

Winners and Losers

Winner: Ginny Haines

The Republican National Committeewoman became only the second woman Freeholder in the 156 year history of Ocean County.

Winner: John King

The Hunterdon Freeholder became the 75th president of the New Jersey Association of Counties. The other officers, all Freeholders, are Heather Simmons (Gloucester), First Vice President; Gary Rich (Monmouth), Second Vice President, Brendan Gill (Essex), Secretary-Treasurer: and Ann Cannon (Mercer), Immediate Past President.

Winners: Jason O'Donnell and Laura Matos

Kivvit, which used to be M Public Affairs, added six new staffers in New Jersey and New York. The most familiar name is the former Assemblyman. At the same time, the original M Public Affairs employee and former Front Office staffer under three governors was named General Manager of the firm's New Jersey office.

Winner: Jun Choi

The former Edison Mayor was named the new Chairman of New Jersey Policy Perspective.

Winner: Newark Teachers Union

A Superior Court judge ruled for the NTU in its request for an injunction to prevent Superintendent Chris Cerf from unilaterally awarding a no-bid contract for health benefits even though its contract requires a joint determination of the vendor.

Loser: Nick Kappatos

When crossing guard Gina Browne texted the Runnemede Mayor to advise him that crosswalks hadn't been cleared of snow, he forwarded the message to the DPW but also to the Police Chief who suspended the guard for two days for not going through channels to report the problem. We can't wait to see what happens at the next Borough Council meeting.