

**RIASC'S ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 3, 2014**

April, 2014

RIASC OFFICERS

On Saturday, May 3, RIASC will be hosting "Common Core and Common Ground," our 2014 Annual Meeting, at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick.

- Kathy Patenaude**
President
- Jan Bergandy**
President-Elect
- John Saviano**
Secretary/Treasurer
- Jean Harnois**
Past President

This full-day program will feature a presentation by Kevin Baird of the Common Core Institute. He will discuss common core myths and realities and college readiness. David Pickler, President of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) will be addressing attendees and updating them on the latest NSBA initiatives.

- BOARD MEMBERS**
- David Coughlin**
 - Jo Eva Gaines**
 - Patrick Guida**
 - Nicholas Hemond**
 - Scott Mueller**

In the afternoon, Chris Morse, PhD., an Assistant Professor at Bryant University, will be teaching attendees how to manage conflict and how to understand and work with all different types of personalities and communication styles.

RIASC SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING
April 10, 2014
Marriott Hotel
10 Orms Street
Providence
6:00-8:00PM

The meeting is being held from 8:30 to 3:30PM. Watch your mail for a registration flier.

School Committee Chairs are invited to attend to meet with their colleagues from around the state.

RIASC members will receive six hours of professional development credit for attending.

RSVP jspremulli@ri-asc.org

RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOT SIX?

According to State law, Rhode Island school committee members must engage in six hours of professional development annually.

Over 20 RIASC members have already received their six hours for 2014.

Please contact Judy Spremulli at jspremulli@ri-asc.org or at 272-9811, Extension 10, if you have any questions regarding our upcoming sessions or need information regarding your professional development hours.

RIASC'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2004 The Rhode Island Association of School Committees created the Leadership Academy, a voluntary professional development program for school committee members. After completing 15 hours of RIASC professional development, graduates receive recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education.

Congratulations to George Abbott, who recently graduated from the Leadership Academy. Graduates will be recognized at our Annual Meeting in May.

Did you know that RIASC members have logged over 6,000 hours of professional development?

EXTERNAL TRAINING CREDIT

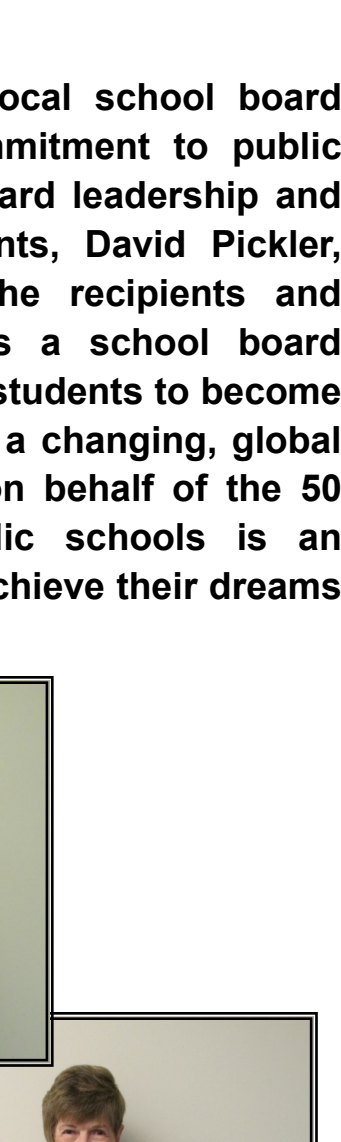
The RIASC Board met and approved a policy for its members allowing them to gain credit hours for attending external training sessions.

External training sessions are sessions that have relevance to your role as a school committee member but are not sponsored by RIASC. In order to qualify for external credit, a *Request for Approval* form must be completed at least two weeks prior to the training session.

A copy of the form was e-mailed to all members and the form can also be obtained by visiting our website at www.ri-asc.org and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

LEGISLATIVE ALERTS

RIASC Executive Director Tim Duffy has been busy at the State House and recently led a Legislative Workshop for RIASC members. Watch your email for his legislative alerts. Also, he may be asking members to testify or pass resolutions to achieve the best outcome from the 2014 general assembly session for Rhode Island school districts.



ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

RIASC is also in the process of updating the Teacher Contract Database. Please forward me your electronic teacher contract as soon as it is available.

Remember, this site is a great resource for school committee members to view contract language to assist in teacher contract negotiations.

