

**2022 RIASC ANNUAL MEETING**

April, 2022

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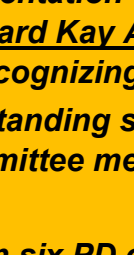
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**RIASC's 2022 Annual Meeting**



**Plan to Attend!**  
**RIASC's**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**May 7, 2022**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel**

**The Program**  
**includes**  
**professional**  
**development**  
**recognition and the**  
**presentation of the**  
**Howard Kay Award**  
**recognizing an**  
**outstanding school**  
**committee member.**

**Earn six PD credit**  
**hours for attending!**

Plan to attend RIASC's Annual Meeting on May 7, 2022.

We have planned a full day of interesting topics including:

**Conflict at the Top: The Power to Derail and Transform** –Develop individual and collective strategies that can transform conflict into more productive working relationships to improve district climate and culture.

**The Art of Listening**—A veteran K-12 communications specialist will share tips and strategies to create authentic communication opportunities particularly when the community is divided over controversial issues.

**Evaluating the Superintendent**—Executive Vice President of SuperEval will provide evaluation tools and options for this critical school committee responsibility.

The program will also include professional development recognition of the graduates of RIASC's Leadership Academy and members who have accrued 50 to 500+ professional development hours and RIASC's Annual Business Meeting.

Attend and achieve your six hours in one day! Watch your email for registration information.

**25th Annual Howard Kay Award**

In 1997 delegates to the Rhode Island Association of School Committee's Annual Meeting voted to create an award recognizing outstanding leadership by a Rhode Island School Committee member.

The Award is named in honor of the late Howard Kay, a former Treasurer of RIASC. As a long time member of the Newport School Committee, Howard was a champion of public education and an anti-smoking, anti-gambling advocate.

RIASC is looking for a school committee member who has demonstrated leadership as an advocate for public education.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Any committee member who has served at any time from May 1, 2021 to April 1, 2022 is eligible to be nominated. This includes members retired after May 1, 2021, and
- has attended two or more RIASC functions from May 1, 2021—April 1, 2022, 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, 2022**

*E-mail nominations to [jsprenulli@ri-asc.org](mailto:jsprenulli@ri-asc.org)*

*The Award will be presented at our Annual Meeting on May 7*

**UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

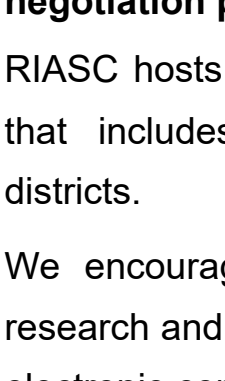
Additional 2022 professional development opportunities include:

- RIASC Funding Formula Zoom Session — April 12
- Hassenfeld/RIASC Zoom Session— April 14
- RIASC's Annual Meeting—May 7
- AG's Open Meetings Session July
- RI Healthy School's Annual Breakfast on October 6, 2022
- External Training Sessions (Submit your training form)

Has your entire committee achieved their six hours for 2022? If so, your committee will be recognized at our Annual Meeting on May 7.

**Advocacy Basics Workshop**

RIASC recently held a professional development session on Advocacy Basics. Rick McAuliffe, founder of the government relations firm Mayforth Group, provided strategies and information to attendees regarding the legislative process and innerworkings of the State legislature. He commended Executive Director, Tim Duffy on his work throughout the years representing RIASC and navigating important education legislation through the legislature.



If you missed this session, contact RIASC and we will send you the Zoom video. You can watch it at your leisure and contact RIASC for professional development credits.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/share/fgxFN03oDjmPC7muOisRVNABXzE-cj332ux57sGfVND6BS0hKW1f-k\\_OB\\_PzJu.HSH4\\_winf69TtpGV](https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/share/fgxFN03oDjmPC7muOisRVNABXzE-cj332ux57sGfVND6BS0hKW1f-k_OB_PzJu.HSH4_winf69TtpGV) (Passcode: B68Rh%K&)

**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. Late 2021 graduates are: *Hannah Ayotte, Christie Fish, Linda Lyall, Alexander Menzies, Nicky Piper, Melissa Worthy, and Keri Smith.* 2022 graduates are: *Carolyn Dias.* These graduates will be recognized at our May 7, 2022 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](http://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 for your negotiation research and to ensure your district has submitted their latest electronic contract to RIASC so that we can provide you with the most current information.

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.

**ROBERT'S RULES FOR ONLINE PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Many of you attended the Hassenfeld/RIASC session on Robert's Rules for Online Public Meetings held on March 16, 2022. It was a great presentation with many attendees getting their questions answered by a professional parliamentarian. If you missed, the session, below is a link for you to view at your leisure. Once you view the presentation, contact me and I will grant you credits.

<https://vimeo.com/689744949>

**Visit our Website!**

Visit the RI-ASC website at [www.ri-asc.org](http://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.