



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY: FRANK VUOSO

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new President of the New Jersey Association of Planning and Zoning Administrators. The past seven Presidents, previous Officers and countless committee volunteers have paved the way for me to continue the success of our Association. I would like to thank them all for their leadership and guidance to the Association since 1989. Next year our Association will be celebrating 25 years serving the membership of NJAPZA.

This year is off to a great start, the NJAPZA Executive Committee and Education Committee decided to once again offer NJAPZA members a \$40 credit towards the cost of registration to the Annual Spring Conference being held on June 1, 2012 in East Windsor. The Education Committee under the direction of Ilene Cutroneo is preparing a day filled with educational opportunities and networking possibilities. This is an event that shouldn't be missed! See details under the Educational portion of this newsletter for details and deadlines.

You may recall last year we started a group on LinkedIn for NJAPZA. I invite you to take a moment and join the group. As this group expands it will be a great way to exchange ideas and information. It's easy to set up a LinkedIn account if you don't already have one and even easier to join the NJAPZA group.

Also this year NJAPZA is making strides to utilize the website to a greater extent. The details are being worked on to expand and make improvements to the website.

Our Membership Coordinator and Newsletter Editor, Adele Lewis, is working hard to reach out to the membership and has worked to have your membership certificates delivered electronically prior to the Spring Conference, where they have been distributed in the past. In addition, those members that expressed an interest in getting involved with committees will be contacted by Committee Chairs in the near future to discuss ways to assist the committees. If you haven't already indicated an interest and you desire to become more involved please let us know, we welcome your involvement.

Our 23rd Annual Luncheon was held in Atlantic City and the Association recognized 3 individuals earning their Land Use Administrator certificates, 12 individuals earning their Planning & Zoning Board Secretary certificates and 19 individuals earning their Zoning Official certificates. Congratulations to all. The Convention Committee under the leadership of Dawn Wolfe and Kali Tsimboukis did a remarkable job and they have begun work on this year's luncheon, which will be held on November 14, 2012 in Atlantic City.

I look forward to working with the Officers and members of NJAPZA for the continued success of the Association. Hope to see you in June!

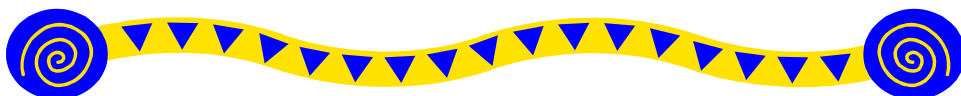
Best Regards,

IMPORTANT: DATES TO REMEMBER

- **2012 Achievement in Planning Award** will be held at the Woodbridge Hilton on Friday, May 4, 2012.
- **Current Issues in Planning and Zoning: East Windsor Holiday Inn** Please save the date! *June 1, 2012.*
- **NJAPZA Annual Luncheon Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, November 14, 2012 in the Chelsea Ballroom of Trump Plaza in Atlantic City.**

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BREAKING NEWS.....

Jacquelyn Zelinka, our Rutgers Liaison has officially announced her retirement for the summer of 2012.



Jackie has been a long time friend and supporter of NJAPZA. She has been instrumental in planning our Annual June session, which presents timely, useful and innovative topics. This annual session draws land use professionals from across the state and has become one of our most successful joint ventures with Rutgers. Jackie was the worthy recipient of NJPO Achievement in Planning Award, recognizing her many contributions to the field of Land Use.

Additionally, Jackie assists NJAPZA with curricula development and oversees and assists our membership with the certification process and continuing education credits.

Jackie will sorely be missed by all her colleagues and friends at NJAPZA. We wish her much happiness in her well-deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS

**JACKIE,
AND BEST WISHES
FOR A HEALTHY
AND RELAXING
RETIREMENT!**



ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING ON NOVEMBER 14, 2012 AT TRUMP PLAZA; CHELSEA BALLROOM ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING.....



The NJAPZA Annual Luncheon Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 in the Chelsea Ballroom of Trump Plaza in Atlantic City.

