayville ND 58257 or given to your District Director no later than Friday, Nov. 23, 2018.

They may also be emailed to the office by Friday, November 30th at: [larry.ndtoa@gmail.com](mailto:larry.ndtoa@gmail.com).

The Resolutions Committee will meet on Sunday evening December 2, 2018 after the close of the Board of Directors Meeting. Tom Wheeler, 6561-115 Ave NW, Ray, ND is the Committee Chairman.

# What Would You Do? Railroad Crossing

The rail line cuts across the corner of this section resulting in two crossings on un-improved section lines. Now the railroad wants to close at least one of them. Traffic patterns are visible in this Google Earth photo showing people have been using these crossings, most likely for field access. Most of the patterns indicate movement from top to go off to the left and from the bottom to go off to the right but there are even tracks that cross the washout. People do use these section lines, how should your Township handle this with the railroad?

Attorney Tom Moe will discuss this and other rail crossing issues on Tuesday morning December 4<sup>th</sup> at the NDTOA Annual Convention. Bring your questions!



## Does your Township have Zoning Issues?

Did your Township let the county do the zoning, now a wind farm is coming in and you are unhappy with the set-back the county is using?

Does your Township have a home on a lot much smaller than your minimum lot size but it is grandfathered in, and now they are bringing in a trailer house and possibly even a second trailer house?

Does your Township zoning regulation prohibit "Man Camps" but one of your landowners has started bringing in "skid shacks" for his employees to live in and now he wants a variance?

The NDTOA Attorney, Tom Moe will discuss these and other zoning issues during a workshop session on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup>. An hour has been set aside for this workshop so bring your questions to day 2 of the NDTOA Convention.

If you have had a part in zoning your Township and would not mind relating your experiences to the group, we would like to assemble an impromptu panel to discuss the process you went through in zoning your Township. Please let us know you are there and willing to participate!

September 21, 2018

## **Township Officers' Association of North Dakota with Rail/Hwy Crossings**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is requesting your assistance to identify locations within your many jurisdictions where highway/rail crossing safety could be improved. The information provided should contain the location of the grade crossing by street or road name and the distance and direction to the nearest town(s). Please be specific about your concern or suggestion for improvement.

NDDOT has annual federal funds available for safety enhancement projects at rail/highway at-grade crossings. These funds are used for the installation of active warning devices (e.g. flashing light signals with gates), crossing signs, and crossing surface improvements. The funding breakdown for the actual cost of a project is as follows:

<b>Federal funds – 90%</b>	<b>County Road Authority – 10%</b>
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Crossing concerns or suggestions can be forwarded by email to: [jstyron@nd.gov](mailto:jstyron@nd.gov), or by mail to:

*Jim Styron, Rail/Highway Crossing Safety Manager  
Planning/Asset Management Division  
North Dakota Department of Transportation  
608 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0700*

Please mail or email your concerns or suggestions before November 30, 2018, so we can include it in our annual review process. If you have sent concerns in the past, be assured that it has been incorporated in our prioritization of statewide crossings. If you have a roadway project that involves a rail crossing, please contact me. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

JIM STYRON - RAIL/HWY CROSSING SAFETY MANAGER

### **District Director Tom Wheeler to represent NDTOA on LoadPass Panel**

The NDTOA Board of Directors has confirmed District 1 Director Tom Wheeler to represent the association on a discussion panel that will be part of the Western Dakota Energy Association annual meeting. The meeting will be held at the 4 Bears Casino and Lodge in New Town on November 7 & 8.

The panel will discuss issues associated with permitting the movement of oversize loads on county and township roads. We trust that Director Wheeler will make sure the Township perspective on oversize – overweight loads and the damage that they can cause are understood. He will also report back to the Board of Directors how the township position has been received by the LoadPass organization.

WDEA operates the LoadPass system which originated in the oil producing counties and following the great success there has now been expanded to be available state wide.



