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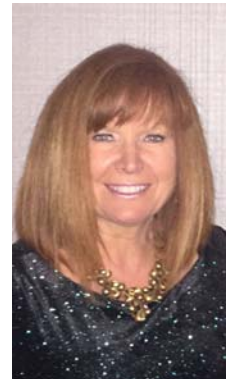
The President's Message

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Diane R. Hesley, CTA, and I am the President of the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey. I have been in the industry since the 80's when hair was bigger and aqua net was less than a dollar a can. I began my career working for a private revaluation firm and jumped ship to the government side a few years in. I have held many of the positions in our industry. I have been a revaluation clerk, an office manager, an assessing clerk, an assistant assessor, a field inspector, a revaluation/reassessment project supervisor, and a deputy assessor. I worked my way to where I am today as the Assessor for the Cities of Somers Point and Linwood located in Atlantic County. I have also been an instructor for Rutgers Center for Government Services and have had the distinct privilege of teaching many of you.

I have several goals as the President of the AMANJ. I want to continue to monitor and be a conduit for new supportive legislation. I want to create new networking opportunities for

our members. I feel it is important to update the website and incorporate the e-bulletin. I also want to increase membership by promoting expansion to include staff and interested parties that wish to support and be an integral part of this fine organization.

I truly believe our Association can have a positive impact on the issues that face us today. This cannot be done by anyone alone or by a small group of concerned Assessors. We have a handful of people that have been tirelessly providing your education and advancement opportunities and their efforts are truly commended. However, this gets to be exhausting. They cannot continue to do it all. Therefore, I am asking that more folks get involved. This is becoming more and more necessary in order to help our profession. You don't have to spend a whole lot of time. Just give me some of your time. Even just a wee bit helps. I will be visiting the County Association functions and meetings to drum up a support team and get ideas. I am very approachable so please introduce yourself and give me a perspective from your position/point of view.



In fact, in order to make our association more accessible, we created some new committees and modified some existing ones. We have the Tech Committee lead by Alex Worth. He is going to revamp the website so that it will be user friendly and offer sections for all experience levels from the Tax Assessor to a new property owner. There is the Golf Committee lead by Scott Holzhauser, Jeff Hesley and Peter Zipp that will be offering a fundraising-networking Golf Day to kick off the June Conference. We also have the Public Relations Committee lead by Greg Hutchinson, Jen Dowe and George Librizzi. This committee is designed to get our name on the map! With all your help, I am excited to see our plan come together.

Revived Assessor's Bulletin by Diane Hesley President of AMANJ

Welcome to the first edition of the revived Assessors' Bulletin. I would like to thank all those who have worked hard at making this "nostalgic" idea a reality. It was Martin Lynch who officially introduced the idea of putting a

newsletter back into print. It may have taken some time, but it's now a reality. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Assessor's Bulletin, it was the preferred method of communicating for New Jersey tax assessors up

until about 20 years ago. If you are interested in old copies, simply open an old filing cabinet in any Assessor's office and I am sure you will find at least one. It might be yellowing, coffee stained and even have a cigarette burn hole or two.



It's up to all of us to work together in order to help this publication to continue



Revived Assessor's Bulletin Continued from page 1

Depending on how long you have been a tax assessor, the articles may sound familiar and the faces might even be recognizable. For older assessors, this publication was the pathway for information. I know, I know, you youngins are probably asking "why not just use the internet?" This was before email, internet and social media. The newsletter was the best way to find out who was who which enabled you to network. When I was a newbie in this industry, I read that bulletin from front to

back. I tried to figure out if there was a place for me in this organization. The photos and captions of the names of members helped me to familiarize myself with fellow assessors and made them more approachable at meetings and conferences. I also felt like I knew a little bit more about what was going on in my profession.

It is an honor to present the new AMANJ Assessors' E-Bulletin! We (that also means YOU the reader), as a team, will eventually be creating a quarterly publication. I have asked Martin Blaskey, III to

chair the committee and serve as Editor. On staff are Brian Rosengerger, Amanda Karaman and Howard Van Salisbury. These folks have put this publication together with contributions from our Assessing community. They may even contact you for future contributions. I am proud of their efforts and I am sure you will enjoy this maiden voyage. Remember, it's up to all of us to work together in order to help this publication to continue.

