



## President's Corner



**Adele C. Lewis,  
President, NJAPZA**

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ADELELEWIS, NJAPZA President

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new President of the New Jersey Association of Planning and Zoning Administrators. I am very honored

and pleased to serve the Association and I look forward to meeting and working with each of you.

I also would like to thank our past president, Ilene Cutroneo. Her hard-work and dedication has kept the Association progressive and vital. One of Ilene's major goals during her Presidency has been to improve and enhance the educational programs for our membership. Judging by the growing attendance, she has been extremely successful. The programs will continue to grow and improve, as Ilene has accepted the position of Education Committee Chair.

On behalf of the association, I extend a sincere invitation to all our members to become more involved. Please feel free to contact President-Elect Mike Proietti regarding volunteer opportunities for any of the committees.

Again, thank you for your interest and participation in NJAPZA. I look forward to much continued growth and success for the Association.

Sincerely,

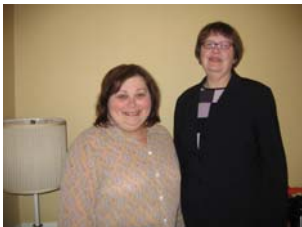
Adele C. Lewis

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## Education Certification Update

By Ilene Cutroneo, Education Chair



**Ilene Cutroneo and Jackie Zelinka,  
Education Chair and Rutgers University Continuing Ed. Representative**

**Current Issues in Planning and Zoning  
Rutgers-Cook College Campus Center -  
New Brunswick, NJ**

**Please save the date!**

**June 6, 2008.**

NJAPZA's annual event co-sponsored with Rutgers University, Center for Government Services again promises to provide topics of interest for all who work in Planning and Zoning. As was done in 2007, we will be utilizing the entire facility at the Cook College Campus Center to accommodate the increasing number of attendees.

## Education Certification Update *continued*

Invited speakers for this year's event include: Susan Jacobuci, DCA; Louis P. Rago, Esq., of Porzio Bromberg & Newman and General Counsel to NJAPZA; Barbara Casey, Esq.; Donna Drewes, PP, Municipal Land Use Center of NJ; Jennifer Senik, Rutgers.

The morning will provide the keynote speaker, invited guest, Susan Jacobucci and our regular session Case Law Update by Lou Rago . As you may recall from last year, the afternoon sessions will consist of either three or four topics which will run during both the A & B sessions in the afternoon (session A from 1:00 to 1:45 and session B from 2:00 to 2:45 – times approximate). This will allow attendees to participate in the two sessions that they find to be the most interesting and relevant. The topics tentatively being considered are: Pay-to-Play Rules; Sustainability – Green Buildings; Right to Farm vs. Zoning; Records Management 101; The Applicant's Point of View – Developer's Insight into the Development Process.

All certificate holders in attendance earn 5 credits towards the renewal of their Rutgers Certificates. The hour-long luncheon buffet affords attendees the opportunity to network and share information and relevant ideas.

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## League of Municipalities ~ ~ Continuing Education Credit

NJAPZA's Annual Luncheon Program during the League is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at Trump Plaza. Keep checking our website ~ [www.njapza.org](http://www.njapza.org) ~ ~ for updates.

In 2008, we will once 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). As was done in 2007 a letter will go out 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.

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## COAH Changes & Update

As a benefit to all NJAPZA members, we are planning to present a half-day program at no cost for NJAPZA MEMBERS ONLY on the new third round COAH requirements and the relationship of the Planning/Zoning Offices with your respective Municipal COAH Housing Liaison. If this is an area of interest, please contact me via email [icutroneo@princeton-township.nj.us](mailto:icutroneo@princeton-township.nj.us) with your name and municipality by the end of May. When we have a better idea as to the number of members interested, we will provide additional information.

Remember that final adoption of the third round COAH rules are anticipated to take place by June 2nd, 2008. To follow the process and status of the adoption, here is a link to COAH's website [www.state.nj.us/dca/coah](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/coah).