# NDTOA Attends Multi-State Conference in Duluth

*By Larry Syverson*

The Minnesota Association of Townships hosted the Multi-State Conference this year in Duluth. Several members of the NDTOA Board took part in the conference. Our hosts took us on a couple of very interesting tours. First there was the National Resource Research Institute at UMD this facility is kind of similar to our EERC at UND. They do a lot of work finding uses for by-products and wastes from the industries in the area like the taconite mines which are nearby.

Then we had a bus tour of the Enbridge Energy terminal in Superior Wisconsin, on the way in we passed by the Husky Terminal where there was a very destructive fire back in April of this year, they were just getting going on the repairs so a lot of the damage was still evident. The scale of the Enbridge terminal is amazing; millions of barrels of storage capacity. Enbridge also had a presentation at the conference and they showed us how they run "pigs" through the pipeline to perform maintenance

and to scan for problems. Pigs are telemetry containing capsules that are inserted into the pipe and take readings on conditions or perform maintenance tasks. There are also pigs that scour a line that is being decommissioned or replaced. There is a lot of concern about pipeline safety these days but we noted that Enbridge does take safety very seriously and they invest a lot into keeping their system safe.

The development of rural high speed internet was a large part of the program Minnesota presented. The last several years Minnesota has put a lot of effort into bringing high speed internet into the rural areas. They said the lack of connectivity is a hindrance to the development of business and it depresses property values, for one thing people do not want to retire where connectivity is lacking. People don't want to have to leave home to see a movie or to shop for more than just the basics; some even need remote medical monitoring. Many of these necessary or desired services are not available

locally and providers are increasingly distant for rural residents. They indicated that rural electric providers are in the best position to take on the internet expansion but the cost could almost equal the original investment to supply electricity.

It struck me that Duluth is such a monument to change. The ship canal was dredged in 1871 and the Ariel Lift Bridge for which Duluth is famous was built in 1905. The original bridge had a gondola that traveled suspended from the overhead track to carry 60 tons of passengers and vehicles back and forth. It was rebuilt in 1929 to be a road lift bridge and it continues in use as such today, capable of lifting 135 feet to allow the largest ships to pass under. It now lifts about 5,000 times a year, just as likely to be for a pleasure sailboat as it might be for an ore freighter or shipload of wheat. Many of the piers that received most all the goods that flowed to and from the upper Midwest now sit empty or have been converted to other uses, our hotel was built on one.



## 52 Annual Meeting cont'd *from page 1*

Townships to get the convention rate.

The North Dakota Livestock Alliance will be having a display at this convention and some of their representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about animal agriculture. NDLA is paying a fee for this opportunity to provide their information; this is not an endorsement by NDTOA. Amber Boeshans, the Executive Director of NDLA will also be one of the convention speakers.

Because there will be a vote on an amendment to the NDTOA Constitution this notice must be out 30 days prior to the convention. At the time this has to go to print we are still working on the speaker agenda, they have been invited but we have not been able to confirm times when they are available to speak. The completed agenda will be available on the website a couple of weeks before the convention.

Hope to see you in Bismarck! Thank you for being Township Officers!

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North Dakota  
**Livestock Alliance**  
**ndlivestock.org**

***The mission of the North Dakota Livestock Alliance (NDLA) is to support, enhance and promote animal agriculture in North Dakota.***

***The ND Livestock Alliance looks forward to meeting you at the Annual Convention of the ND Township Officers Association – December 3 and 4 at the Ramada Bismarck.***



# Treasurer's Report by Barb Knutson



What happened to Fall? Went to sleep, it was summer, woke up it was winter!

Thanks for all that are catching up on their dues. They become delinquent on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. I have appreciated the fact that mostly people are letting me know which townships they are paying for when they pay for groups of townships. Helps a lot.