County Corner Presents Atlantic County

By Brian Conover, Atlantic County Assessors' President

Hello All! My name is Brian F. Conover, CTA and I am the current President of the Atlantic County Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey. I have been a New Jersey Certified Tax Assessor for the past 28 years and also a New Jersey Certified General Real Estate Appraiser practicing for over 30 years. I am presently the Tax Assessor for the City of Absecon located in Atlantic County and the City of Vineland which is located in Cumberland County.

It is my pleasure to introduce Atlantic County as the first County to be featured in the "County Corner" series. A different County will be presented in the coming issues of this newsletter. They are being presented in alphabetical order.

Atlantic County is located along the southeastern coastal portion of New Jersey. Our County is home to Atlantic City, known for many years as America's Playground Resort, for the Miss America Pageant, the Famous Boardwalk, Steel Pier Amusements, beaches and casino gaming. Atlantic County's southeastern portion fronts the Atlantic Ocean, which has a strong summer tourism business with

luxury vacation "McMansions". The adjoining Mainland portion of our County is comprised of a more suburban area and the western portion is part of the New Jersey Pinelands Forest Protection area and many large farms. The Town of Hammonton is located in the western section of Atlantic County. It is famously known as the Blueberry Capital of the World.

Real Estate values in Atlantic County are largely dependent upon the condition of the Casino Gaming Industry economy in Atlantic City. Primary competition in the casino gaming industry comes from the nearby states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland. When the casino revenues declined from the new competition, several Atlantic City casinos were closed. It left a large portion of our county unemployed, which resulted in substantial property foreclosures and value declines. Additionally, the remaining casinos were offered a PILOT, resulting in Atlantic City's ratable base being reduced by more than half of its prior tax assessment base. The result of the



large decrease in property values has left all the Atlantic County Assessors' Offices with a very difficult and challenging task in maintaining our municipality's tax ratable base. To that point, our newly elected President, Diane Hesley, has been working with the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholder's on the Atlantic County Tax Assessment Initiative Program. It is our goal to provide the County with a more efficient tax assessment program. Our new President will be discussing the Atlantic County's Initiative in upcoming AMANJ Bulletins. Thanks for reading about our "Atlantic County Corner" of New Jersey and I will be seeing you all at our upcoming meetings and courses!!!

Changes to the 100% Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Exemption

On January 16, 2018 P.L. 2017 c., 367 was signed into law, by former Governor Chris Christie. This new law amends the wartime service criteria for the 100% Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Exemption at N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.33a. Veterans are no longer required to have served a minimum period of time in a foreign country or theater of war, on board ship or any naval vessel in foreign waters, or in foreign airspace. Veterans must still have served in the active wartime service periods and the injury leading to the disability must have occurred while on active

duty during a designated wartime service period.

Claim form D.V.S.S.E. has been updated to reflect this change. The new form can be found at: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/other_forms/lpt/dvsse.pdf. The Supplemental form D.V.S.S.E./V.S.S. is no longer required for applicants of the 100% Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption.

With regard to the \$250 Veteran Property Tax Deduction, the minimum days of service and geographic re-

quirements for certain wartime service periods remain in effect.

Note that the Supplemental Form and CODVSSE have been updated as well. The links can be found via the Division's website.

Supplemental: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/other_forms/lpt/suppform.pdf
CODVSSE: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/other_forms/lpt/coedvsse.pdf



Disabled Veterans are no longer required to have served in a theater of war

Income Tax Exemption for Veterans

New for tax year 2017- A veteran may be eligible for an exemption of \$3,000 on their New Jersey Income Tax return if the military veteran was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States on or any time before the last day of the tax year. The veteran's spouse (or civil union partner) is also eligible for an exemption if he/she is a veteran who was honora-

bly discharged or released under honorable circumstances and they are filing a joint return. This exemption is in addition to any other exemptions veterans are entitled to claim and is available on both the resident and nonresident return. This exemption cannot be claimed for a domestic partner or for dependents.

