

**RIASC's  
 2015 ANNUAL MEETING**

April, 2015  
**RIASC OFFICERS**

*The Path Forward—The Role of School Committees in Rhode Island's Education Future* is the theme of RIASC's 2015 Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 2.

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- Patrick Guida**
- Nicholas Hemond**

- Topics include RIDE's Strategic Plan, The Future of School Committees, and Competency Based Education
- Leadership Academy graduates will be recognized by RIASC and the Rhode Island Board of Education.
- Members with 50+, 100+, and 200+ hours will also be recognized.
- School districts whose entire school committee have attained their six hours for 2015 will be recognized.
- The Howard Kay Award will be given to an outstanding school committee member.

**Upcoming Professional Development**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend  
 RIASC's Annual Meeting on May 2, 2015  
 Crowne Plaza  
 Warwick, RI

The meeting will begin with registration and breakfast at 8:30 AM and will end after RIASC's business meeting at 4:00 PM. The location is the Crowne Plaza in Warwick.

Watch your email for further details.

**RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
 GOT SIX?**

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

Congratulations to **Coventry, Pawtucket, Portsmouth, and Smithfield**, whose entire committee has achieved their six hour requirement for 2015.

Did you know RIASC offered over 80 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 2014?

**RIASC'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

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 at our Annual Meeting.

Congratulations to our most recent graduates:  
 Karen Bachus, John Bento, Rene Coutu, Kellie-Ann Heenan, and Marjorie McBride

**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.

The form can also be obtained by visiting our website at [www.ri-asc.org](http://www.ri-asc.org) and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

**ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS**

RIASC is 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/>

**18th ANNUAL HOWARD KAY AWARD**

Each year RIASC seeks nominations for the Howard Kay Award. This award is named in honor of the late Howard Kay, a former Treasurer of RIASC and a former Newport school committee member.

RIASC is looking for nominations for school committee members who have demonstrated leadership as advocates for public education.

By now, you should have received the nomination criteria in the mail.

Deadline for nominations is April 10, 2015

This Award will be presented at our Annual Meeting on May 2, 2015.

Nominate an outstanding school committee member today to ensure that he or she receives recognition!

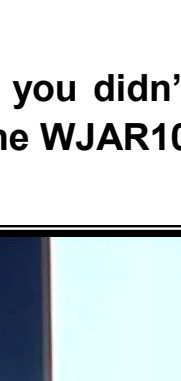
Nomination criteria can also be accessed on our website at [www.ri-asc.org](http://www.ri-asc.org)

**CALLING ALL RECENT RIASC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATES!**

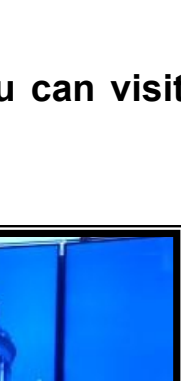
Did you graduate from RIASC's Leadership Academy recently? If so, register for our Annual Meeting in May, where we will recognize all our graduates and present them with a certificate from the Rhode Island Board of Education.

Following the Annual Meeting, a press release will be sent to your local media, along with a picture of you receiving your certificate.

Register today!  
 Contact [jspremulti@ri-asc.org](mailto:jspremulti@ri-asc.org) with any questions.



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**BOARD**

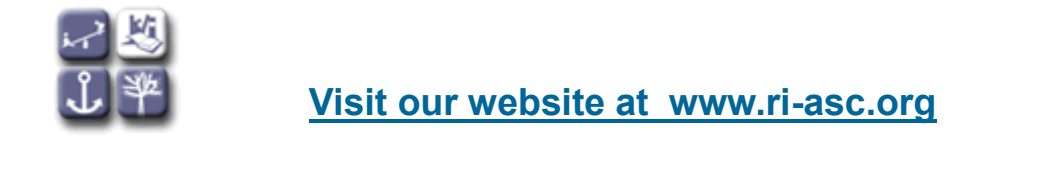
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Contact [tduffy@ri-asc.org](mailto:tduffy@ri-asc.org) for more information.

**DUFFY ON 10 NEWS CONFERENCE**

RIASC Executive Director Tim Duffy was a guest on 10 News Conference, along with NEARI leader, Bob Walsh.

Tim fielded a variety of questions on the PARCC assessment, a new Commissioner, union issues, and school calendar changes.

If you didn't get to watch it when it aired, you can visit the WJAR10 website and view it there.



<http://www.turnto10.com/category/256192/10-news-conference>

**CONGRATULATIONS PATRICK!**

Patrick "Buzz" Guida, RIASC board member, and Barrington school committee member was recently appointed to lead a task force that will review and revise the public education positions of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).



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