

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

April, 2019

RIASC has planned the following professional development opportunities for members:

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Legislative Workshop—8:30 AM Registration; Senator Ryan Pearson and Representative Greg Amore will be briefing members on the latest education legislation and the status of the State budget. Session 9:00 AM to Noon, Providence Marriott, Orms Street.

Saturday, April 27, 2019

RIASC's Annual Meeting—Providence Marriott, Orms Street.

Equity & Education Reform

- Learn about the work of the RI Foundation's Long-term Education Planning Committee
- Explore the Massachusetts Governance Model.
- Discover the path to Cumberland's RICAS success
- Recognition for Leadership Academy graduates*
- Howard Kay Award Presentation

Watch your email for registration and further details.

RIASC OFFICERS

- Mary Anne Roll**
President
Liana Fenton
Secretary/Treasurer
John Saviano
Past President

BOARD MEMBERS

- Erin Dube**
Fred Faerber
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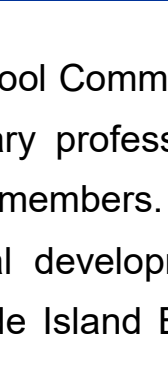


RIASC's 2019 Annual Meeting

Plan to Attend!

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April 27, 2019
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Orms Street



RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Plan to achieve your 6 hours for 2019

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

Did you know RIASC offered over 65 hours of professional development opportunities in 2018 and, overall, members have accrued over 12,000 professional development hours?

RIASC'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
Why Stop at Six Hours?

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.

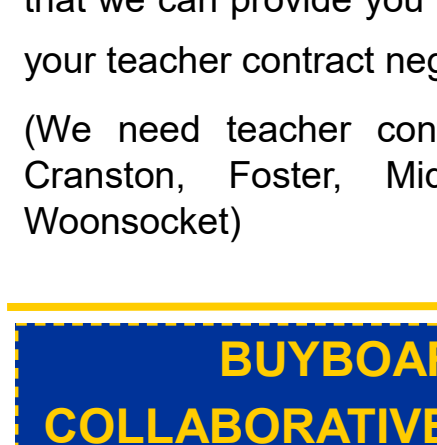
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

*The following RIASC members recently became graduates of RIASC's Leadership Academy:

- PAUL BOURGET, WOONSOCKET**
STEPHANIE CANTER, SOUTH KINGSTOWN
DIANE FARNWORTH, TIVERTON
RAYMOND GOMES, NEWPORT
TERRI LACEY, BURRILLVILLE
ERIKA McCORMICK, SCITUATE
SHELLEY PEZZA, FOSTER/GLOCESTER
KEITH ROBERTS, JAMESTOWN
SALLY SCHOTT, JAMESTOWN

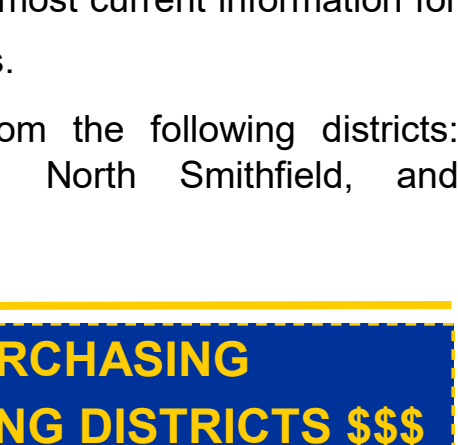
All of the graduates will be honored with a Rhode Island Board of Education certificate in recognition of their graduation at RIASC's upcoming Annual Meeting. Be sure to register and attend our annual meeting to receive the recognition you so deserve!

RIASC's School Committee Chair Meeting



On Wednesday, March 13, 2019, school committee chairs, and Executive Committee members attended RIASC's chair meeting.

The guest speakers were Arianne Corrente and Jessica David of the Rhode Island Foundation who were interested in seeking feedback from the school committee chairs on the Foundation's long-term plan for RI education. The Foundation committee has developed a draft vision and will now work on goals, strategies and tactics to enhance Rhode Island public education.



Chairs also participated in discussions on resolutions on education legislation such as the amendment of Article XII in order to guarantee a student's right to an equitable, adequate, and meaningful education, gun-free schools, and financial literacy. Also discussed were career tech pathways, and chairs participated in a roundtable discussion on any topic of their choosing.

2019 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- RIASC Officers
Liana Ferreira Fenton , President-Elect
Fred Faerber, Secretary/Treasurer
RIASC Executive Committee Members
Erin Dube
Virginia Harnois
Carolyn Mark
Katherine Patenaude
Kinzel Thomas

This slate will be voted on during the Business Meeting portion of the Annual Meeting on April 27.

Special thank you to all who served on this committee:
Mark Fiorillo, Susan St. Amand, and David Testa

EXTERNAL TRAINING CREDITS

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT EXTERNAL CREDITS!

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 and submitted to jspremulli@ri-asc.org or faxed to 272-9834.

The form can also be obtained by visiting our website at www.ri-asc.org and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

The AG's Open Meeting Summits, Healthy Kids breakfast, School Safety Conference, along with NSBA's Annual Meeting and webinars are just some of the external training sessions you may attend for credit.

ENERGY SAVINGS FOR YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

With the current forecast of increasing natural gas and electricity costs, it just makes sense that your district participate in collaborative purchases along with all the other school districts.

Rhode Island school districts are saving money through RIASC's energy purchasing collaborative. Does your district participate? Since the program's inception, districts have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy costs.

ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

RIASC hosts the Collective Bargaining Electronic Resource, that includes teacher contract language for all school districts.

The site is located at <http://ntlong.com/cber/> We encourage you to visit the site and to also encourage your district to submit their latest contract to RIASC.

We count on the districts to supply their latest contracts so that we can provide you with the most current information for your teacher contract negotiations.

(We need teacher contracts from the following districts: Cranston, Foster, Middletown, North Smithfield, and Woonsocket)

BUYBOARD PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE SAVING DISTRICTS \$\$\$

Do you know if your district takes advantage of the cost savings of BuyBoard? Why not find out?

The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is a national online purchasing cooperative formed between the National School Boards Association and several state school boards associations to streamline the buying process for schools, municipalities and other public entities.

Developed to comply with state laws which require government entities to make purchases from an approved list of vendors who have gone through a competitive procurement process, BuyBoard gives districts the advantage of leveraging the cooperative's ability to obtain bulk discounts, combined with the ease of online, web-based shopping and ordering.

Save time and money with BuyBoard!

Visit the RI-ASC Website

Visit the RI-ASC website at www.ri-asc.org where you will find training videos on essential school committee topics, information on upcoming professional development sessions, past newsletters, data files, photos, and the Rhode Island General Laws regarding the powers and duties of school committee members.

For new members, this site will provide you with a great overview of what we do and how we serve as a resource to you as you become oriented to your new role.



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