



# THE PAR-PLAN NEWS

The Official Newsletter of the Michigan Township Participating Plan

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### *Michigan Township Participating Plan Receives Recognition*

We are pleased to announce that the Par-Plan was recognized during the Michigan Townships Association's 48th Annual Educational Conference for their support of the MTA and continued education for townships.

Over the last 16 years we have sought to provide meaningful programs and social events as a way of thanking our members specifically as well as assisting the MTA.

Their recognition of our efforts is appreciated.

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*Those attending the ceremony included Chairman John Jones of Ira Township, Pat Mead, Benzonia Township-Zone 3 Director, David Kensler, Par-Plan Administrator, Rita Evans, Par-Plan Risk Control, John Oros and Kevin Decker, Par-Plan Regional Risk Managers.*

## UPCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

During the next several months, member representatives will be electing Zone Representatives to serve on the Par-Plan Board of Directors. This year Zones 3, 6, & 9 are up for regular election with representatives serving three year terms. A special election in Zone 2 serving a two year term and Zone 4 serving a one year term. Zones consist of the following counties:

- Zone 3: Emmet, Charlevoix, Leelanau, Antrim, Benzie, Traverse, Kalkaska, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee
- Zone 6: Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, Isabella, Midland, Bay, Gratiot, Saginaw, Clinton, Shiawassee
- Zone 9: Ingham, Livingston, Jackson, Washtenaw, Wayne, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Monroe
- Zone 2: (Special election) Chippewa, Mackinaw, Luce, Schoolcraft, Alger Delta
- Zone 4: (Special election) Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Otsego, Montgomery, Alpena, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco

Each member of the Par-Plan should designate a person to serve as the Member Representative. The designated person serves as the Member Representative to the Par-Plan, and only Member Representatives are eligible to serve on the Par-Plan Board of Directors.

According to the MTPP Bylaws: Member shall mean a local unit of government participating in the Michigan Township Participating Plan. And most important, Member Representative shall mean the Member representation to the Par-Plan. A member representative must be an elected official of the unit of government which is a member of the Par-Plan. If the unit of government does not have elected officials, a member of the Board of that unit of government may be its Member Representative to the Par-Plan.

This means that Member Representatives must be elected officials. Appointed officials such as City Managers, Township Superintendents or DPW Superintendents are not eligible. Units of government that would not have elected officials might be fire authorities, water authorities and library boards.

If you are uncertain of your eligibility to run for the Zone Representative or procedure to vote, please contact the Chairman of the Election Committee, Joe Kreusel at (810) 765-3185, or the Par-Plan office at (800) 783-1370. The election committee has set the following election timetable:

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| April 12th | Nomination forms mailed to zone members                      |
| May 4th    | Nomination forms must be postmarked to receive consideration |
| June 4th   | Election ballots mailed to all zone members                  |
| June 22nd  | Election ballots must be postmarked to receive consideration |
| June 29th  | Election ballots counted                                     |
| July 12th  | Par-Plan Annual Business Meeting                             |

The board is pleased to announce the appointment of Jon Sherwood, Trustee of Beaverton Township, Gladwin County to Zone 6 until election. Jon has served as trustee of Beaverton Township for twelve years and has been a Par-Plan Committee Member for the past six years. An additional appointment of Danette Converse, Treasurer of Garfield Township, Marquette County will be seated as Zone 2 director until election.

**DIRECTORS**  
Term: July 1, 2000  
Through June 30, 2001

ZONE 1  
Paul Lehto  
Calumet Township  
(906) 337-2410

ZONE 2  
Danette Converse  
Garfield Township  
(906) 477-6481

ZONE 3  
Pat Mead, Vice Chairman  
Benzonia Township  
(231) 882-4411

ZONE 4  
Vacant

ZONE 5  
Jim Beelen  
Allendale Charter Township  
(616) 895-6295

ZONE 6  
Jon Sherwood  
Beaverton Township  
(517) 465-9176

ZONE 7  
John Jones, Chairman  
Ira Township  
(810) 725-0263

ZONE 8  
John Buckhout  
Charter Township of Kalama-  
ZOO  
(616) 381-8080

ZONE 9  
Bob Skrobola, Secretary  
Pittsfield Township  
(734) 944-3140

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## MTA CONVENTION SUMMARY

Well another MTA convention is history! As always Par-Plan made its presence known. Our **booth** was very well attended and our membership **anniversary buttons** were a huge hit with returning officials as well as the large number of new officials attending. We were glad to see the buttons proudly worn throughout the conference.

The **CASINO** night was great success and based upon the intensity of the players you would think we were giving away Cadillac's instead of paper shredder. The decorations and the free visors were worn by all!

Lastly, the **THEME DINNER** with ours being the 20's-40's room was packed with festive participants enjoying the great food and the excellent **USO revue**.

