



TECH TALK

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Technical Assistant Bills: Assembly A1351 & Senate Bill S1437

NJATA is pleased to announce that Assembly Bill A1351 (formally A2720) passed unanimously through the Assembly on March 13, 2008 and was referred onto the Senate where it is awaiting review by the Community and Urban Affairs committee. The Bill S1437 is currently sponsored by Loretta Weinberg and Thomas Kean, Jr. and co-sponsored by Paul Sarlo.

Now is the time to call your Senators and tell them about Senate Bill S1437. Many associations have mailed letters to these senators which will help them recognize our bill.

In addition to letters they need to hear from you personally. Please visit the website to find your representative and give them a call to let them know this issue is important to you.

If the bill fails to go through the senate this session we will start from scratch. We will have to re-introduce it in the assembly again, making it a third trip through. We need your help.

Information regarding the status of the bill may be found at <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp>.

You can find your legislator via the web at <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/legsearch.asp>

To read the bill you can visit http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/S1500/1437_11.HTM

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NJATA Honors Rosalind "Roz" Bosserdet as TA of the Year



The 13th Annual TA of the Year Award was presented to Roz Bosserdet of Medford Twp. at the Building Safety Conference May 1, 2008.

Roz serves as President of the New Jersey Association of Technical Assistants & South Jersey Technical Assistants Association.

Congratulations Roz!

Pictured from L-R: Cynthia Wilk, Director of Codes & Standards, Brenda Sirkis, Vice-President NJATA, Roz Bosserdet, Award Recipient & Joseph Doria, Jr., Commissioner of DCA

NJATA Elects New Officers for 2008 & 2009

At the October 2007 meeting elections were held for all officer positions. With the vote for Vice-president ending in a tie. The results were as follows:

President: Votes:

Roz Bosserdet	64
Catherine Booth	43

Vice President: Votes:

Brenda Sirkis	38
Debbie Simone	38
Monika Sackman	31

Treasurer: Votes:

Lucy Camporeale	42
Dawn Tomasello	65

Secretary: Votes:

Lisa Love	41
Debbie Timko	65

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

A re-vote took place in November resulting in Brenda Sirkis becoming Vice-President. Contact information for all officers is available on our website www.njata.us.

Congratulations to our new officers:

President Roz Bosserdet—Medford Township

Vice-President Brenda Sirkis—West Windsor Township

Secretary Debbie Timko—New Providence Borough

Treasurer Dawn Caromano (Tomasello) - Mt Laurel Township

Retirement News

We would like to Congratulate and send our Best Wishes to a few of our colleagues who have taken the next path in life...RETIREMENT!

Lynn Mizer from Millstone Township. Lynn was the founding President of the Monmouth/Ocean TAA group and executive Bd. member of the NJATA. Lynn was the instructor at Ocean County College for the TA Course. Lynn has accepted a new position with the Monmouth/Ocean TAA to be their new Membership Coordinator and plans to continue teaching continuing education classes for DCA. Lynn Retired March 20th.

Ede DeLuca from Vernon Township. Ede was the founding President of the North Jersey TAA group and executive Bd. Member of NJATA. Ede was the instructor at Sussex Community College for the TA Course. Ede Retired April 1st.

Susan McLaughlin from the NJDCA Education unit. Susan has been a mentor to all of us and has been instrumental in helping TA's grow to the successful group we are. Susan Retired July 31st.

Anna Barney retired from the Township of Hazlet. Anna was a member of the Monmouth/Ocean TAA.

**“Retirement...Is when you stop living at work and begin working at living”
-unknown**

Save The Date: It's A Retirement Party for Susan McLaughlin

Save the date...there will be a party to celebrate the retirement of Susan McLaughlin, Supervisor of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Education Unit. Susan retired from the State on July 31.

The party will be held September 26, 2008 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm at The Cranbury Inn—Legacy Room in Cranbury,

NJ. There will be a cash bar. Cost is \$55.00 per person which includes dinner, music and a gift.

Please contact your association president for your reservation. Deadline to reserve is September 19, 2008.



Did You Know?

We are going to utilize this section in each newsletter to go over topics that you may know about or may not. Some of us may have experience with an item that someone else may have never done.

Please submit your suggestions for "Did You Know" to Dawn Neil at dneil@bernards.org or fax 908-204-2515.

Did you know? There was a change to the requirement for handrails for stairs. The old "3 or more risers" has been replaced in the 2006 IRC NJ Edition.

The new code sections is:

R311.5.6 Handrails. Handrails shall be provided on at least one side of each continuous run of treads or flight with four or more risers.

Please check the handouts that you may use to be sure they reflect the new requirement.