Because this benefit is being called an "exemption" there has been some confu-

sion as to which benefit is being applied for. Please direct inquiries about the NJ Income Tax Exemption for Veterans filing a NJ income tax return to the Division of Taxation website. Here they will find instructions, forms, mailing address, etc.

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/military/vetexemption.shtml>



AMANJ EDUCATION – PURSUING BROAD BASED QUALITY

By Dennis DeKlerk, Education Committee Chairman



*The League of
Municipalities
103rd Annual Conference
is set for November 13th,
14th, and 15th*



This association is fortunate to have an active volunteer base dedicated to the betterment and preservation of New Jersey's Assessors. Specifically, those volunteers excel in the area of educational forums and conference planning. Most of you are aware that the main events are the June Conference and the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference. Regarding the educational agenda planning for both is practically a year round process.

Our hallmark effort is the annual June Conference. This year it is to be held June 7 and 8 at the same venue as last year, the National Conference Center in East Windsor. Planning the educational sessions is now up and the Committee is to meet in March to draft the format, list the topics, then begin engaging speakers, presenters and moderators. Once that is accomplished the CEU application process begins with the Division of Taxation. Of interest, especially to our friends in the legal profession, is that this year's conference will offer CLEs. (Continu-

ing Legal Education Credits) In that regard one can expect unique subject matter and network opportunities. For a good number of us this is the first year of a new credit cycle, so make every effort to obtain some credits this June and support the AMANJ.

The League of Municipalities 103rd Annual Conference is set for November 13, 14, and 15. The League will have its first planning meeting, on April, 18 that includes affiliate groups. The day is devoted to the mechanics of the conference. Affiliates are required to give contact information, and proposed scheduling and space needs for educational sessions. Additionally, the League presents any updates or changes to the conference format and also has representatives of Atlantic City's tourism industry lay out what type of entertainment, dining and other social activities will be on hand in November. After that AMANJ work begins

(before the June Conference!) on creating our educational agenda.

If anyone would like the education committee to investigate a topic for potential use in our upcoming schedules please feel free to email me at ddeklerk@mountlaurel.com or call 856-434-6272. More importantly, if you would like to become involved to help administer either of these events contact me or our President Diane Hesley at imtaxed@aol.com.

As the former educational chair for the Burlington County association for 15 years and now serving AMANJ for 4 years I can say with some authority that this work is most gratifying. Having a small hand in the ongoing professional development of our peers is a reward in itself. And none of us should miss that opportunity.

Ken Beck Scholarship

By Michele Hennessey, Secretary AMANJ

The Ken Beck Scholarship Foundation was established to provide scholarships to the immediate family members of the AMANJ regular members in good standing, and retired or deceased members who were members in good standing at the time of retirement or death. The scholarship is named in honor of Kenneth H. Beck who served as the Tax Assessor of Dover Township (now known as Toms River) in Ocean County from 1960 until his untimely death in 1984. In addition to being a long time regular member of the AMANJ, Ken served as Secretary from 1977 to 1984. One of his passions as a member of the Association was education. It was Ken's belief that continual education, either through formal education or practical learning, can benefit everyone and he worked hard to make this happen. Ken served as Chairman of the Association's Education Committee and was a member of the Planning

Committee of Continuing Education at Rutgers University. In order to continue his work, the AMANJ, in 1985, created the Kenneth H. Beck Scholarship Foundation. Initially, the Foundation assisted with the education of Ken's children. Subsequently, it provides assistance to the children of all AMANJ members, who are worthy candidates, to pursue career goals through higher education. To date, the Foundation has awarded 152 scholarships totaling \$105,800.00. The Kenneth H. Beck Scholarship application is available on the AMANJ's website. The application must be completed by the high school student and is due by May 1st. In addition to the application, the applicant is required to submit a list of all the colleges/schools that applicant has applied to and the status of the applications, as well as the most recent transcripts of applicant's grades, S.A.T. scores and any other items

listed on the cover letter, where applicable.

