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## **NJCPA Regular Meeting**

**Friday, September 21, 2018, 11:00am**  
**Tatum Park Red Hill Activity Center, Heath Room, Middletown, NJ**  
**Meeting Fee: \$15.00**

### **AGENDA**

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **Business:**
  - A. Executive Committee Report: Linda Brennen
  - B. Meeting Minutes: Walter Lane - July
  - C. Treasurer's Report: Michael Lysicatos
3. **Panel Presentation: Trends and Innovations in Planning Education (see attached)**
4. **Lunch**
5. **New Business: Waste Reduction at Meetings - Andrew Lloyd**
6. **Agency Updates**
7. **Committee Updates: *Committee Chairs are asked to submit a brief written summary for use in the Meeting Minutes***

Utilities, Transportation & Infrastructure - *Kamal Saleh & George Ververides*

Open Space, Ag., & Environment - *Laurette Kratina & Laurie Sobel*

Statewide Planning - *John Peterson & Laurette Kratina*

Education & Technology - *Andrew Lloyd & Michael Lysicatos*

Communications - *Andrew Levecchia & Kamal Saleh*

Legislative - *Anthony Soriano*

Housing & Community Development - *Vacant*

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**Panel Presentation - September 21, 2018**  
**New Trends and Innovations in Planning Education in New Jersey**

1. **Dr. Ashwani Vasishth, Ramapo College of New Jersey, School of Social Science and Human Services**  
Innovations in Education for Sustainability: A Trans-Disciplinary Ecosystem Approach to Teaching Sustainability: RCNJ has both an undergraduate Major in Sustainability (SUST) and a Master of Arts in Sustainability Studies (MASS). Both are being synchronized to provide undergraduate students a 5-Year Degree Option. While RCNJ does not have a planning degree, both SUST and MASS are informed by a deep knowledge of Sustainability Planning from within a complex adaptive socio-ecological systems frame, offering a holistic ecosystem approach to Sustainability Planning. Rittel and Webber's seminal article, *Dilemmas in a General Theory of Planning*, and Holling and Goldberg's often overlooked article, *Ecology and Planning*, which go back more than fifty years--lay out the foundational basis for taking an ecosystem approach to Sustainability Planning.
2. **Suzanne Ishee, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Center for Creative Placemaking**  
NJIT/Continuing Professional Education Certificate in Creative Placemaking: Creative Placemaking is the intentional integration of arts and culture in community, social and economic development planning. The NJIT certificate program is a comprehensive and deeply immersive in-class course of study with additional practicum providing training for cross-sector professionals in the process and implementation of Creative Placemaking planning. Core faculty of 3 along with 9 additional faculty of specialists provide expertise in the necessary multiple disciplines required to lead and effectuate sustainable Creative Placemaking.
3. **Dr. Kevin Keenan, Rowan University, School of Earth and Environment**  
Department of Geography, Planning, and Sustainability: Rowan University is creating innovative curricula that blend critical perspectives on the study of space, place, scale, and context with traditional planning concepts in an environmental planning and design approach. The department has developed programs that focus on studying the use of natural resources within existing economic arrangements, the problems and prospects of food systems planning, and the complexity and rewards of using advanced geographical information science techniques in planning (such as educating students about the use of drones). In addition, the program integrates concepts informed by urban geography and applied science to offer much needed critical thinking skills along with tangible outlets for application.
4. **Dr. Karen Lowrie, Rutgers University, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy**  
New Initiatives at Bloustein: Dr. Karen Lowrie will describe some of the new initiatives in planning education at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University. She will describe new degree programs, the development of new courses that intersect health and planning, and Continuing Education offerings. Opportunities for students to engage with the planning profession and assist in critical planning research will also be highlighted.