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## Continuing Extra Credit Requirements

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

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### *Clarification on 2007 League Continuing Education Hour Credits:*

It seems that there was some confusion when certification holders submitted their requests for the pre-approved CE credit this past year. There was a typographical error in the 2007 Spring newsletter which indicated that two (2) hours of CE credit would be provided for the NJAPZA's Luncheon program. As the CE requirements state, any credit given is based on an "hourly" accrual. Since Dwight Merriam and Stuart Meck spoke for about an hour, only one hour of credit was issued.

Responding to those who attended the pre-approved league programs, a letter detailing the process was issued by Jackie Zelinka. This was the first year that we provided additional CE credit (outside of our luncheon program) and yes there were a few "bugs". While the room setup may not have provided an available location to the NJAPZA representatives, all were clearly identified with name tags and our logo. The policy established that you needed to sign the roster sheet and obtain the appointed representative's signature on your Rutgers form, for credit to be given. If one of the requirements was not provided, unfortunately you were ineligible to receive the additional credit.

Please accept our apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

**Membership**

*Congratulations to our retiring members.....*

**Maureen Yelinka** is retiring **March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**And Dolores DeMasi** is retiring **July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Both have been with the association since its inception and we wish to thank them for their many contributions to NJAPZA.

Best wishes on their much deserved retirement.

Happy New Year to all our Members. We hope the New Year brings health and prosperity to you and your families.

To all of you who have returned your membership applications, Thank you !!!

Please remember that all applications received after April 30, 2008 will NOT appear in this year's Directory. We must receive all application prior to that date in order to get all the information entered and sent to the printer by May 2, 2008. We find that giving out the Directory at the June seminar works very well and is a large benefit to the members to be able to get there Directory and Certification in person.

We have also kicked around the idea of having the directory available in a CD

format rather than on paper. If you have an opinion of this one way or the other, please email

[dmheran@oldbridge.com](mailto:dmheran@oldbridge.com) or [drogers@princeton-township.nj.us](mailto:drogers@princeton-township.nj.us) and let us know your thoughts.

We are also announcing the retirement of Martha Kremer from Stafford Township in January 2008. Many of you were fortunate to have Martha as your instructor for the Board Secretary/Land Use Administrator and Zoning Officials Courses. Martha was also extremely active in NJAPZA during the early 90's. Martha's retirement allows her to pursue an alternative career. We wish Martha all

**CONTRATULATIONS**

*To our retiring members . . . . .*

**Martha Kremer**

*Who retired in January 2008*

**&**

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**WELCOME TO THE NJAPZA !!**

