



TECH TALK

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Technical Assistant Bills: Assembly A1351 & Senate Bill S1437

—>BREAKING NEWS<—

NJATA is pleased to announce that Assembly Bill A1351/Senate Bill 1437 was signed into law on August 18, 2009 by Governor Jon Corzine. The Bill recognizes the position of Technical Assistant and provides for training and education. Congratulations to all on a job well done in getting the Bill supported and passed!

Information regarding the status of the bill may be found at <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.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 Catherine Booth as TA of the Year



The 14th Annual TA of the Year Award was presented to Catherine Booth of the Borough of Alpine at the Building Safety Conference May 7, 2009.

Catherine serves as President of the Bergen/Passaic Technical Assistants Association.

Congratulations Catherine!

Pictured from L-R: Award Recipient Catherine Booth and NJATA President Roz Bosserdet



3rd Annual Atlantic County Women’s Center Gift Card Drive

With the help of all of our members we raised \$850.00 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.

Colleen Mead 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 and a Spa Gift Basket donated by the NWJTAA valued at \$350.00.

ACWC is looking for used cell phones please go to www.acwc.org for contact information.

In addition if you are an on-line shopper please visit www.shopforacwc.org, ACWC gets a percentage from sales on the website making it an easy way to donate just for doing the on-line shopping you do anyway!

Many Thanks to all of you for your continued support!



Pictured L-R: NJATA VP Brenda Sirkis, Colleen Mead ACWC, NJATA Secretary Debbie Timko, NJATA President Roz Bosserdet and NJATA Treasurer Dawn Caromano

“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

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!

Marie O’Hara-lacampo from the Town of Hackettstown. Marie retired June 1st after 24 years of service. Marie is an original member and served as Treasurer of the NWJTAA.

Bonnie VanBritsom from the Borough of Chester. Bonnie retired Dec 31, 2008 after 9 years of service. Bonnie is a member of the NWJTAA.

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



Pictured L-R: Marie O’Hara-lacampo presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by NWJTAA President Karen Wright

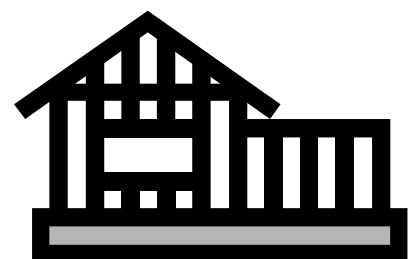
Building Safety Conference News

The 2009 Building Safety Conference was held again at The Trump Taj Mahal. The Conference was held May6—May 8, 2009.

The format was similar to previous years with the Cracker Barrel Roundtables being held Wednesday May 6, Educational Classes, Awards Luncheon, and Awards Reception held on Thursday May 7, and Education Programs to close out the conference on Friday May 8.

The 2010 Building Safety Conference will be held April 28-30 at The Trump Taj Mahal. Room Rates will be \$85.00 per night plus tourism fee. 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.



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 is a Permit Extension Act in place?

It's true The Permit Extension Act of 2008 was enacted as a result of the economic decline. The Act allows for permits and approvals to remain valid and not expire as they would under the normal regulations. For more information on the Permit Extension Act of 2008 please visit the DCA website at <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/codes/>.

Here are some brief examples of the Act:

The Permit Extension Act extends all permits that were open and valid as of January 1, 2007. Under the UCC rules, a construction permit lapses if (1) no work is done for a year or (2) work, having been started, is discontinued for six months. (See N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.16(b)) The following are some examples of how certain scenarios would be affected by the Permit Extension Act:

Examples:

1. Construction permit was obtained prior to January 1, 2006 and no work was done. The permit has lapsed and is not revived by the Permit Extension Act because it was not a valid, open permit on January 1, 2007.

2. Construction permit was obtained on April 1, 2006 and no work was done. The permit was deemed to have lapsed as of April 1, 2007. However, the permit is now deemed to have been revived by the passage of the Permit Extension Act. Since it had been valid for three more months as of January 1, 2007, it will continue to be valid for three more months as of July 1, 2010, and its new expiration date, if it is not acted upon, will be October 1, 2010.

3. Construction permit was obtained on October 1, 2006 and no work was done. The permit was valid for nine more months as of January 1, 2007 and is now deemed to have been revived, and to continue to be valid as of July 1, 2010. However, since a permit that is only valid because it was extended by the Permit Extension Act can only remain valid for six months following the end of the extension period, the permit would only be valid for six more months, and would expire on January 1, 2011, if not used by then.

4. Construction permit is obtained between January 1, 2007 and January 1, 2010. Though the time would not begin to run until July 1, 2010, the permit would expire on January 1, 2011, since the Permit Extension Act does not allow any extensions beyond January 1, 2011 unless the permit would have continued in existence beyond that date had the Permit Extension Act not been adopted.

5. Construction permit is obtained after January 1, 2010. Since the permit is valid for a year, it is unaffected by the January 1, 2011 cut-off date and expires one year from the date of issuance, just as it would if the Permit Extension Act had not been adopted.

