

**RIASC's 2021
Virtual Annual Meeting**

April, 2021

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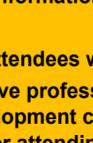
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RIASC Annual Meeting



**Plan to Attend
RIASC's Virtual
Annual Meeting**

May 8, 2021

**Watch your email
for registration
information.**

**Attendees will
receive professional
development credits
for attending.**

Equity, inclusion, and equality will be the topics of discussion at RIASC's 2021 Annual Meeting. Presenters will speak on their expertise and experiences, and attendees will be left with a knowledge of how to update policies to reflect a culture of equity and non-bias.

The RIASC Annual Meeting is being held virtually on Saturday, May 8, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Topics include:

A Matter of Truth: The Struggle for Equal Rights in Rhode Island History
Keith Stokes - Vice president of the 1696 Heritage Group of Newport

Eliminating Cultural, Ethnic and Racial Bias in School Committee Policy Development, *Verjeana Jacobs - Chief Transformation Officer at National School Boards Association*

Rhode Island Foundation's Equity Leadership Initiative
Angela Bannerman Ankoma - Executive Director Rhode Island Foundation's Equity Leadership Initiative

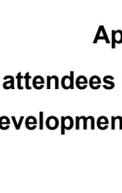
Partnership and Congress: How We Came to Where We Are
Wendy Schiller - Chair of Political Science at Brown University

The program also includes the presentation of the Howard Kay Award to an outstanding school committee member and RIASC's Leadership Academy member recognition.

The day will end with RIASC's Annual Business Meeting. Agenda items include approval of RIASC's budget and bylaws amendment.

Attendees will receive RIASC professional development hours.

NSBA Annual Meeting



The Conference for
Public Education Leaders
APRIL 8-10

NSBA's 2021 Annual Meeting

April 8-10, 2021

RIASC attendees will be granted professional development credits for attending.

Members who attend should submit their hours to RIASC to receive RIASC professional development credit.

HOWARD KAY AWARD NOMINATIONS

RIASC is seeking nominations for a school committee member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership.

ELIGIBILITY

- Any committee member who has served at any time from May 1, 2020 to April 1, 2021 is eligible to be nominated. This includes members retired after May 1, 2020, and
- has attended two or more RIASC functions from May 1, 2020—April 1, 2021, and
- serves on a school committee that is a RIASC member.

Please submit a brief written statement about the nominee explaining his or her attributes as a school committee leader.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 16, 2021.

Email nominations to: info@ri-asc.org

The Award will be presented at our 2021 Annual Meeting.

**RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Plan to achieve your 6 hours in 2021!**

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

Did you participate in the Newly Elected Leader's Orientation in January? If so, you have been credited your six hours for 2021.

RIASC Members have until the end of December, 2021 to obtain their six hours for 2021.

**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, Academy graduates receive recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education at our Annual Meeting.

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 RIASC.

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

NEED A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESOURCE?

Are you on the contract negotiations team for your district? Do you want to conduct research during the negotiation process? RIASC has you covered.

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

We encourage you to visit the site and to make sure your district has submitted their latest electronic contract to RIASC so that we can provide you with the most current information for your teacher contract negotiations.

The site is located at <http://ntlong.com/cber/>

**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 our 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.