

WELCOME NEW SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

December, 2014

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It was great to meet some of the new school committee members at RIASC's recent School Committee 101. It was also great to witness many seasoned members mentoring new members and to see superintendents attending right along side their school committee members, assisting and encouraging them as they assume their new governance role.

Along with School Committee 101, all new members are encouraged to attend the upcoming "Leadership Skills for New School and Municipal Leaders," session hosted by the Hassenfeld Institute at Bryant University.

The conference is being held on January 8-9, 2015. New members should have received an email with conference and registration information. Contact Kate Cantwell at kcantwell@bryant.edu if you are planning on attending.

RIASC attendees will receive hours toward their professional development requirement.

Upcoming Professional Development

- Hassenfeld Institute's Newly Elected Leader's Conference
January 8-9, 2015
- Open Government Summit 101
January 15, 2015
- RIASC School Committee Chair Meeting
January, 2015

RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOT SIX?

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

Upcoming Qualifying sessions include:

- AG's Open Government Summit 101, January 15, 2015
- Hassenfeld Institute's Newly Elected Leaders Conference, January 8-9, 2015.
- RIASC School Committee Chair Meeting, January, 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.

Congratulations to our most recent graduates:

Thomas Alder, Peg Bugara, Theresa Donovan, Anthony Ferreira, and Carolyn Mark

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.

SCENES FROM SC 101



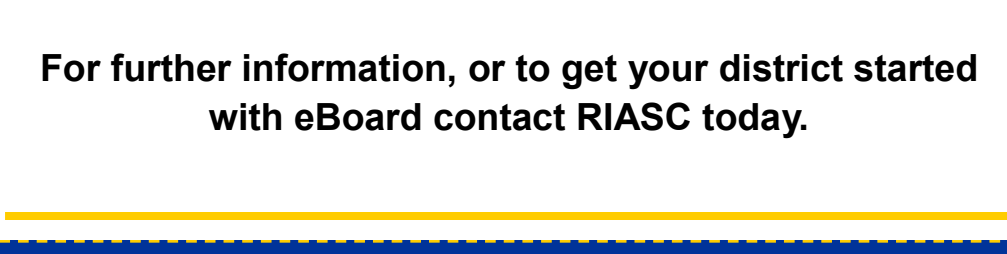
ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

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/>

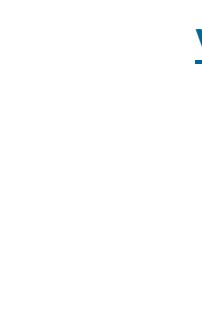
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Developed to comply with state laws which require government entities to make purchases from an approved list of vendors who have gone through a competitive procurement process, BuyBoard gives districts the advantage of leveraging the cooperative's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

Contact tduffy@ri-asc.org for more information.



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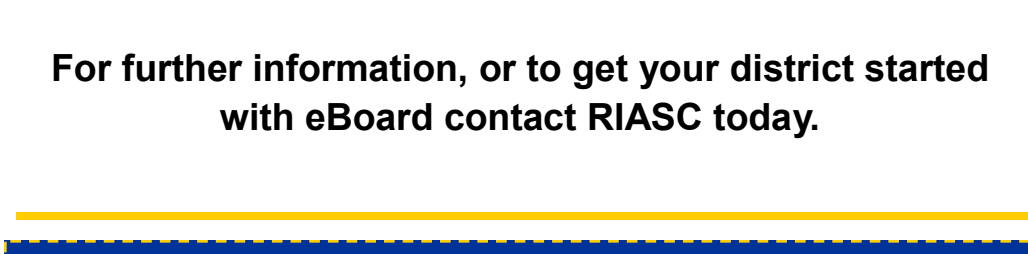


The Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership provides public officials and others involved in the development, management, and execution of public policy with the tools and skills needed to make informed decisions and manage responsive organizations in order to govern and lead public sector and non-profit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

Plan to attend the upcoming Leadership Skills Conference for New Members—January 8-9, 2015

Visit the Institute's website at:

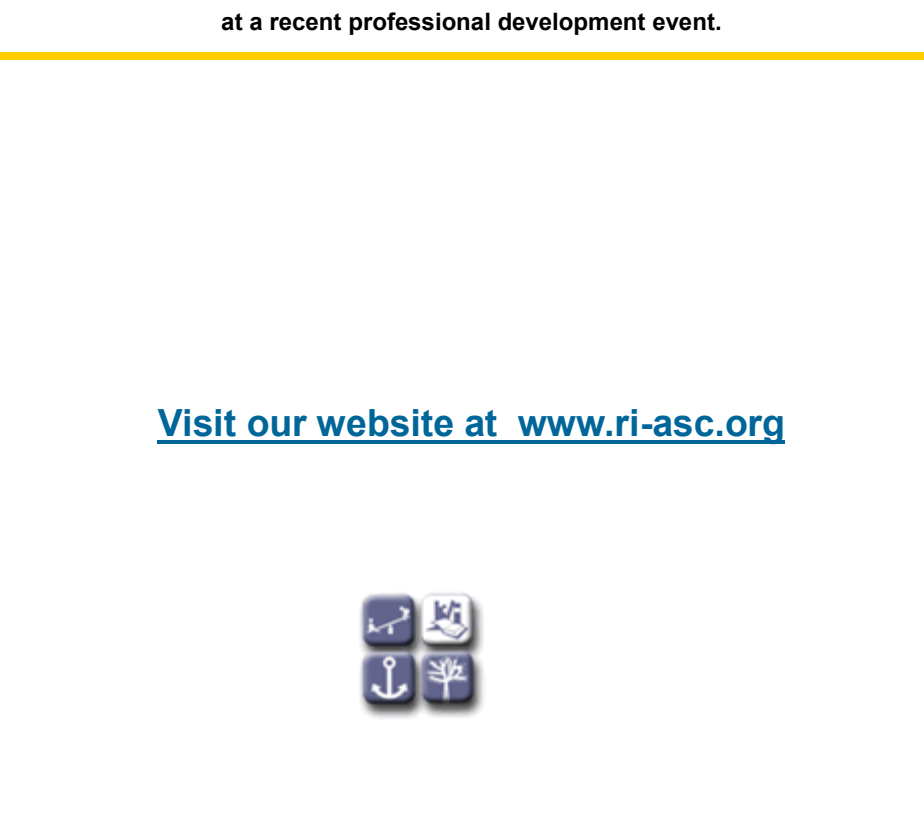
<http://www.bryant.edu/about/centers-and-institutes/bryant-institute-for-public-leadership.htm>



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RIASC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Katherine Patenaude, Immediate Past President and John Saviano, President-Elect at a recent professional development event.

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