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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.



New TA of The Year Procedure

Over the last year the NJATA has been working on changing the procedures for nominating the TA of the Year. These changes were important to allow more involvement of all of the membership.

In addition Karen Wright of NWJTAA and Monika Sackman of BPTAA worked together to come up with a questionnaire that will be submitted by all nominees. Below you will find the new procedure. If you have any questions please contact NJATA Secretary Debbie Timko at 908-665-1098 or Debbie.TIMKO@newprov.org.

New Jersey Association of Technical Assistants Procedures for Technical Assistant of the Year

1. Association Presidents will notify association members that they are accepting nominations for Technical Assistant of the Year up to the end of November.
2. Association Presidents will have selected their association nomination by December 31st.
3. Association Presidents will have their nomination to the State Association Secretary by the 2nd week in January.
4. State Association Secretary will then forward the nominations and a ballot to each association President.
5. Association Presidents to present all nominations to their association for a vote.
6. Association Presidents will report the results to the State Association Secretary by the second week in February.
7. A final vote will then take place at the State Association Meeting at the end of February. In the event of a tie the Association Presidents will have the final vote.

Reminders

*If you haven't done so already the NJATA dues for 2009 were due July 1st. The fee is \$5.00 per member of your association. Please mail a membership roster and dues to:

Dawn Caromano
Township of Mt. Laurel
100 Mt. Laurel Rd
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

*The next meeting of the NJATA will be held Tuesday October 27, 2009 at Mastories in Bordentown at 12:00pm.

*Current Adopted Codes: International Building Code/2006, National Standard Plumbing Code/2006, International Energy Conservation Code/2006, and ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2004, International Mechanical Code/2006, International Residential Code/2006 and International Fuel Gas Code/2006 effective February 20, 2007.

*Newly Adopted Codes: National Electric Code/2008 effective April 6, 2009. There is a six month grace period following the operative date of a revision. For more information please visit the DCA website at <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/codes/forms/xls/adopcode.shtml>

Fall Continuing Education Seminars are Now Available

If you haven't already received a seminar brochure you can view and download the brochure at http://www.state.nj.us/dca/codes/education_unit/pdf/fall_09.pdf.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

If your code enforcement license expires January 31, 2010, please keep in mind that the fall semester runs from September 9 through December 18, and you must complete your continuing education requirements during this time period.

ALL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET WITHIN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAM.

Registration for Uniform Construction Code/Hotel & Multiple Dwelling officials and inspectors who are working in code enforcement begins upon receiving this brochure.

Procedure:

Open registration for all other licensed inspectors begins one week after receiving this brochure. Unless your license expires January 31, 2010, you will be limited to either two seminars or one per subcode in which you hold a license (whichever is greater). This will give everyone an equal opportunity to register. If you have completed your CEU requirements for the current license period, you would be allowed to sign up for one (1) additional seminar. To register for more seminars above the required amount, you should call one week before the start date of the seminar in question.

1. Decide on a first and second choice from the seminars being offered; in case your first choice is filled, you should have an alternate selection in mind. The DCA staff person who takes your call can answer questions concerning fulfillment of your education requirement for the current licensing period.

2. Call the DCA Education unit at 609/984-7820 between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm. Be sure to have the following information ready:

-Your municipality and UCC/HMD position (for working officials and inspectors)

-Your code enforcement license number

-Seminar number (located opposite the seminar title)

-Date and location of the seminar you want to take

3. You may also email your registration to education-unit@dca.state.nj.us. Acknowledgement of receipt will be sent via email. If you use email to register and there is space available, you will be registered for the seminar whether you are a working or non-working official.

Confirmation:

Confirmations are mailed approximately two weeks before the date of each seminar. If you have not received the confirmation one week in advance of a seminar for which you registered, call the Education Unit at 609/984-7820 to make certain your name is on the roster. Walk-in registrations are not permitted.



Request for Continuing Education Seminar Topics

Every year Rutgers Center for Government Services in conjunction with DCA sends out Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the continuing education seminars. The instructors that teach these classes are given a list of suggested topics for CEU classes. The instructors then create the classes based on the suggested topics or ideas that they here from you the students. It seems there is always a lack of classes specifically designed for the Technical Assistant.

We want to hear from you....tell us what aspects of being a Technical Assistant you would like to see more focus on. Is there a topic that you would like to see put into a CEU class format? Feedback is extremely important and helps the instructors improve the classes they put together for you the student.

You can send your suggestions to:

John Delesandro, NJDCA Licensing jdelesandro@DCA.state.nj.us

Dawn Neil, Instructor dneil@bernards.org

Linda Aiello, Instructor LAiello@Westwoodnj.gov

Lynn Mizer, Instructor LMizer@comcast.net

Valerie Waricka, Instructor VWaricka@marlboro-nj.gov

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

-William Butler Yeats

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