The applications, along with supporting documents, are reviewed by the Foundation members and scholarships are awarded annually. The 2017 Ken Beck Scholarships, in the amount of \$500.00 each, were awarded to Rebecca Brotons, Emily Lynch and Brandon Zanetti. The amount of the award varies from year to year, depending on the number of applicants and the amount of available funds.

The Foundation consists of nine members: the Standing Officers are the AMANJ Secretary and Treasurer, currently Michele Hennessey and Lee Ann Russ, along with one member from each of the seven Tri-County Districts, currently Peter Barnett, Tim Henderson, Martin Blaskey, III, Tom Colavecchio, Don Kosul, Karen McMahon and Maureen Kaman. Michele Hennessey currently serves as the Chairperson of the foundation.



*Ken Beck
Photo from 1980*

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8th*

2018 June Conference

By Robyn Palughi, Conference Committee Chairwoman

The AMANJ will be hosting its education conference on June 7 & 8, 2018. The conference will be held at the National Conference Center/Holiday Inn, 399 Monmouth St., East Windsor, NJ. The conference kicks off with the general meeting followed by a full day of education. Vendors will be set up once again

to demonstrate the latest technology available as well as state and national organizations. Thursday night we will offer our sit-down dinner with guest speaker for an additional education credit. An after-dinner networking social with our vendors and sponsors will finish up our Thursday offering. Friday our education

schedule will run from 9 am to 3 pm. Please make every effort to attend and support the AMANJ. If you would like to volunteer or have ideas to contribute please contact the Conference Chairman Robyn Palughi via email taxassessor@ptboro.com



you DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!!!



*There is a possibility of
expanding the Academic
Internship Program
throughout the State*

Hello
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Academic Internship Program

By Amanda Karaman, Assistant Editor

President Diane Hesley has established the Internship Committee in order to explore the possibility of expanding the Academic Internship Program throughout the State. Stockton University's School of Business currently has a program in place that Diane has participated in over the last few years. The Committee plans to put together a working model that AMANJ can use to pursue other Colleges and Universities to enter into Internship Agreements with the Tax Assessor's offices.

Dennis DeKlerk and Terri Paglione met with the coordinators from Stockton University to start gathering information about how their program works. Highlights from the meeting include:

- * The Municipality must pass a Resolution agreeing to participate in the program
- * A contract/agreement is signed between the Municipality and University outlining the conditions of the Program; this is a 3 year contract
- * The programs run during the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters
- * The Intern will work 152 hours during the semester - averaging 12 hours per week
- * Assignments must be a learning experience – the student cannot be used to clean out files
- * The assessor will be required to write a job description and list it on the school's job posting site
- * The assessor will interview all candidates and select the best fit

In addition, Stockton also has Career and Internship Day, and the possibility of doing class presentations to generate interest in the Assessor Intern opportunity.

Dennis DeKlerk is going to be the first to give this program a trial run outside of Atlantic County.

New CTAs

By Amanda Karaman, Assistant Editor

The Certified Tax Assessor exam was offered March and September 2017. The AMANJ would like to extend our best wishes to the twenty four successful candidates! The list compiles individuals from diverse backgrounds within Tax Assessment positions, affiliated with the Tax Assessor's Office, or interested in becoming a part of the assessment discipline.



Abrams, Marjorie	- Senior Field Rep, NJ Division of Taxation
Arisetty, Sambamurty	- Tax Assessor, Washington Twp, Bergen County
Bielawne, Barbara	- Senior Assessing Clerk, Long Beach Twp
Callahan, Carol	- Assessor Secretary, Livingston Twp, Essex County
Carson, Abrina	- Assistant Assessor, Camden City
Dymond, Patrick	-
Efstathiou, Christopher	- Senior Field Inspector, Appraisal Systems
Gephart, Johnathan	- NJ Division of Taxation
Glaser, David	- Appraiser, Holzhauer & Holenstein LLC
Gorman, Dawn	- County Tax Administrator, Burlington County
Jankauskas, Vilius	- Appraiser, C.T. Peters Appraisers
Kanyuck, William	-
Mcgettigan, Neil	- Assessor Assistant, Ocean City
Nieman, Jacob	- Deputy Assessor, Township of Ocean
O'Donnell, James	- Appraiser, Bergen County
Olesnycky, Taras	-
Palumbo, Kevin	- Assistant Assessor, Union, Union County
Raska, William	- Owner, MicroSystems
Sheehan, John	- Assistant Deputy Assessor, Gloucester County
Standriff, Douglas	- Attorney, Bergen County
Umansky, Kristen	- Field Inspector, Appraisal Systems
Van Salisbury, Howard	- Assistant Assessor, Township of Manalapan
Weinstein, Jason	- MAI Appraiser
Woolson, Charles	- Tax Board Commissioner, Atlantic County