*Below is a list of our new members:*

**Berkley Heights Township**

Ray Sullivan

**Bloomsbury Township**

Lisa A. Burd

**Bloomsbury Township**

Kathleen Jordan

**Bridgewater Township**

Stephen C. Rodzinak

**Brooklawn Borough**

Maria S. Branson

**Carneys Point Township**

Mary Mason

**City of Clifton**

David Howell

**Cranford Township**

Robert A. Hudak

**Cranford Township**

Jennifer Brenckman

**Delran Township**

Lynn Curry

**Dumont Borough**

Rosalia Bab

**Dumont Borough**

Steve Cavadias

**East Amwell Township**

Maria Andrews

**East Greenwich Township**

James A. Sabetta

**East Orange Township**

Janice Nelson

**Frankford Township**

Sharon M. Yarosz

**Franklin Borough**

James Kilduff

**Franklin Lakes Borough**

Catherine Slater

**Guttenberg Township**

Joseph Muniz

**Hampton Borough**

Sherry Muniz

**Hazlet Township**

Mary E. DeAngelo

**Hopewell Township**

Maria Andrews

**Lakehurst**

John A. Tilton

**Lawnside Borough**

Bernadette Jefferson



**Dawn Hernandez & Debra Rogers, Membership Coordinators Committee**

# WELCOME TO THE NJAPZA !!

continued

<b>Lebanon Borough</b> Alexander Saharic	<b>Neptune Township</b> George Waterman	<b>River Vale Township</b> Michael Sartori	<b>Spring Lake Heights Borough</b> Drew Clark
<b>Manfield Township</b> Robin L. Bucchi	<b>Neptune Township</b> Bernard C. Haney	<b>River Vale Township</b> Damien Gil	<b>Upper Freehold</b> Angela LaConte
<b>Margate</b> Agnes Schwartz	<b>Newton</b> Katherine Citterbart	<b>Ridgefield Borough</b> Jimmy H. Kim	<b>Voorhees Township</b> Stephen J. Murray
<b>Margate</b> Dede Hiltner-Schwartz	<b>North Plainfield Borough</b> Jim Rodino	<b>Robbinsville Borough</b> Ann Bell	<b>Waterford Township</b> Brian Kraus
<b>Maywood Borough</b> Cynthia Duby	<b>North Wildwood Township</b>	<b>Roxbury Township</b> Joseph McDonnell	<b>West Caldwell Township</b> Joseph Dunn
<b>Middlesex Borough</b> Mathew Imperato	<b>Nutley</b> Julie A. Viola	<b>Salem City</b> Robert Krouse Sr.	<b>West Deptford Township</b> Sandra Rost
<b>Middletown Township</b> Debra Yuro	<b>City of Orange</b> Curtiss H. Webb	<b>Secaucus Town</b> Vincent Preito	<b>West Milford Township</b> Jim Lupo
<b>Milford</b> Dawn Golden	<b>Princeton Borough</b> Derek W. Bridger	<b>South Bound Brook</b> Carol A. Rice	<b>West Wildwood Borough</b> Joan Schultz
<b>Mine Hill Township</b> Mary N. Williams	<b>Princeton Borough</b> Danielle A. Britton	<b>Spring Lake Heights</b> Janine Gillis	<b>West Wildwood Borough</b> Daniel F. Speigel
			<b>Woodland Township</b>

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## Article from the Editor!

By: Dawn Hernandez, Editor

I would like to thank all the members of the NJAPZA for filling in your email addresses on the membership form. It makes it easier to send out the newsletters with the correct email addresses. If you prefer to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, there will be copies available at our June Seminar at Cook College.

For members who did not fill in their email addresses and received the newsletters via mail, and would like future copies of the newsletters emailed to them, please email me at:

[dmhernan@oldbridge.com](mailto:dmhernan@oldbridge.com)

All future newsletters will be sent to you at the email address you provided.

We are looking for members to send in articles for the newsletter for publication, ideas and/or suggestions for columns.

If you have anything you would like to publish in the **June Newsletter**, please email it to me **NO LATER THAN MAY 12, 2008**.

I would love to add articles from any of our members.

**SO PLEASE SEND IN YOUR ARTICLES.**

**Dawn Hernandez  
Newsletter Editor**

## Calling All Regional/County Directors:

From the desk of:

### The Regional/County Director Liaison Debra Rogers:

If you are currently a Regional/County Director you should have received a letter from our President Adele Lewis asking you to contact me; if you have not already done so, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Deb Rogers 609-921-1359 or by email at

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

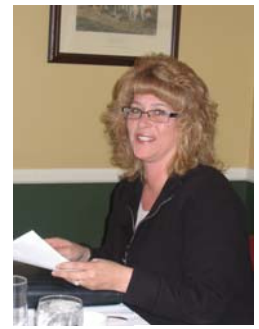
If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a *NJAPZA* leader in the role of a Regional or County Directorship, please contact me and we can discuss the responsibilities. Regional Directors will need to work very closely with the County Directors in their area.

We are looking for motivated individuals in the following area's of the state:

**Northern Regional Director:** includes Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren Counties.

**Central-East Regional Director:** includes Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset and Union Counties.

**Directors for the following Counties:** Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Monmouth, Somerset, Middlesex, Cumberland, Salem and Gloucester Counties.