Registration will begin at 11:30 A.M. and the luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon (sharp!). Our league educational session will immediately follow the luncheon.

Certification credits will be issued to all *certified* Board Secretaries, Land Use Administrators and Zoning Officials who attend the entire educational session. You will receive a packet with more details as the date nears.

Co-Chairs Dawn Wolfe and Kali Tsimboukis have begun initial preparation to ensure a delicious luncheon, informative league session, and wonderful (surprise!) gift for all attendees!

We hope you will join us!

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION UPDATE **By Ilene Cutroneo, Education Chair**

Current Issues in Planning and Zoning

East Windsor Holiday Inn

Please save the date! June 1, 2012.

Don't let time run out to take advantage of the 2012 membership discount for NJAPZA's annual event co-sponsored with Rutgers – Center for Government Services. Remember all those who have filed their 2012 membership with NJAPZA are entitled to this \$40 discount off the regular fee of \$170. All registrations **MUST** be filed no later than **Friday, April 13 – NO EXCEPTIONS!**

After April 13, all registration will be handled through Rutgers at the full price.

This year's invited guest is The Honorable Gary Schaer, Assemblyman of the 36th District Council President for the City of Passaic, is the keynote speaker. The topic of discussion will be "Surviving Tough Economic Times: Municipal Strategies for Economic Development Activity", followed by Case Law Update by Lou Rago.

After lunch, the afternoon breakout sessions being offered are:

- Zoning Gremlins
- Signage II: Legal & 1st Amendment Issues
- Shared Services in the Land Use Office
- Post Approval Administrative Procedures

Please let us know which two sessions you wish to attend. All certificate holders in attendance earn 5 credits towards the renewal of their Rutgers Certificates. The hour-long luncheon buffet will provide attendees the opportunity to network and share information and relevant ideas.

Remember, all 2012 NJAPZA members in good standing are eligible to register and are entitled to this \$40 discount for this session. Please use the online registration form found on our website – www.njapza.org. Email the completed form to signup@njapza.org.

Please contact me if you have any questions at icutroneo@princeton-township.nj.us.

Looking forward to seeing you on June 1st!

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**Mentoring Program**

The primary mission of the NJAPZA is to educate, enhance and assist members. In 2006, NJAPZA started its Mentoring Program which was made available to all newly certified Board Secretaries, Board Administrators and Zoning Officers offering the support needed to become competent and confident land use professionals. During that time, we have been very fortunate to have within NJAPZA many competent and highly qualified individuals who were available to work within the program. We are once again reaching out to our membership in seeking certified members, willing to work to advance the development of our new group of certificate holders. You, the mentor, will offer guidance and be a valued resource as the new certificate holder faces the challenges of their position.

Please remember that the benefits of mentoring are not limited to the new certificate holders that you would be assisting. As a mentor, you will experience professional growth as you reexamine your own practices to share expertise and perhaps approach your job from a new and improved vantage point.

Any member who is interested in being considered as a Mentor, please contact me via email at

[icutroneo@princeton-township.nj.us](mailto:icutroneo@princeton-township.nj.us)

or by phone 609-924-5366.



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## NJAPZA – Half Day Session: Fall 2012



The Education Committee is in the process of discussing the schedule for half day session(s) sometime late September/early October of this year. We will be looking for a locations throughout the state.

If you have any topics that you would like to see made available as a half day session, and/or if you have a location that we can use to accommodate a group of around 30 people, please contact me via email at [icutroneo@princeton-township.nj.us](mailto:icutroneo@princeton-township.nj.us) or by phone

at 609-924-5366.

Remember that half day programs are at no cost to all NJAPZA members in good standing.

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Keep checking our website ~

www.njapza.org for updates!

League of Municipalities ~ ~ Continuing Education Credit

NJAPZA's Annual Luncheon Program during the League is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at Trump Plaza. Keep checking our website ~ www.njapza.org ~ ~ for updates.