In order to expand for future bulletins, please submit information regarding new CTAs and retirees to

akaraman@mtnj.org

Congratulations to our recent Retirees

Scott Pezzaras	Joseph Ingemi
Vicky Mickiwecz	Brian Vigue
Ellen Keller	Michael Taknoff
Sue Metcaffe	



HISTORIC DAY FOR NEW JERSEY ASSESSORS

On Thursday, June 15, 1967, the first Certification Awards were made to some New Jersey Assessors who had qualified under Chapter 44, Laws of 1967. This occurred only a little over one month after Senate Bill No. 252 was signed into law by Acting Governor Ridolfi. The awards were made to 54 Assessors who had submitted the necessary application and proofs. The majority of the Assessors receiving the Certification were attending the Fourteenth Annual Conference for Assessing Officers in New Brunswick.

The awards were made by the Director of the Division of Taxation, Mr. William Kingsley. Director Kingsley offered his highest praise to Dr. Ernest Reock, Director of the Bureau of Government Research of Rutgers University, for his part in the certification accomplishment. The Director also had high praise for President Delgado, Sam Befarah, Randy Brokaw and all of the men who worked so hard to bring certification from Bill to Law. Director Kingsley pointed out that the Certification Awards presented at the Conference were only a portion of those that have been received by the Division. Many more applications are being processed but time did not allow for the completion of this processing in all cases before the Conference.

Director Kingsley reviewed the history of Certification and Tenure legislation from the recognition for its need by Aaron Neeld, Al Weiler, Jim McDonough and Rowland D. Major to the present day advocates Alan Hart, Russell Wilson, Al Greene, George Linger and Marriott Haines.

The Assessors at the Conference congratulated Mr. Robert White, Supervising Field Representative in charge of Certification, for the expeditious preparation of the Application Form and the speedy processing of the form and proofs.

Even before the formal organization of the Association, the issue of tenure for qualified Assessors was a topic for discussion. Continuing effort by the Association resulted in the passing of Chapter 44, Laws of 1967, which was signed into law on May 4, 1967. By requiring certified Assessors, New Jersey became a leader in the professionalization of the Assessor. Believed by many to be the single most important piece of legislation ever enacted relating to assessment administration in the State, Chapter 44 is certainly an important contribution to the continuing line of legislation supported by the Association to improve the status of the Assessor. Removal of the Assessor from the election process and elimination of residency requirements have also contributed to the desirability of becoming an Assessor.



Taken the day Chap. 44, Laws of 1967 (Assessor Certification) was signed into law: Left to Right, Seated: 1. Edwin B. Forsythe, Senate Minority Leader, 2. Sido Ridolfi, Pres. N.J. Senate, Acting Governor, 3. Norman Tanzman, Assemblyman. Standing: 1. Sidney Glaser, Asst. Dir. Div. of Taxa-

tion, 2. Samuel Befarah, Jr., 3. Ernest C. Reock, Dir. Bur. of Govt. R.E., Rutgers, 4. John A. Kervick, State Treas., 5. William Kinglsey, Act. Dir. Div. of Taxation, 6. Clarence Delgado, State Pres.



Taken the day the first CTA Certificates were handed out at Rutgers, June 1967 from left to right: Front—1. Charles A. Ramsey, 2. Clarence N. Delgado, State Pres., 3. William Kingsley, Act. Dir. Div. of Taxation, 4. Joseph A. Likowiak, 5.

