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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I conclude my term as President, I reflect back on the past four years and the wonderful people I've had the opportunity to meet. Our Association is filled with the brightest and best in our profession. It has been my pleasure to meet and work with so many of you. I sincerely thank you for your participation in and support of NJAPZA.

It's hard to believe that we are already looking ahead to another convention and our 23rd annual League luncheon. Our annual luncheon has a long tradition of being a memorable event and this year promises to exceed our reputation for providing great camaraderie, timely educational information and a delicious lunch.

The Convention Committee, co-chaired by Dawn Wolfe & Kali Tsimboukis, has been hard at work planning this educational and enjoyable event. I thank the entire Convention Committee for their diligent efforts. Please see the convention section for more details. I sincerely hope that you can join us

for what has become a highlight of the convention for many of us.

We are pleased to announce that for the educational portion of the luncheon and back by popular demand, Paula A. Franzese, Professor at Seton Hall School of Law and former Chair of the New Jersey State Ethics Commission, will be speaking to us. Many of our NJAPZA members who have heard Professor Franzese speak can attest to her dynamic presentations. This promises to be an interesting, informative and lively discussion.

To make the most of your League convention experience, please look for approved educational programs which are authorized for credit from Rutgers and NJAPZA. Please continue to check the web-site www.njapza.org for updates.

On behalf of the Association, I extend a sincere invitation to all our members to become more involved. I can speak from personal experi-

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ence to the gratification you will receive, as well as all you will learn and assimilate from others in the land use field. Please feel free to contact President-Elect Frank Vuoso regarding volunteer opportunities for any of the committees. Again, thank you for your interest and participation in NJAPZA. It is your enthusiasm that keeps NJAPZA a growing and thriving organization.

I look forward to seeing you in Atlantic City at our luncheon on November 16th where we will swear in the new officers of NJAPZA.

Best regards,



IMPORTANT: DATES TO REMEMBER

- **NJAPZA Annual Luncheon Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 in the Chelsea Ballroom of Trump Plaza in Atlantic City.
- **2012 Membership Renewals forms due date: April 15, 2012**
- **Current Issues in Planning and Zoning; East Windsor Holiday Inn Coming in-June 2012.** Watch for details.

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Our league session will immediately follow the luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Paula A. Franzese, Professor at Seton Hall School of Law and former Chair of the N.J. State Ethics Commission. Many of you may recall Ms. Franzese being our guest speaker at our 2008 Annual Luncheon Meeting. She provided a dynamic presentation then and by popular request has graciously agreed to return to educate us further.

Certification credit will be issued to all *certified* Board Secretaries, Land Use Administrators and Zoning Officials for attendance.

This year's Convention Committee consists of Dawn Wolfe and Kali Tsimboukis as Co-Chairs, Dawn Hernandez, Adele Lewis, Rosalind Miller and Debra Rogers.

Plans are underway for another delicious luncheon and informative league session. We hope you will join us!



Back by popular demand.....Professor Paula Franzese



*(Bio and photo
courtesy of Seton
Hall Law School
web-site)*

Professor Paula Franzese, the Peter W. Rodino Professor of Law, is one of the country's leading experts in property law as well as government ethics. She has spearheaded ethics reform initiatives on behalf of three governors, serving as Special Ethics Counsel to Governor Richard Codey, Chair of the State Ethics Commission, Vice-Chair of the Election Law Enforcement Commission and as ethics advisor to state and local governments across the country, including Mayor Cory Booker's administration in Newark.

The author of numerous publications, her scholarship in the area of Property Law includes critical examination of common interest communities, homeowners associations and the dilemma of privatization, the law of servitudes, exclusionary zoning, affordable housing, adverse possession doctrine and takings law. She joined in the submission to the U.S. Supreme Court of an amicus brief in the *Kelo* Case, and has written and presented on takings law reform. She has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, a highly coveted honor, is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and the recipient of numerous accolades, including the Sir Thomas More Medal of Honor, the YWCA Woman of Influence Award, the Women Lawyers Association's Trailblazer Award, and the State Bar Foundation's Medal of Honor. She and Justice Daniel O'Hern promulgated the Uniform Ethics Code, a pioneering statutory achievement and a model for national replication.

Professor Franzese is nationally renowned for her excellence in law teaching. Featured in the forthcoming book, *What the Best Law Teachers Do* (Harvard Univ. Press, 2011), she is the unprecedented nine-time recipient of the Student Bar Association's Professor of the Year Award, has been named "Exemplary Teacher" by the American Association of Higher Education and was ranked the Top Law Professor in New Jersey by the New Jersey Law Journal. She has demonstrated and deconstructed her pedagogical expertise on teaching as both art and science at workshops and colloquia across the country. She is the Gilbert's "Legend of the Law" in Property (CD series, Lexis) and the national Property lecturer for the BAR/BRI bar review course. She is the past Chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Teaching Methods and serves as Vice-Chair of the Legal Education Section of the American Bar Association.

Professor Franzese was a litigator with Cahill, Gordon, and Reindel in New York City, where she also served as a member of the New York Housing Court Reform Project and the Governor's Task Force on Life and Law. She clerked for Justice Alan B. Handler of the New Jersey Supreme Court. She received her B.A., summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Barnard College, Columbia University, where she was awarded the Bryson Prize, Alpha Zeta Fellowship, Marion Churchill White Prize, Davidson-Foreman Foundation Award and Barnard Alumnae Fellowship, and her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law, where she was an International Fellow, Teaching Fellow and recipient of the prestigious Rosenman Prize for excellence in public law courses.

She has authored several articles and publications.

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION UPDATE By Ilene Cutroneo, League of Municipalities ~ Continuing Education Credit

Continuing Education Credits at the 2011 League of Municipalities Conference for Certificate Holders of the Board Secretary, Zoning Official or Land Use Administrator Certificates

Please check the NJAPZA website for a current list of approved seminars. The website is www.njapza.org. Or contact Ilene Cutroneo or Jackie Zlinka at the email addresses listed below.

We need volunteers to take responsibility for checking people in before each session starts and signing CE forms after the session has ended. We can only give credit for a session if we have the coverage to ensure the integrity of the process.

Your responsibilities would include arriving at the session at least one half hour before it is scheduled to start, ensuring that those who hold a Board Secretary, Zoning Official or Land Use Administrator certificate sign in, and remain after it has concluded to sign the CE forms of those who were present for the entire length of the session.

If you would be willing to volunteer to provide the necessary administrative support, please contact Ilene Cutroneo, Education Committee Chair, at icutroneo@princeton-township.nj.us, or Jackie Zlinka at jzlinka@dceo.rutgers.edu. Indicate which session you would be able to cover.

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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. Linked In 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

**Please check your municipality's policy regarding social networking sites.her*

Mentoring Program

Keep checking our website ~

www.njapza.org
~~ for updates.

“THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE NJAPZA IS TO EDUCATE, ENHANCE AND ASSIST MEMBERS.”

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. As with everything, over the years our list of available mentors has decreased due to various reasons, and 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 advantage point.

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

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or by phone: 609-924-5366.



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.



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Should you like to add to or see anything in future issues of the newsletter please drop me an email with your suggestions and/or ideas. We welcome any and all members who would like to help with the newsletter.

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