

PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's hard to imagine that two years have gone by so quickly and we have accomplished a lot.

Since my last report I have represented our Association and given testimony to the Governor's Task Force on the Pension System. It was well received and I have sent a couple of follow up letters and heard from the Governor's Representative who is over seeing this.

We have made great inroads in Trenton and with the League of Municipalities and they realize we are a force to deal with. We have at all times conducted ourselves in a proper and professional manner and we are highly respected.

Case in point, during the first week of September, the Governor signed into law a bill that all municipal and county governments must retrofit their vehicles with diesel engines to meet new pollution standards. The bill calls for the State to fund these costs but as usual they never figured the total costs. Furthermore, they haven't taken into consideration that if some of the vehicles cannot be retrofitted will they be exempt or who is going to pay for the replacement! Yes sir, jump and then look!

Also, for your information, the DCA's Office has added a new requirement when it comes to renewing your licenses. We must all have a course in "Ethics in Government". This is in light of the arrests earlier this year from people taking bribes. The amazing part is the law was never changed to require this and no one in our field was arrested! There is a course scheduled for October by the League. Go to our website for the information.

This is my last report as your President and I have had a wonderful experience serving in that capacity and

working with everyone on the Board and throughout the State. Your next President, Bruce Kosensky, has asked that I continue to oversee the website and to represent your Association in Trenton and at the League of Municipalities. I am honored to continue in that capacity and to serve the organization.

On a more somber note, you have been reading and watching on the television that our fellow Americans have been totally wiped out from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It is the Biggest Natural Disaster in the history of our country. Just imagine 90 thousand square miles destroyed! The size of the states of Montana or Michigan to give you an idea of the scope of the destruction!

Our own Vice-President and incoming President; Bruce Kosensky has volunteered to go down for several weeks and we support him on his assignment. The Association, at it's September 15th meeting of the Executive Board, will decide how much money to donate to the Red Cross.

There are a number of organizations that you can donate money to but the Red Cross uses 91 cents of every dollar for relief efforts. I, for one, have donated 25,000 miles or a free round trip airline ticket to the Red Cross to be used to fly volunteers or a resident out of the area to their loved ones elsewhere in the country. So, donate money or airline miles in 1,000 segments to the Red Cross.

In closing, this November will start the holiday season with Thanksgiving. This year's holiday season we should all give thanks for what we have and remember our fellow Americans in the South.

We should always remember our troops who risk their lives far away from home. They ensure the freedom that we all take for granted. Keep them and the Gulf Coast residents in your thoughts and prayers!

It's been great to serve you. See you in Atlantic City.

All the Best!

Bill.

PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

**CPWM Graduation Awards Luncheon
Registration Form**

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2005

Time: 11:30AM

Location: Room 312 – Atlantic City Convention Center

Please complete registration form and return with check or Voucher.

**Upon registration, luncheon tickets may be picked up at the door. You must pre-register
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

Municipality: _____

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Name of Guests: _____

Choice of Dinner: #BEEF _____ @ \$35.00 Total: _____

#CHICKEN _____ @ \$35.00 Total: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

Please complete registration form and return by November 1, 2005 to:

**Public Works Association of New Jersey
C. Mike DeMarcantonio, CPWM
P.O. Box 227
Woodstown, NJ 08098**

**Public Works Association of New Jersey (PWANJ)
2005 Recognition Awards**

Dear Members,

The State Awards Committee is accepting nominations for service awards to be presented at our November 17, 2005 Luncheon at the New Jersey League of Municipalities Convention in Atlantic City. Please take a moment to reflect on a possible *MEMBER* or *MEMBERS* as a candidate, in your department or region who has performed in an exemplary manner or provided long-term service to our association.

- **PUBLIC WORKS PERSON OF THE YEAR**
- **JOSEPH W. STAUSS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
- **SUPERINTENDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD**
- **JAMES FUNKHOUSER REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD**
- **JAMES SYLVESTER MEMORIAL HEROISM AWARD**

You may submit more than one *MEMBER* for each award nomination.

Mail or FAX nominations to the Committee Chairman **BEFORE OCTOBER 21, 2005:**

Return to:

**Steven Wendowski, CPWM
Fair Lawn Borough Engineering
P.O. Box 376
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410-0376
Voice: 201-794-5301
Fax: 201-703-4253**

Past Award Recipients

Public Works Person of the Year:

Paul McCall	2004	Andy Kapp	1992
Walter Van Kirk	2003	William Packer III	1991
William Nese	2002	John A. Meyer	1990
Edward Adams	2001	Donald R. Hansen	1989
Bernard Peterson	2000	Frank J. Swart	1988
C. Mike DeMarcantonio, Jr.	1999	Ralph Di Paolo	1987
Ewald Friedrich	1998	Carl E. Bowels	1986
Gerald P. Lewis	1997	John Moscone	1985
Dennis J. Kosensky	1996	Leon "Joe" Steelman	1984
Robert DiMarco	1995	Joseph W. Strauss	1983
Michael Opaleski	1994	Raymond Manfra	1982
Jerry Testa	1993	Richard F. Walter	1981

Joseph W. Stauss Lifetime Achievement Award:

