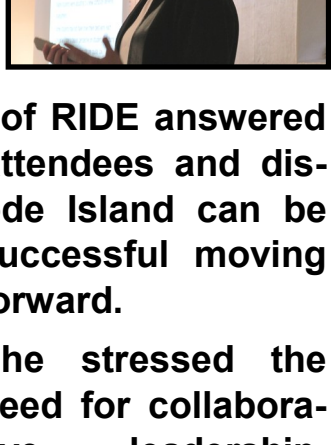


RIDE Calls for Shared Vision for Successful Outcomes in Student Accountability

December, 2015

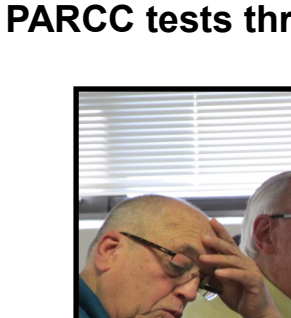
RIASC OFFICERS

Perhaps you saw the article in the *Providence Journal* on RIASC's PARCC session.



- John Saviano**
President
- Mary Anne Roll**
President-Elect
- Scott Mueller**
Secretary/Treasurer
- Kathy Patenaude**
Past President

Mary Ann Snider of RIDE answered questions from attendees and discussed how Rhode Island can be successful moving forward.

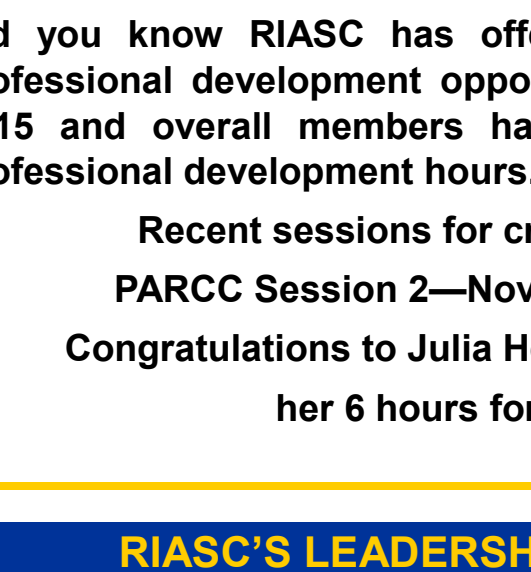


She stressed the need for collaborative leadership, where all education stakeholders support the same vision for student accountability.

BOARD MEMBERS

- Michael Araujo**
- Ron Cervasio**
- Fred Faerber**
- Liana Fenton**
- Jo Eva Gaines**
- Sonia Grace**
- Patrick Guida**
- Nicholas Hemond**

Mary Ann informed attendees that RIDE intends to continue to use PARCC tests through 2017.



RIASC board members at PARCC session.

Upcoming Professional Development

Save the Date!
RIASC Annual Meeting
Saturday
May 7, 2016
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Warwick, RI

RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOT SIX?

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

Did you know RIASC has offered over 80 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 2015 and overall members have accrued over 8,000 professional development hours.

Recent sessions for credit included:

PARCC Session 2—November 21, 2015

Congratulations to Julia Held for completing her 6 hours for 2015.

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.

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 and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

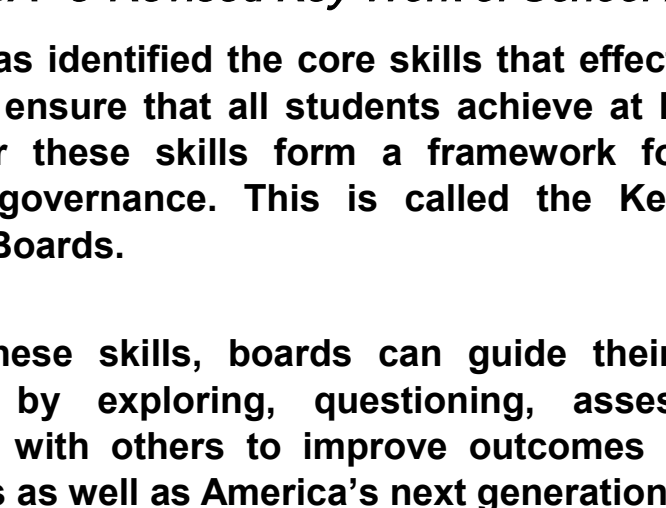
RIASC BOARD ACTIVITIES

RIASC Officers and Board members have been active at the State level.

- Did you know that our President John Saviano and RIASC Board member Jo Eva Gaines both serve on the Statewide Teacher Contract Committee?
- The RIASC Board has been meeting with Commissioner Wagner on a monthly basis and will do so throughout 2016, and
- RIASC Executive Director, Tim Duffy, will be making a presentation to the Governor's Funding Formula Task Force.



NSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN



Registration is open for the 2016 National School Boards Association Conference being held in Boston, MA.

The Conference will run from April 9 to 11, 2016.

Below is the registration link:

<https://www.nsba.org/conference/registration/annual-conference-2016>

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/>

BUYBOARD PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE



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.

NSBA'S KEY WORK OF SCHOOL BOARDS SESSIONS

RIASC will be sponsoring sessions at Bryant University's Hassenfeld Institute on NSBA's Revised Key Work of School Boards

NSBA has identified the core skills that effective boards need to ensure that all students achieve at high levels. Together these skills form a framework for effective school governance. This is called the Key Work of School Boards.

"With these skills, boards can guide their vision to fruition by exploring, questioning, assessing, and working with others to improve outcomes for today's students as well as America's next generation."

NSBA has recently revised the Key Work of School Boards and curriculum has been designed by Bryant University for school committee members on each element of Key Work.

Our first session was held on October 3, 2015. Watch your email for further details regarding upcoming Keywork professional development sessions.

RIASC members who attend will be granted professional development hours toward RIASC's Leadership Academy.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!

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