We will again pre-approve additional programs being offered at the League Conference to give our certificate

holders additional opportunities to accrue continuing education hours credit (CE's). Rutgers will be sending a letter to all certificate holders as the conference draws nearer advising of the programs and the NJAPZA representatives who will be attending them. Once the League posts its sessions, if there are any sessions, you may be

interested in attending, please let us know. Remember we are always looking for additional NJAPZA representatives to attend these sessions, please contact me to be included on the list.



Please remember that YOU are responsible for tracking your CE credits and applying for the renewal of your Certificate

As a reminder, the Continuing Education Requirements for:

Planning Board/Zoning Board Secretary Certificate

- 15 hours of continuing education every 5 years
- Up to 5 hours of credit may be sought for administrative topics*
- At least 10 hours must be from land-use related classes, seminars or lectures

Zoning Official Certificate

- 20 hours of continuing education every 5 years
- Up to 6 hours of credit may be sought for administrative topics*
- At least 14 hours must be from land-use related classes, seminars or lectures

Land Use Administrator Certificate

- 30 hours of continuing education every 5 years
- Up to 10 hours of credit may be sought for administrative topics*
- At least 20 hours must be from land-use related classes, seminars or lectures

**If you hold more than one type of certificate, administrative hours from a single continuing education session may be credited toward the renewal of each certificate up to the administrative limit for each type of certificate.*

Board Secretary	1 hour
Land Use Administrator	2 hours
Zoning Official	2 hours

As a general note, request for CE credit approval cannot include material that is covered in the certification courses given by Rutgers.



Good Luck to the New 2012 NJAPZA Executive Board installed at our Annual November Luncheon

President: Frank Vuoso
President-Elect: Mike Proietti
Treasurer: Bonnie Imposimato
Recording Secretary: Debra Rogers
Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Petrillo

NEW 2012 NJAPZA MEMBERS!

Recognizing the increased benefits and value of a NJAPZA membership, we welcome the following new members.

We invite all our members to become more active in NJAPZA.

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| Jane Mowles-Rodriguez | Montville |
| Jennifer Dowe | Avalon |
| Patricia Soscia | Holmdel |
| Fredrick Krowl | Garfield |
| Ruth Hall | West Amwell |
| David Manhardt | Sparta |
| Donna Ward | Bayonne |
| Erin Swartz-Uriarte | Tinton Falls |
| Bonnie Flynn | Stafford |
| Ruth Leininger | Colts Neck |
| Desiree Dunn | Green Township |
| Michael Santori | River Dale |

[NJAPZA now on LinkedIn.com](#)

Have an interesting topic, a tough question, a unique zoning/planning matter or simply want to hear other opinions? Now you can easily poll other professionals in your field quickly and easily. Simply join the NJAPZA group on LinkedIn.com.

LinkedIn is a free social networking site for professionals and NJAPZA now has its own group. Visit us online and read discussions, post comments, or questions, get connected with other professionals dealing with land use issues in New Jersey. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Frank Vuoso at fvuoso@somervillenj.org



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NJAPZA NEWS.....

REMINDER.....ACT NOW!

Deadline for June 1, 2012 Session Member discount fast approaching!

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**Benefits of Membership:**

- **Discount for Annual June full day session held in conjunction with Rutgers**
- **Discounted rate at the NJAPZA Annual League of Municipalities Luncheon**
- **Free "Members Only" classes**
- **Bi-annual Association Newsletter**
- **Opportunity to network with other Land Use Professionals**

COMING SOON.....

Look for updates and changes to our **web-site** coming soon. Additionally, members will soon be assigned their own password as we strive to make our web-site more interactive and functional.

If you have signed up to **volunteer** for a Committee, you will be contacted shortly by the Committee Chair.

Thank you for your interest in NJAPZA! We encourage and welcome assistance on all of our committees.

Membership **Certificates** will be e-mailed out shortly.

In our continued efforts to "go green" and better utilize our funds, we will send all Certificates out electronically throughout the month of April. Please contact Adele Lewis, Membership Chair if you have not received it by May 15th.



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