Edward Adams, Pennsauken	2004
Richard F. Walter, Retired	2003
Donald R. Hansen, Edison Township	2002
Dennis J. Kosensky, Somerset County	2001
Raymond Manfra, Fanwood Township	2000
Jerry Testa, Long Hill Township	1999

James Funkhouser Regional Service Award:

Bruce Kosensky, Branchburg Township	2004
Russell Clark, Glassboro Borough	2003
Lenny Armstrong, Somerset County	2002
Carl F. Ganger, Jr., Florham Park Borough	2001
Donna Domico, Westville Borough	2000
Michael McGee, Berlin Township	1999

Superintendent Excellence Award:

Richard Van Heest, Glen Rock Borough	2004
George Higbie, Allendale Borough	2003
Gerald Storm, West Milford Township	2002
Carl F. Granginer, Florham Park Borough	2001

James Sylvester Memorial Heroism Award:

James Sylvester *Posthumously*

PUBLIC WORKS PERSON OF THE YEAR (State or Region Officer)

Recognizes a PWANJ Officer for their contribution to community, employer and advancement of professionalism within the Public Works Services field.

Candidates Criteria:

A member of the PWANJ serving or having served as a State or Regional Officer.

Served a minimum of one (1) year.

Nominated by an officer of the Public Works Association of New Jersey.

A licensed Certified Public Works Manager.

JOSEPH W STAUSS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Named in the memory of one of the driving forces in creation of the association, as we now know it. He always professed safety and was instrumental in requiring staff to wear safety vests and caps while working. Service and dedication were his trademarks. A Memorial Park in Chatham Township is dedicated in his name. The award recognizes a State Executive Board Officer for their service to the association.

Candidates Criteria:

A member of the PWANJ serving or having served as a member of the State Executive Board.

Served a minimum of five (5) years.

Served on various committees and dedicated themselves to the advancement of our association.

Nominated by a State or Regional Officer.

A licensed CPWM.

SUPERINTENDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Recognizes a member for outstanding integrity, ethics, and ability in the public works services profession as a superintendent.

Candidate Criteria:

Must be a public works Department Head/Chief, Asst. Chief, Divisional Chief or equivalent.

Minimum of fifteen (15) years of public works service.

Minimum of five (5) years as a Department Head/Chief, Asst. Chief, Divisional Chief or equivalent.

Minimum of five (5) years as a member of the Public Works Association of New Jersey.

Nomination by any member of the Association.

JAMES FUNKHOUSER REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Named in the memory of one of the forefathers of the association who understood the value of education and was a true proponent of training. The award recognizes a Regional Officer for outstanding achievement and service to the region.

Candidate Criteria:

Member of PWANJ who is a current or past Regional Officer.

Supports the activities of the region.

Promotes professionalism in Public Works Services.

Nomination by any member of the Public Works Association of New Jersey.

JAMES SYLVESTER MEMORIAL HEROISM AWARD

Newly established to recognize any PWANJ Member who has preformed an outstanding act of lifesaving valor for a citizen or community above or beyond the call of citizenship. It is not intended to be an annual award. It is named in the memory of a Public Works Superintendent employed by Mount Ephraim, NJ who died fighting a house fire while serving as a volunteer Fire Chief on July 4, 2002.

PWANJ 2005 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The individual is nominated for: (Please check ONE)

- Public Works Person of the Year**
- Joseph W. Stauss Lifetime Achievement Award**
- Superintendent Excellent Award**
- James Funkhouser Regional Service Award**
- James Sylvester Memorial Heroism Award**

Nominee: _____ Title: _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

The above named individual is eligible for this award because **(Section MUST be Completed)**:

Submitted By: _____ Title: _____

Employer: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

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submitted
for the next
newsletter should
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Stan Mantz @

Stan.Mantz@Branchburg.nj.us

no later than
December 30, 2005

Check out our website—PWANJ.com for
valuable information about the State, Region,
Education, Classifieds and Chat room.



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WEB SITE

The Official Public Works Website is PWANJ.com. Check it out. There is a lot of valuable information on it. Bill Horton of Ramsey is the Webmaster. To contact Bill, call (201)825-3400 ext. 274 or send e-mail to williamhortonjr1@juno.com. All articles must be a clean original copy to be placed on the website.

Published for and by PWANJ Members

Don't miss **John Jones** of the **Cues Technical School** speaking on Capacity, Management, Operation & Maintenance Program of Sanitary Sewers sponsored by **PWANJ** on **November 16th** at **1:30pm** in **Room 309**.

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WILL NOT BE HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE ATLANTIC CITY CONVENTION THIS YEAR. WE FELT IT WAS MORE APPROPRIATE TO DONATE \$5,000 TO THE RED CROSS TO AID IN THE RELIEF EFFORTS RATHER THAN SPEND IT ON A CELEBRATION WHEN SO MANY IN OUR COUNTRY ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

PHOTOS NEEDED

One of the projects I started last year was to have a complete photo gallery on the website of the Past Presidents of our Association.

I am down to the following people:

1. James Funkhouser
2. John Meyer

If you have these pictures please mail them to me at William H. Horton, Jr., Borough of Ramsey, 33 North Central Avenue, Ramsey, N.J. 07446. I will scan them and re-mail them back to you within 48 hours. If you have them on your computer, e-mail me at - williamhortonjr@juno.com

Thank you.

Bill.

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