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Legislative Update: June 2010

Board Bill to Take Effect, Rulemaking Expected

Public Law 2009, chapter 229, which changed the make up and enforcement powers of the Landscape Irrigation Contractors Board of Examiners, is now officially in effect. To implement its new regulatory authority, the Board must enact new regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. With the new law now officially in effect, the Board had scheduled a July meeting to begin this rule making process.

One of the most talked about changes to our licensure law is the introduction of mandatory Continuing Education Credits (CECs). While we are a long way from the formal regulatory adoption of the new requirement, a picture of what to expect is slowly emerging from our talks with the Board. Some expectations include:

- Most likely, contractors will be required to obtain 20 Continuing Education Credits every two years as a condition of relicensure;
- The requirement will first be applied to the 2012 license renewals. Contractors up for renewal in 2011 will not need any CECs;
- CEC accreditation will be substantially similar to the national IA program; and
- The Board may provide for a “look back” period, so contractors expecting license renewal in 2013 can begin obtaining CECs in 2010.
- These new rules will most likely be adopted late 2010.

While the CEC program is the highest profile change, the Board is expected to adopt several other rules including the establishment of a business permit, and the application of that permit to an individual permittee, who will be responsible for the conduct of that business. IANJ is committed to working with the Board every step of the way to ensure that these new rules are both meaningful and fair.

It's Official: IANJ established Political Action Committee

On June 17, 2010, the New Jersey Department of Treasury formally accepted Business Entity Filing Number 0400354893, establishing the Irrigation Political Action Committee, or IPAC. IANJ members, who have been discussing this strategy for some time, met in June to form our new PAC to help enhance political activities associated with the IANJ advocacy mission.

Members interested in advancing the interests of the landscape irrigation industry can send their personal or corporate contributions to **IPAC at 212 West State Street in Trenton, NJ 08608**. Anyone contributing to IPAC will be considered a member of the PAC