Did you know? Bulletin 07-3 of the NJ UCC spells out the requirements for Ice Dam Membrane/Ice Barrier.

The Building Subcode and the One- and Two-Family Dwelling Subcode contain requirements for roof coverings; in particular, the underlayment and flashing sections specifically require an "ice dam membrane" or

"ice barrier" in Section 1507 and Section R905, respectively, in areas where the average daily temperature in January is 25°F or less. **For the State of New Jersey, this area is Sussex County.**

The only exceptions to the ice dam membrane requirement, where the requirement applies, are detached accessory structures that contain no conditioned floor area.

For specific roof covering installations, please refer to appropriate sections of the Building Subcode and the One- and Two-Family Dwelling Subcode, as applicable.

ICC Representative Roland Hall Attends NJATA Annual Meeting

Roland Hall joined NJATA at their Annual Meeting at the New Jersey Building Safety Conference May 1, 2008. Roland met with the new officers and membership in attendance at the meeting of NJATA to give an overview of our membership with ICC and the benefits that go along with our membership.

Many thanks to Roland for his continued support of our organization.



Pictured L-R: Brenda Sirkis, Vice President, Debbie Timko, Secretary, Roland Hall, ICC and Roz Bosserdet, President

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Got a Job Opening?

Contact us to post your job opening on our website. Whether it's for a Construction Office, Zoning Office, Housing and Property Maintenance or Fire Prevention we will post for any of these related departments. Please include the Municipality, Job Type, Brief Job Description, Full or Part-time, Permanent or Temporary, Contact Person, how long you will be accepting applications for and salary requirements to Dawn Neil at dneil@bernards.org or fax to 908-204-2515.

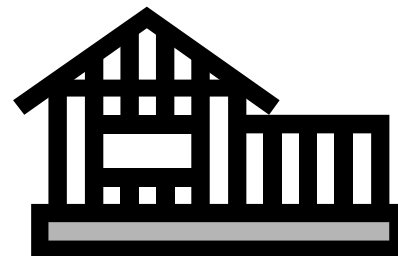
Building Safety Conference News

The 2008 Building Safety Conference was held in a new venue this year...The Trump Taj Mahal. The Conference was held April 30–May 2, 2008.

The format was similar to previous years with the Cracker Barrel Roundtables being held Wednesday April 30, Educational Classes, Awards Luncheon, Awards Reception and new this year the Dessert Bar held on Thursday May 1, and Education Programs to close out the conference on Friday May 2.

The 2009 Building Safety Conference will be held May 6-8, 2009 at the Trump Taj Mahal. Mark your calendars now and ask your Construction Officials' to make room in the budget for you to attend.

As always ideas for roundtable topics are always welcome and should be directed to the education unit at the DCA.



2nd Annual Atlantic County Women’s Center Gift Card Drive

With the help of all of our members we raised \$1,440 in various gift cards to assist women of domestic violence who use this shelter as an avenue to a new life.

The shelter provides women and children a safe haven from domestic violence and other undesirable situations and assists them in getting their lives back. The center uses the gift cards to assist the women in obtaining prescriptions, personal care items, and household necessities.

Each Association participated by obtaining gift cards from their members in the amount of \$10.00 each for stores such as Target, Wal-Mart, Shop-Rite, Eckerd, CVS, as well as phone cards.

Erin O’Hanlon from the ACWC was in attendance at our meeting in Atlantic City and gave us a brief overview of the organization. We then presented her with the gift cards that were collected. Development Manager of ACWC Andrea Ples sent us a Thank You letter for our

donation. A copy of this letter was sent to all association presidents.

Many Thanks to all of you for your continued support!

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
-Margaret Mead

NJATA Troop Support Campaign

Many of us know someone or have a loved one who is serving our country in the military, we try to do what we can to give them some of the comforts of home while they are serving abroad. Many soldiers do not have the means to receive these comforts and for many daily necessities.

Our association was recently called upon to help a female soldier in need of personal hygiene products. What an outpouring of support was shown by our

association. Boxes and boxes of personal hygiene products and snacks were sent over to Iraq over the last month.

Do you have a loved one that is currently serving that may have a fellow soldier in need of supplies? Please contact Roz Bosserdet, President NJATA to let her know to pass on the information so that we can reach out to help more soldiers who are struggling as they fight for our freedom.

A Word of Thanks...

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NJATA

I want to send a big “Thank You” to all Associations and their members for the wonderful efforts made to make this drive of goodwill for our soldiers in Iraq, such a success. It shows in everything that we do, what a great group of caring people we are, always willing to help, when someone needs us. Great job!!!

Roz Bosserdet, President, NJATA

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