<http://www.ntlong.com/cber/index.html>

2014 HOWARD KAY AWARD

Nomination forms have been mailed to all members soliciting nominations for the prestigious Howard Kay Award.

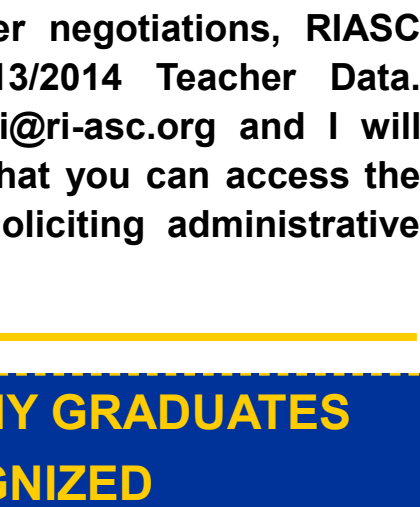
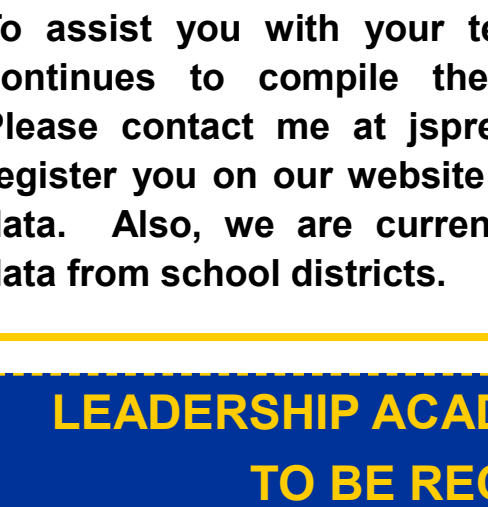
The Kay Award is given annually to an outstanding RIASC school committee member. Watch your mail for the form that details all the criteria and requirements for nomination.

The Award will be presented at our Annual Meeting on May 3, 2014.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS!

The National School Boards Association (NSBA) recently honored RIASC members for the dedication on the local and national levels. The award recipients are Maureen Cotter, South Kingstown; Sandra Flowers, Newport; Jo Eva Gaines, Newport; Jean Harnois, Smithfield; Scott Mueller, South Kingstown; and Katherine Patenaude, Coventry;

Annually, NSBA honors individual local school board members for their outstanding commitment to public education through proven school board leadership and service. In a letter to the recipients, David Pickler, President of NSBA, commended the recipients and wrote, "By your excellent work as a school board member, you have helped to prepare students to become successful, contributing members of a changing, global society. Your dedicated advocacy on behalf of the 50 million children of America's public schools is an essential element for their ability to achieve their dreams and fulfill their potential."



RIASC DATA

To assist you with your teacher negotiations, RIASC continues to compile the 2013/2014 Teacher Data. Please contact me at jspremulli@ri-asc.org and I will register you on our website so that you can access the data. Also, we are currently soliciting administrative data from school districts.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATES TO BE RECOGNIZED

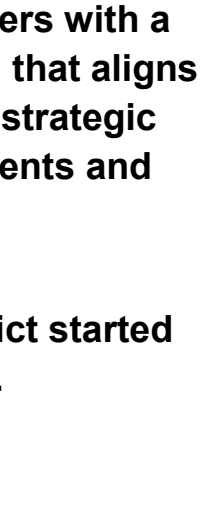
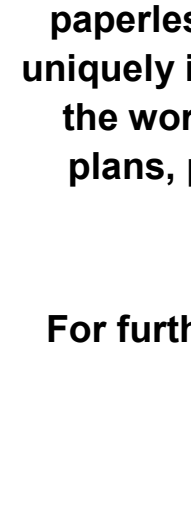
The following RIASC Leadership Academy graduates will be recognized at our Annual Meeting on May 3:

- George Abbott
- Roderick DaSilva
- David Florio
- Theresa Spengler
- Raymond Trinque

Additional members may qualify to graduate just by attending the annual meeting thereby adding six hours to their previously accrued hours.

Contact jspremulli@ri-asc.org to see if you qualify.

HASSENFELD INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC LEADERSHIP



The Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership provides public officials and others involved in the development, management, and execution of public policy with the tools and skills needed to make informed decisions and manage responsive organizations in order to govern and lead public sector and non-profit organizations effectively.

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