



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ADDING VALUE TO YOUR NJAPZA MEMBERSHIP

After an especially long and grueling winter, it's wonderful to welcome Spring. Our newsletter comes to you a bit earlier than usual, as we are very anxious to share some exciting news with our membership. The NJAPZA Executive Board and Education Committee have been exploring options on how to best assist our membership through these economically challenging times in addition to developing new and unique membership benefits. Guided by our mission statement and primary goal *to educate its members to the legal requirements of planning and zoning administration and public employment and thereby promote a better understanding of the official duties and obligations of its members*, we are pleased to announce yet another benefit of membership. Your **\$45.00** 2011 membership fee now entitles you to a **\$40.00 credit** to our Annual June conference co-sponsored with Rutgers Continuing Studies. Please be sure to read the Education portion of this newsletter and watch for e-mails regarding this new benefit of membership as there are guidelines and deadlines to be followed.

I would like to thank Ilene Cutroneo, our Education Committee Chair who spearheaded this change. Along with Jackie Zelinka of Rutgers and the Education Committee; she has worked diligently planning our June session which promises to be informative and timely. In addition to our Keynote Speaker and Louis Rago, Esq., the afternoon breakout sessions will allow you to select the education best suited to your needs and interests. The opportunity to network and socialize with our colleagues throughout the day provides an added benefit that is invaluable, as well as enjoyable. Speaking of networking, don't miss President-Elect Frank Vuoso's article regarding our new Association site on [LinkedIn](#)-Group: NJ Association of Planning and Zoning Administrators

Please continue to check our website www.njapza.org for important updates and information.

I would like thank the Executive Board and Education Committee for their efforts to improve and enhance the educational programs and benefits for our membership. It continues to be a privilege to work with these exceptional and dedicated professionals.

BY: ADELE LEWIS

On behalf of the Association, I extend a sincere invitation to all our members to become more involved. Please feel free to approach any Executive Board member regarding volunteer opportunities for any of the committees. We always encourage and welcome new volunteers.

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 at our Educational Session on June 10th.

Best Regards,

NJAPZA is a 501 (c) 6 non-profit organization whose membership consists of Land Use professionals. The Board of Directors and Executive Committee are comprised of volunteers.

IMPORTANT: DATES TO REMEMBER

- **2011 Achievement in Planning Award** will be held at the **Woodbridge Hilton on Thursday, May 5, 2011.**
- **Current Issues in Planning and Zoning; East Windsor Holiday Inn** Please save the date! **June 10, 2011.**
- **NJAPZA Annual Luncheon Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, November 16, 2011** in the Chelsea Ballroom of Trump Plaza in Atlantic City.

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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

ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2011 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 16, 2011 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.

Administrators and Zoning Officials for your attendance. You will receive a packet with more details as the date nears.

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



Certification credits will be issued to all *certified* Board Secretaries, Land Use

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION UPDATE By Ilene Cutroneo, Education Chair

Current Issues in Planning and Zoning

Holiday Inn and National Conference Center – East Windsor, NJ

Please save the date! June 10, 2011.

Don't let time run out to take advantage of the 2011 membership discount for NJAPZA's annual event co-sponsored with Rutgers – Center for Government Services.

Remember all those who have filed their 2011 membership with NJAPZA are entitled to this \$40 discount off the regular fee of \$160. All registrations MUST be filed no later than **Friday, April 15**. After April 15, all registration will be through Rutgers at the full price.

The morning will provide the keynote speaker, invited guest, the Honorable Nelson Johnson followed by Case Law Update by Lou Rago. After lunch, the afternoon breakout sessions being offered are:

· What Time is It? – discussing the Permit Extension Act, elimination of Time of Decision, basic overview of MLUL statutory time frames;

· Is Planning & Zoning Open? – discussing electronic communications, updates to OPRA;

· Do the Right Thing – customer service, is it a thing of the past?;

· Ethics – do we still have standards? 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 affords attendees the opportunity to network and share information and relevant ideas.

We look forward to seeing you on June 10th!



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 or by phone 609-924-5366.

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League of Municipalities ~ ~ Continuing Education Credits

NJAPZA's Annual Luncheon Program during the League is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at Trump Plaza. Keep checking our website ~ www.njapza.org ~ ~ for updates.

icutroneo@princeton-township.nj.us or by phone 609-924-5366 to be included on the list.

In early Fall we will 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 via email at

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Be sure to sign up to receive update notifications from our website

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[www.njapza.org](http://www.njapza.org)

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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.



NEW 2011 NJAPZA MEMBERS!

Diane Soriero McDaniel, Delaware Township

Janice Koch, Evesham Township

Jeffery M. Burd, Ewing Township

Karen Zaborsky, Harding Township

Ann Holtzman, Hoboken

Dominick Pandolfo, Jersey City

Gary, L. Montroy, Mahwah Township

Loius Giano, Medford Township

Dawn Farrell, Monroe Township

Bernie Haney, Neptune Township

A. Dawn Crozier, Neptune Township

John Muselli, New Jersey Meadowlands Commission

Robert A. Kairys, North Arlington Borough

Beth O'Connor, Ocean

Claudette Desiato, Scotch Plains Township

Antony Tortorello, Woodbridge Township



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[NJAPZA now on LinkedIn.com](http://NJAPZA now on LinkedIn.com)

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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.

Please email me at :  
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## N.J.A.P.Z.A. 2011—ELECTED OFFICIALS

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