Salvatore M. Banka. Rear—1. Edward A. McKenna, Assessor, Fairlawn, 2. Harvey Hesson, Assessor, 3. Russell T. Wilson, P.S.P. Assessor, 4. Charles S. Picard, 5. Joseph B. Krupinski, Assessor, Teaneck.

FLASHBACKS

1952—Unsuccessful in securing repeal of Freeze Act.

11/18/53—Tenure bill became a casualty.

11/18/53—Each regular member is entitled to one vote.

11/18/53—"Our meetings were more largely attended than those of any subordinate organization in the League and should have ample consideration.

March 1, 1954—AMANJ Newsletter

"We have succeeded in having a new bill introduced . . . to repeal this 'Freeze Act'."

3/1/54—Executive Comm. has divided state into four areas, each under a V.P.

V.P. Theodore Plumb—Union, Somerset, Middlesex, Mercer and Burlington Counties

V.P. Romeo Poggi—Cumberland, Cape May, Atlantic, Gloucester and Salem Counties

V.P. George Rosenberg—Hudson, Bergen, Essex, Mon-

mouth and Ocean Counties

V.P. Harold Van Orden—Passaic, Morris, Hunterdon, Sussex and Warren Counties

2/57—Newsletter #3—"A Tax Assessor, annoyed because his next door neighbor kept a goat, taxed the animal four dollars. The outraged owner protested, but the Assessor insisted that it was strictly in accordance with the Statutes: "All property abutting and abounding on the public street, he read, "shall be taxed at the rate of two dollars per front foot."

6/12/53—R.T. Wilson, Pres., addressed the 2nd Annual Convention Assn. of Chosen Freeholders in opposition to county assessing.

The 50th Anniversary Committee wishes to thank the following people and organizations for their assistance: Local Property Bureau and Public Utility Branch; N. J. League of Municipalities; J. Henry Ditmars; and Clarence Delgado.

Legislative Committee Report

By Marie Procacci, Legislative Committee Chairwoman



*Marie Procacci
Bill Procacci
Bob Smith
1998 Photo*

The AMANJ has many important standing committees, however, few remain as active year round as the Legislative Committee. In fact, the Legislative Committee operates on red alert almost constantly. The current committee is comprised of assessors from all corners of the State – all 7 Tri-County Vice Presidents, the current AMANJ president, the immediate past president, 4 members at-large and the legislative chairperson.

Our lobbyist, Dave Smith of Princeton Public Affairs Group (PPAG), and his staff identify bills that are of interest/concern to our profession. They track these bills, notify me of any movement of the bills, make sure we are no-

ticed of committee hearings, accompany us to the hearings, arrange meetings with legislators and gather information regarding the story and politics behind the bill.

There are currently 267 bills that PPAG is tracking for us; they range in topic from requiring that tax maps and property records cards be in an electronic format to making the tax assessor a professional service contract. It is impractical and inefficient for us to develop position papers for each of these bills. However, once our lobbyist identifies a particularly concerning bill with political clout or movement through committee, I send the bill to the Legislative Committee for their comments. We then craft a

position paper. If the bill goes to committee, the AMANJ will generally send a representative or two to testify. If there is merit in trying to get the bill amended, we will meet with the bill sponsor to ask him/her to revise the bill for the betterment of those it affects – taxpayers, municipalities or assessors.

Bills move erratically. A bill of great concern can languish and die on the vine with no harm done. A seemingly harmless bill can acquire a new sponsor who adds a local agenda in a floor amendment turning it into a troublesome bill. A consequential bill may suddenly appear on a committee list or floor vote giving us little time to react.

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Nominating Committee Report

By Martin Lynch, Immediate Past President

As Immediate Past President of AMANJ, I serve as chairman of the Nominations Committee. Several offices are to be filled this November at our annual meeting.

