

# ***New Jersey Association of Technical Assistants***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

October 16, 2007

### **I. Call to order**

Dawn Neil called to order the regular meeting of the NJATA at 12:45pm on October 16, 2007 in Bordentown.

### **II. Roll call**

A sign in Sheet was sent around. The following persons were present: Dawn Neil, Bernards Twp, Linda Aiello, Westwood Boro, Monika Sackman, Ramsey Boro, Catherine Booth, Alpine Boro, Dawn Tomasello, Mt Laurel Twp, Roz Bosserdet, Medford Twp, Carol Sheehan, Keansburg Boro, Pat Famularo, Colts Neck Twp, Valerie Waricka, Marlboro Twp, Lynn Mizer, Millstone Twp, Lucy Camporeale, Glen Rock Boro, Pamela Schwarz, Evesham Twp, Lisa Love, Tabernacle Twp, Sophia Olhovsky, W Windsor Twp, and Brenda Sirkis, W Windsor Twp.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

All read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Motion by Pat Famularo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Catherin Boothe, all in favor, no opposed.

### **IV. Open issues**

#### a) Bill A2720

1. State association has sent letters to all Assembly people in the state to encourage support and sponsorship of this Bill. Two letters were received back from Assemblyman Biondi and Assemblyman Batemen indicating their support and that they were applying to co-sponsor the Bill as well.
2. Bergen/Passaic Association has also sent out letters to all Assembly People asking for their support and encouraging them to co-sponsor.
3. South Jersey Association has sent letters to Assemblyman Green, Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee where the Bill is sitting. No response.
4. It was decided that the State Assoc will contact Cynthia Wilke to discuss if she has the same feelings that were expressed by Mr. Connolly in his letter to BOANJ addressing their concerns with the Bill. Catherine Boothe stated she will also contact Ms. Wilke since the original BOANJ letter was addressed to her.
5. Valerie Waricka suggested that we also petition the Code Advisory Board to make a request for the change to the title in the UCC. According to N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.4(a) 4 which states: "Assistants: The appointing authority may establish positions other than those provided in N.J.A.C. 5:23-5 as is deemed necessary. The commissioner reserves the right to establish categories of certification for such positions. The construction official or appropriate subcode official shall be responsible for the supervision of any such personnel." Our petition would be to add the word "Technical" in front of Assistants. It may be an alternative or good avenue to take in addition to pursuing the Bill.

**V. New business**

- a) Treasures Report
  - 1. Balance \$1828.36
  - 2. Shirt Order Total \$488.00. The checks were given to Linda Aiello to deposit.
  - 3. All associations 2007 dues paid, Pin/Pen Assessment of \$50.00 still outstanding from North Jersey TAA and Northwest Jersey TAA.
- b) Shirt Order – 2<sup>nd</sup> Orders only yielded 20 shirts. Lynn Mizer will get the shirts to Dawn Neil by the end of October. Dawn will distribute to Association Presidents for orders in their area and will direct mail those that paid for direct mailing.
- c) Opening of Election Ballots
  - 1. The Results are as follows:

<b><u>President:</u></b>	<b><u>Votes:</u></b>
Roz Bosserdet	64
Catherine Booth	43

<b><u>Vice President:</u></b>	<b><u>Votes:</u></b>
Brenda Sirkis	38
Debbie Simone	38
Monika Sackman	31

<b><u>Treasurer:</u></b>	<b><u>Votes:</u></b>
Lucy Camporeale	42
Dawn Tomasello	65

<b><u>Secretary:</u></b>	<b><u>Votes:</u></b>
Lisa Love	41
Debbie Timko	65

(1 vote not cast on a ballot for this position)

- 2. The results for Vice President were a tie between Brenda Sirkis and Debbie Simone. It was decided to do a re-vote via e-mail from each association with final results sent to Dawn Neil.
- d) TA of the Year 2008 – Reminder to have nominations for the February 2008 meeting.
- e) Linda Aiello gave us an overview on her trip to the ICC Conference in Reno. She attended CEU classes, as well as a meeting on behalf of Dawn Neil who was chosen to be part of an Ad hoc committee for ICC to specifically address the Permit Technician. Brenda Sirkis also attended and won a 5K race that she participated in. Both encouraged participation in the conference in the future and discussed things we can do as a Chapter to earn recognition at the conference such as hosting permit tech seminars and community projects such as “green building”. It was also discussed to encourage more TA’s to become Certified Permit Techs. Dawn Neil explained the Northwest Association is looking at creating a library of study materials and helping with the cost of the exam. All agreed that we should really start to focus on gaining certification.

**VI. Adjournment**

**Dawn Neil** adjourned the meeting at **3:00pm**. With a motion by Catherine Boothe and a second by Roz Bosserdet, all in favor, none opposed.

Minutes submitted by: Dawn Neil as scribed by Monika Sackman for Debbie Timko