**Debra Rogers,**  
Regional/County Director

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## Committees

### CONVENTION

DAWN WOLFE, Chair

Dawn Hernandez  
Adele Lewis  
Rosalind Miller  
Debra Rogers  
Kali Tsimboukis

### EDUCATION & ZONING

#### CERTIFICATION

ILENE CUTRONEO, Chair

Christa Anderson  
Bonnie Imposimato

### EDUCATION & ZONING CERTIFICATION –continued

Adele Lewis  
Michael Martello  
Mike Proietti  
Lou Rago  
Debra Rogers  
Dawn Wolfe  
Frank Vuoso  
Jackie Zelinka, Rutgers Representative

### MEMBERSHIP

DAWN HERNANDEZ &  
DEBRA ROGERS

### LAW/LEGISLATIVE

LOUIS RAGO, Esq.  
Ilene Cutroneo

### NEWSLETTER

DAWN HERNANDEZ

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

KALI TSIMBOUKIS

**\*MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS FOR  
NOVEMBER 19, 2008,  
CHELSEA BALLROOM AT  
TRUMP PLAZA, ATLANTIC  
CITY, NJ. FOR THE  
NJAPZA ANNUAL  
LUNCHEON MEETING\***

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## Convention

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE.....

The NJAPZA Annual Luncheon Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 in the Chelsea Ballroom of Trump Plaza in Atlantic City.

Registration will begin at 11:30 AM and the

luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon (sharp!). Our league session will immediately follow the luncheon. Certification credits will be issued to all *certified* Board Secretaries, Land Use Administrators and Zoning Officials for your attendance. You will receive a packet with more details as the date nears.

This year's Convention Committee consists of Dawn Wolfe, Chair, Dawn Hernandez, Adele Lewis, Rosalind Miller, Debra Rogers and Kali Tsimboukis. Plans are underway for a delicious luncheon and informative league session. We hope to see you there!



**Dawn Wolfe, Convention  
Chair & Kali Tsimboukis,  
Public Relations  
Coordinator**

# Breaking News

Ilene Cutroneo named  
NJPO award recipient



Ilene Cutroneo accepting her award as Joseph Doyle, Executive Director of the NJPO stands in the background



From left to right: Jackie Zelinka, Rutgers University Continuing Ed. Representative, Lou Rago, NJAZPA Chairman of Law/Legislative, Ilene Cutroneo NJPO Award Recipient, NJAPZA Chairman of the Education Committee, NJPO President Terrance Maguire, & Adele Lewis, NJAZA President

She was recognized  
at the April 25th  
NJPO Banquet as  
an individual making  
a significant  
contribution to  
Land Use Education.

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATORS

**Mailing Address:**  
N.J.A.P.Z.A.  
Old Bridge Planning Department  
Attention: Dawn Hernandez  
One Old Bridge Plaza  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

The Executive Board looks forward to working with the NJAPZA membership. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss any recommendations you may have.

Sincerely,

The 2008 NJAPZA  
Executive Board



**2008 Executive Board**

*Frank Vuoso, Adele Lewis,  
Mike Proieto, & Dawn Hernandez  
Camera Shy: Bonnie Imposimato*

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**Law/Legislative**



**Lou Rago, Esquire**

I am very pleased to write to you as Chairman of the Law-Legislative Committee of NJAPZA. Also on the Committee with me is our former President, Ilene Cutroneo, who I am very happy to have by my side. The main purpose of our Committee is to monitor and review various court cases and potential legislation that would impact upon areas of zoning and land use practice.

Historically, I have taken the opportunity to address the Association as a whole at the all-day conference that we co-host with Rutgers University in June of each year. For those of you who have attended you will know that I review approxi-

mately 15-20 cases which I believe are important and relevant to our jobs and the proper functioning of our Boards. On occasion, I have addressed the Association at the November luncheon in Atlantic City, however, more recently we have devoted that luncheon to "more interesting" topics that are probably better suited to the Convention and luncheon format.

With regard to possible legislation, there have been times when I have mentioned to the Association at the June meeting at Rutgers potential new laws that might be making their way through the Legislature and which would effect what we do professionally. Certainly, if any

member of this Association has been involved with an application which has resulted in litigation and a written court decision, I would be more than happy to have you forward it to me for review. Although New Jersey is not large geographically, there are many different procedures and habits that Boards across this state follow, and it is important for our Association to recognize this and attempt to be aware of the differences. Both I and Ilene welcome your comments.