The office of President Elect and four Tri-County VP positions need to be filled. The terms of office expire at the end of 2018 for Tri-County VP's for Atlantic/Cape/Cumberland; Bergen/Hudson/Passaic; Camden/Gloucester/Salem; and Hunterdon/Sussex/Warren. James Mancini currently serves as Tri-County VP for Atlantic/Cape/Cumberland and is eligible for a 2nd term. Terri Paglione currently serves as Tri-County VP for Camden/Gloucester/Salem and is eligible for a 2nd term. Tim Henderson, Bergen/Hudson/Passaic and Lynne Schweighardt, Hunterdon/

Sussex/Warren have both completed two terms and are not eligible for another term.

All nominations should be submitted to me at mlynch@manchestertwp.com and to Michele Hennessey, AMANJ Secretary at mbhennessey1009@gmail.com.

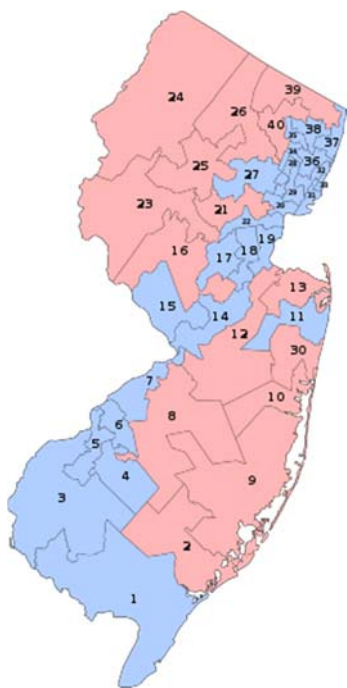
A prospective candidate desiring to be considered by the Nominating Committee shall file a resume of their background, affiliations, and experience, both related and unrelated to the assessing profession. Said resume shall specifically state each assessing district and County represented by the prospective candidate and any position currently held in the AMANJ. Nominations are due prior to the June Conference.



To be eligible for the office of PRESIDENT-ELECT, a candidate shall have been a member in good standing for five (5) or more years prior to the time of taking office. To be eligible for the office of TRI-COUNTY VICE PRESIDENT, a candidate shall have been a member in good standing for three (3) or more years prior to the time of taking office.

Please contact me with any questions as you consider supporting our profession by running for a position within the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey.

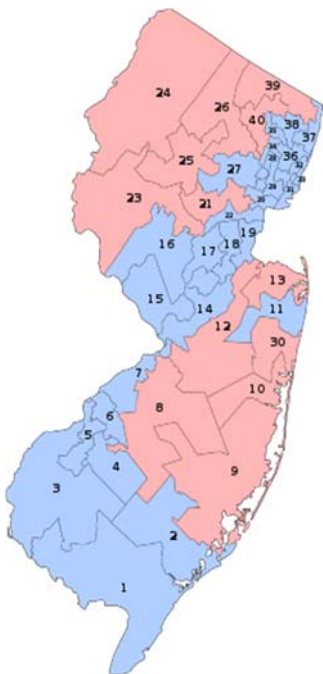
Senate Party Roster



If you have comments on Legislation Email Marie Procacci

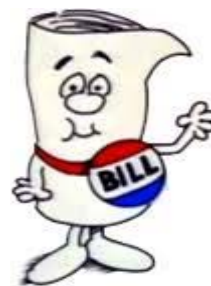
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Assembly Party Roster



Legislative Report

By Marie Procacci, Legislative Committee Chairwoman



Bills on the move.....

A538 (Mazzeo) Permits county governing body, with approval of county board of taxation, to revise real property assessment calendar. The AMANJ supports voluntary adoption of the revised calendar. However, the original bill put the sole right and responsibility for implementing new calendar in the hands of the county governing body which we opposed. AMANJ and NJACTB met with the sponsor to ask that the bill be revised to remove the county governing body from the decision-making process and add a resolution by the county tax board and the majority vote of the county's assessors. The bill was amended by adding the county tax board approval in consultation with the county's assessors. Assembly final passage on March 26, 2018. Identical Senate bill S2257; filed March 8, 2018 no movement since. **AMANJ position: Oppose – continue to work with Senate sponsor to amend language.**