When working on mailing list, I have noticed that not every township is sending officer information to the counties. That list should include not just new officers, but holdover officers also. It would be great if that list would include name, address, phone numbers, home and cell, email addresses, which office they hold. At least one

county is including the expiration of the term of each officer. Very helpful. Thanks for those that update me when officers change in middle of the year.

Remember to set aside the first Monday and Tuesday in December to come and spend time with us at the annual meeting in Bismarck. That is days that are considered working days so you can bill your township for the days and for the miles coming and going to the meeting.

We really encourage more people to attend that meeting as we, each year, have speakers and information that is important to all of us. Put it on the calendar!

Reminder: Grass Roots Leadership Award. If you happen to have some-

one in your township that has served on the board and has done outstanding service, don't forget to send in a nomination.

There are a lot of officers out there that have served long and well, I know because I talk to them on a regular basis.

Get these nominations in so we have an opportunity to recognize them for their service.

Hope this finds all well out there in the hinterlands and hope to see you in Bismarck in December. Thanks for all you do as townships officers, it is important!

## NDTOA 2018 52nd Annual Meeting Registration Form December 3 and 4, 2018 Ramada, Bismarck ND

Name(s) and Title \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Total No. Attending \_\_\_\_ @ \$40 per person PRE-REGISTRATION (\$50 at the door)  
\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 spouse attending the Monday Night Banquet Total Amount Enclosed  
\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 7 spouse attending the Monday Luncheon \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and send this registration form, along with your check payable to NDTOA by **November 16, 2018** to Barb Knutson, 2600 236th St NE, McKenzie, ND 58572.

**NOTE:** Townships may pay from their general fund for officer's registration fees and expenses.

# North Dakota Township Officers Grassroots Government Leadership Award

To recognize the leadership, creativity, and dedication of township officials, the NDTOA has established a leadership award to pay tribute every year to an individual whose community service exhibits the highest standard of dedication, ability and service.

## ELIGIBILITY

The award will be presented to an individual, locally elected official, currently in office. It will recognize him or her for their outstanding contributions on a sustained basis or from a single performance.

Nominees should have responsibility for accomplishing or causing to be accomplished significant programs or projects within their area of responsibility, to the ultimate benefit of the general public.

Examples of such professional accomplishments include local government cost-cutting, coordination of a major local volunteer effort, and promoting townships at the national level, establishing new local services or programs, and success in securing public or private funding for local projects.

## SELECTING CRITERIA

Nomination should include as much information as possible, such as:

Complexity of the problem(s) addressed.

Measurable improvements resulting from nominee's accomplishments.

Use of original, innovative or creative approaches and solutions in difficult situations.

Long-term or lasting benefit of the nominee's accomplishments.

## NOMINATING PROCEDURE

Nominations may be submitted by member townships and counties of the NDTOA. A nomination form is below for your convenience. Just complete and mail (or e-mail [larry.ndtoa@gmail.com](mailto:larry.ndtoa@gmail.com)). **Nominations must be received by November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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## North Dakota Township Officers Grassroots Government Leadership Award

### NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE: Name, office, Township, County, address and phone numbers.

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Your name, office, address and phone numbers.

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Other objective references: name, office, address, phone numbers.

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Please attach a summary of the major accomplishments for which the Township official is being nominated. Also attach as much information as you can, such as a brief biography of the nominee summarizing positions held, civic and professional affiliations, and other relevant personal data. The more information you can provide the better chance your candidate will be selected.

The award will be presented at the NDTOA Annual Convention in December.

Mail (or email) the completed form to: NDTOA; 465-150th Ave NE; Mayville ND 58257-9011

For questions or for copies of this form please phone 701-430-1735 or email [larry.ndtoa@gmail.com](mailto:larry.ndtoa@gmail.com).



# Grass Roots Report

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## NOTICE TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**If your county includes unorganized townships:**

Is your county paying dues for each unorganized township?  
The per mile funding each township gets is a result of NDTOA effort.  
If your county doesn't pay dues, someone else is paying your freight!  
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