### Winners of the Michigan Township Participating Plan Casino Night Prize Drawings

Calculator – Goodland Twp–Lapeer County

Phone Answering Machine – Jan Diska, Water Twp – Oceana County

Paper Shredder – Gene Jorrisen, Marquette Charter Twp – Marquette County

Phone Answering Machine – Olga Renn, Chandler Twp – Huron County

Tiffany Lamp – Kathy Lubbers, Manlius Twp – Allegan County

\$100 Cash – Steve Schulte, Sand Beach Twp – Huron County

Winner of the MTPP convention registration prize was Karen Morgen, Treasurer of Mullett Twp – Cheboygan County-

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## SEWER BACK-UP STATUS

As was discussed in our last issue, the Par-Plan has conducted a detailed survey of the membership to specifically quantify the impact of the erosion of defense and immunity formerly provided to our membership. Additionally, we needed to ascertain specifically which members have the problem and secondly to determine their individual exposure to these incidents.

The results of the survey indicate roughly less than **5%** of our members have any significant exposure to sewer back-up losses. It would be unfair to spread the cost of such coverage over the entire membership when **95%** don't have the exposure. We then did a historical analysis of sewer back-up claims to pinpoint those members who not only have the exposure but have experienced losses. It came as no surprise that the lists were virtually the same.

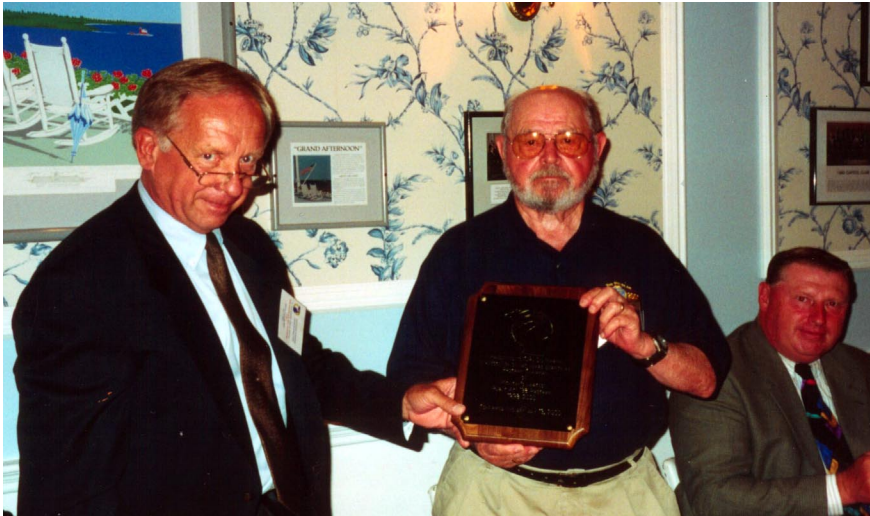
As a result of the survey, effective **4/1/01** we will be adding an exclusion to all renewal policies for any and all claims resulting from sewer back-ups.

Additionally, we are evaluating those members who have experienced losses in this area to determine if they will be receiving a mid-term coverage restriction for this risk. The Par-Plan's exposure to significant losses prior to their normal policy expiration dictated this immediate response.

Your risk control department has developed a supplemental questionnaire that members can complete should they wish to obtain limited coverage based upon their individual situation. These questionnaires will be reviewed by the underwriting and risk control departments to determine the limit and scope of coverage that could be provided.

## MANY THANKS TO OUR PAST DIRECTORS

It is with great regret that we announce that three of the Par-Plan board of directors were unsuccessful in their re-election bids during last years campaign.



C R. St. Martin (center) receiving his plaque of appreciation from Robert Skrobola, Vice Chairman. Also pictured is current Par-Plan Chairman, John Jones.

Zone #2 Director – C.R. St Martin, Seney Township has served as Par-Plan Director since the Programs Inception in 1985. He also served as the programs chairman from 1998 – 2000. Without his guidance and enthusiasm the program would not be the unqualified success that it is. His support and wealth of knowledge will be greatly missed.

Zone #4 Director – Joe Faino, Denton Township served one term as Par-Plan Director. During that time he clearly enjoyed his involvement in the program and provided us with his insights and opinions on the direction and scope of the program.

Zone #5 Director – Mark Harnden, Williams Township served as Par-Plan Director since 1995. During that time he clearly made his presence known! Without his support the Par-Plan would not be participating as actively in MTA educational programs. Mark also served as an MTA Director.

Good luck to all in their future endeavors!

### NOTICE

#### MTPP QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

The May quarterly Par-Plan Board of Directors meeting is being held at the Kewadin Hotel and Conference Center  
Saulte Ste. Marie, Michigan  
**Friday, May 18, 2001 at 9:00 am.**

### GASB 34 Compliance

As a service to all Par-Plan members, we are planning to review all of the required properties as outlined in GASB 34 prior to the 2005 compliance date.

We will be providing this service to most members at no additional cost. Our program administrator has contracted with two firms to provide this service on a systematic county by county approach which will make this huge undertaking more time effective.

The two contracted firms are: Governmental Property Services, Inc. and Mid-America Appraisal Inc. You will be contacted by your regional rep when your area is scheduled to be surveyed.