A1100 (Downey) Adds Monmouth County and Atlantic County as pilot counties for purposes of "Common Sense Shared Services Pilot Program Act." P.L. 2013 c166 established the "Common Sense Shared Services Program Act" for 5 pilot counties; Camden, Morris, Ocean, Sussex and Warren. The original law was referred to as the tenure buster; it allowed/encouraged consolidation of the functions of tenured municipal clerk, assessor, collector, chief financial officer, municipal treasurer, or principal public works manager for the sake of shared services. The first iteration of A1100 sought to add Monmouth County. The AMANJ appeared and opposed the bill at the Assembly State and Local Government Committee. Our position was that there had been no evidence that municipalities in the original pilot counties had saved money through this measure nor could we establish that it hadn't been used to remove tenured local employees because of political whimsy or retaliation. The bill passed through committee. The second iteration was amended to include Atlantic County. Assembly final passage on April 12, 2018. Identical Senate bill S1587 referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee. **AMANJ position: Opposed.**

S1 (Sweeney) This bill modifies the "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act," and the law governing the Local Unit Alignment, Reorganization and Consolidation Commission (LUARCC), to encourage and facilitate the provision of local and regional services through shared service agreements and joint contracts. This bill would empower LUARCC to study municipalities for the purpose of a shared service/consolidation and LUARCC's recommendations would have to be implemented or the municipality's state-aid would be withheld in the amount of the purported saving. This bill is unabashedly heavy-handed favoring the stick over the carrot. It guts tenure and Civil Service, runs roughshod over local control and punishes taxpayers who democratically vote against LUARCC's recommendations among its more concerning points. **AMANJ position: Opposed**

Bills to watch.....

A546 Extends county-based real property assessment pilot program to Atlantic County; revises assessment calendar for counties operating under that pilot program

S2029 Revises law governing assessment of real property. "Technology Based Real Property Assessment Transition Act" (A3859)

ACR167 Proposes constitutional amendment to limit assessment of homestead real property, and allow exemption on up to \$50,000 of home's value.

IAAO Report

By Gregory T. Hutchinson, President NJIAAO, IAAO Rep. New Jersey

My name is Greg Hutchinson, at the beginning of this year I was given the honor of being appointed the state of New Jersey's national IAAO representative. I would like to personally thank long time rep Tom Glock and President Hesley for this opportunity. I felt the revival of the AMANJ newsletter is the perfect time to help break the ice with AMANJ membership and get the word out about the IAAO (national) and NJIAAO our local chapter. Below is an excerpt taken directly from the IAAO to help tell everyone our mission, vision, and a little information about who we are.

"The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) is a nonprofit, educational and research association. It is a professional membership organization of government assessment officials and other interested in administration of the property tax. The IAAO was founded in 1934, and now has a membership of more than 7,000 members worldwide from governmental, business, and academic communities.

The mission of the IAAO is a global community of mass appraisal experts who promote excellence in property appraisal, assessment administration and property tax policy through professional development, research and standards.

It is the vision of IAAO to be the global leader and preeminent source of standards, professional development and research in property appraisal, assessment administration and property tax policy.

The IAAO members subscribe to a Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. "

I hope we can use this opportunity as a "start to the conversation" to anyone who has had interest to find out more about IAAO and what it has to offer. If you would like to join IAAO or NJIAAO, or would just like to get more information about either association, reach out to me via email and I will do everything I can to answer your questions and get you all the information you seek. My email address is greg.nj.iaao@gmail.com. I am looking forward to hearing from you and serving as the IAAO rep for the state of New Jersey.



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"What the... They raised our property tax assessment 21 percent because we added a birdbath!"



WHEN > Wednesday, June 6, 2018

TIME > Check-in @ 9:00 AM / Shotgun Tee Off @ 10:00 AM

WHERE > Cranbury Golf Club, 49 Southfield Rd, West Windsor Township, NJ

FORMAT > 4-Man Scramble

**COST > \$125 per player (plus options - see signup sheet)
Includes 18 holes of golf, BBQ lunch, refreshments & prizes**

LUNCH ONLY OPTION = \$30 (lunch starts at 2:15)

Benefits > Ken Beck Scholarship & AMANJ Education Fund

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