



## September 2017 Northern Illinois Historic League Newsletter Communication

- For our **Historic Preservation** partners, a reminder that the National Trust is still seeking endorsements from your organization for the National signon petition that is being presented to Congressional leaders to protect the Federal Historic Tax Credit in planned upcoming tax and budget negotiations. The Northern Illinois Historic League has signed this national letter and we encourage our League partners to do the same to express solidarity that the Federal Historic Tax Credit is an extremely important tool to facilitate historic preservation projects. Please go [here](#) to see the Federal Historic Tax Credit signon letter. Please go here to see additional resources about why your group should endorse the national campaign. Due to developments in Washington, DC, this has become a time sensitive matter. National Trust is asking for any additional signatories to signon no later than Tuesday, September 12.
- The Northern Illinois Historic League recommends use of the nonprofit software vendor [Techsoup](#) to help further your group's mission with support for low cost or donated software solutions. Proof of tax exemption needs to be provided to Techsoup to comply with their donation rules, but significant savings can be realized with software procurement through this channel for those unfamiliar with this vendor. Contact the [League](#) office if you wish to learn more about this alternative to help further your mission to help keep current with software solutions. Microsoft, Adobe, Intuit and Symantec are some of the names on the Techsoup software vendor donor list. Additional solutions including Microsoft Office 365 and Google Suite for Nonprofits are accessible through this portal as well.
- The Northern Illinois Historic League (NIHL) has future plans to launch a Pilot study investigating benefits for networking of interested League partners. The League is securing nonprofit rates for both Google Suite (G-Suite) and Office 365 through Techsoup for this purpose. The NIHL network is planned to be a 21<sup>st</sup> century business solution for improved networking of our large organization. If you are interested in being included on this Pilot study or in receiving updates about features available or benefits being explored, please contact the [League](#) office.
- The NIHL reviews organizational profiles with our partners periodically due to the many changes your groups will normally develop to take advantage of new technology or deployment of new social media. As a reminder, the League is interested in not only your active website(s), but also your Facebook page, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Google+ and YouTube channels, along with other related group affiliations. The NIHL publishes these details about your group so our readership has an easier time finding your website and social media. The League has plans to do a 100% mailing to all NIHL partners for this purpose starting in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017, and we thank you in advance for your cooperation while the review continues. We may well try to conduct a phone campaign as well to reintroduce the NIHL to you, and for you to reacquaint the NIHL with your projects.

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