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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hope Springs Eternal- most especially in these difficult times and with all the challenges we face. As municipal employees many of us have been asked to do more with less, challenging us to become more creative and more efficient. It can be a daunting task, but as public servants we are prepared to rise to the occasion; displaying dedication, perseverance and professionalism throughout these trying times.

Please know that NJAPZA continues to support its membership. Our commitment to education and networking

remains our first priority. Ilene Cutroneo and the Education Committee have been working diligently planning our June session where we will present the timely topic of "Top 10 Tips to Make Yourself Indispensable on the Job" presented by Christina Bilinski from Rutgers University. In addition, Louis Rago, Esq. will present his annual Case Law update to keep us current and educated on recent and relevant matters. The afternoon breakout sessions will allow you to select the education best suited to your needs and interests. The opportunity to network and

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socialize with our colleagues throughout the day provides an added benefit that is invaluable, as well as enjoyable.

As we welcome Spring, we remain hopeful for better days and continue to be steadfast in our commitment to our membership.

Best regards,

President

IMPORTANT: DATES TO REMEMBER

- **2010 Achievement in Planning Award** will be held at the Woodbridge Hilton on Friday, April 23, 2010.
- **Current Issues in Planning and Zoning; East Windsor Holiday Inn** Please save the date! *June 11, 2010.*
- **NJAPZA Annual Luncheon Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 in the Chelsea Ballroom of Trump Plaza in Atlantic City.

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BREAKING NEWS.....

The New Jersey Association of Planning & Zoning Administrators (NJAPZA) is pleased to announce that **Jacquelyn Zelinka** is the recipient of a 2010 Achievement in Planning Award. The Achievement in Planning Awards are presented annually by the New Jersey Planning Officials (NJPO) at its awards dinner. This year's dinner will be held at the Woodbridge Hilton on Friday, April 23, 2010. Jackie Zelinka's award category was in Noteworthy Achievement to Municipal Planning & Land Use Education. In addition to the Planning & Zoning Administration courses and seminars,



Jackie is 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. This is due, in large part, to Jackie's diligence with curricula development.

Additionally, she oversees and assists our membership with the certification process and continuing education credits.

The aforementioned is in addition to Jackie's diversified responsibilities with numerous organizations related to land use and zoning.

CONGRATULATIONS

**JACKIE,
ON THIS WELL-
DESERVED HONOR!**



ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING ON NOVEMBER 17, 2010 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 17, 2010 in the Chelsea Ballroom of Trump Plaza in Atlantic City. As in the past, registration will begin at 11:30 A.M. 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 and Kali Tsimboukis as Co-Chairs, Dawn Hernandez, Adele Lewis, Rosalind Miller, and Debra Rogers. Plans

are underway for a delicious luncheon and informative league session. We hope to see you there.



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

Current Issues in Planning and Zoning

East Windsor Holiday Inn

Please save the date! June 11, 2010.

We are pleased to announce that we are returning to the East Windsor Holiday Inn Conference Center for the 2010 session of Current Issues in Planning & Zoning. The discussion topics chosen for this year’s session, we hope, will provide you with new approaches to tackle unexpected challenges as a municipal official.

The event is co-sponsored by NJAPZA and Rutgers University – Center for Government Services. Our morning will consist of keynote speaker Christina Bilinski, Manager of Training & Development for Rutgers University - providing Top Ten Tips to Make Yourself Indispensable on the Job and Case Law Update presented by NJAPZA’s General Counsel, Lou Rago. The afternoon breakout sessions will be a presentation by William J. Kearns, Jr., Esq.: Open Government = Open Records + Open Meetings; Kathe Newman, Assistant Professor, Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy: Residential Foreclosures – What Can Municipalities Do?; Dom Elefante, IS Program Manager NJ Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute: Zoning Enforcement Made Easier with GIS; Joseph Ruggeri, PE/CFM from NJDEP & Adam Slutsky, PE/CFM, NJ Association of Floodplain Managers: Municipal Role in Flood Plain Management.

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.

We look forward to seeing you on June 11th!

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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. 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 [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 2010



The Education Committee is in the process of discussing the scheduling a half day session sometime late September/early October of this year. We will be looking to hold the session at a location in the northern part of 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@princetontownship.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 17, 2010 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 certifi-

cate 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 via email at icutroneo@princetontownship.nj.us or by phone 609-924-5366 to be included on the list.

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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.*

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|------------------------|---------|
| 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.

## **TIME OF DECISION RULE - POSSIBLE CHANGES** by: **Louis Rago, Esquire**

As many of you have been made aware there is a Bill that has made its way through the State Legislature, and is now on the Governor's desk, known as Senate Bill S-82 and Assembly Bill A-437. The current text of this Bill reads as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, those development regulations which are in effect on the date of submission of an application for development shall govern the review of that application for development and any decision made with regard to that application for development. Any provisions of an ordinance, except those necessary for the protection of health and public safety, that are adopted subsequent to the date of submission of an application for development, shall not be applicable to that application for development.
  
2. This act shall take effect one year next following enactment.



This Bill would amend the Municipal Land Use Law and modify a general rule governing land use decision-making. Under current law a planning board or zoning board of adjustment is required to apply the law in effect at the time it renders its decision rather than the law in effect when the application was initially presented to the municipality. This has been referred to for years as the “time of decision rule”. Thus, a municipal governing body can currently amend its zoning ordinance after an application for development has been filed with the land use board, even in direct response to the application, and the land use board would decide the matter based upon that amended ordinance, with certain limited exceptions.

Under this proposed Bill, a land use board would be required to render its decision on an application for development in accordance with the development regulations that are in effect on the date the application for development is submitted to the municipality for filing. The Municipal Land Use Law defines the term “development regulation” as a zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance, site plan ordinance, official map ordinance or other municipal regulation of the use and development of land. The Bill also provides that any provision of an ordinance, except those necessary for the protection of health and public safety, that are adopted after the date an application for development is submitted to the municipality, would not be applicable to that application for development.

Naturally, this Bill has both its supporters and opponents. The State Legislature has recognized that the application of the “time of decision rule” sometimes causes inequitable results, such as when an applicant has expended considerable amounts of money for professional .

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**NEW 2010 NJAPZA MEMBERS!**

**Charles Amorosso, Borough of Northvale**

**Jeanann Bergamo, Old Bridge Township**

**Morgan Blevins, Beachwood Borough**

**Marianne Borthwick, Manchester Township**

**William D. Boyle, South Bound Brook**

**Rae L. Brand, Eatontown Borough**

**David G. Brown II, City of Plainfield**

**Donald Cain, Manchester Township**

**Jolene Conner, Holmdel Township**

**Darlene Garcia, Manchester Township**

**Arlene Kazmark, Borough of Woodland Park**

**Susan Kilcheski DeLuca**

**Gail Malone, City of Ocean City**

**Salvatore Marino, Borough of Lincoln Park**

**Bonnie Richards, Township of Haddon**

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**Maxine Rescorl, Aberdeen**

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**Valerie Schreck, Rockaway Township**

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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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## N.J.A.P.Z.A. 2010—ELECTED OFFICIALS

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