

**RIASC SOCIAL MEDIA SESSION  
 BEING HELD ON FEBRUARY 8**

February, 2014

**RIASC OFFICERS**

On Saturday, February 8, 2014, RIASC will be hosting a session on Social Media.

- Kathy Patenaude**  
President
- Jan Bergandy**  
President-Elect
- John Saviano**  
Secretary/Treasurer
- Jean Harnois**  
Past President

Using social media and technology to increase communication and manage conflict will be addressed at the Session, which is being held at Bryant University in the Uni Building, Room MR C4.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

- David Coughlin**
- Jo Eva Gaines**
- Patrick Guida**
- Nicholas Hemond**
- Scott Mueller**

School committee members and superintendents are encouraged to attend and learn how local governments are using the internet and other social media to communicate with their diverse constituencies.

**SAVE THE DATE  
 RIASC'S 2014  
 ANNUAL  
 MEETING**

Attendees will learn best practices and discuss how to build a social media platform. There will also be a presentation on the leading technology governments are using.

Saturday  
 May 3, 2014  
 Crowne Plaza Hotel  
 Rotunda Room  
 Warwick, RI  
 Timely topics will be discussed and our graduates will be recognized, along with the Howard Kay Award recipient.

**RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
 GOT SIX?**

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

Many RIASC members have already begun accruing hours for 2014 by attending our January session on school facilities.

Please contact Judy Spremulli at [jspremulli@ri-asc.org](mailto:jspremulli@ri-asc.org) or at 272-9811, Extension 10, if you have any questions regarding our upcoming sessions or need information regarding your professional development hours.

**RIASC'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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 Rod DaSilva  
 our most recent graduate!

Did you know that RIASC members have logged over 5,700 hours of professional development?

**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](http://www.ri-asc.org) and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

**RIASC DATA**

To assist you with your teacher negotiations, RIASC continues to compile the 2013/2014 Teacher Data. Please contact me at [jspremulli@ri-asc.org](mailto:jspremulli@ri-asc.org) and I will register you on our website so that you can access the data.

**ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS**

RIASC is also 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.nfong.com/cber/index.html>

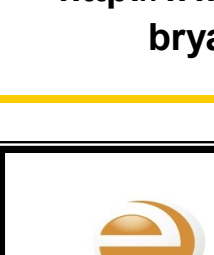
**2014 HOWARD KAY AWARD**

Nomination forms have been mailed to all members soliciting nominations for the prestigious Howard Kay Award.

The Kay Award is given annually to an outstanding RIASC school committee member. Watch your mail for the form that details all the criteria and requirements for nomination.

The Award will be presented at our Annual Meeting on May 3, 2014.

**SCENES FROM RIASC'S SESSION ON  
 SCHOOL FACILITIES IN JANUARY**



**HASSENFELD INSTITUTE  
 FOR  
 PUBLIC LEADERSHIP**

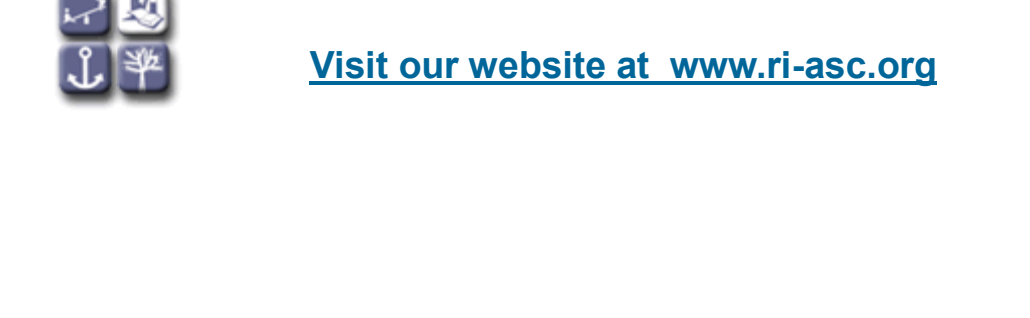


The Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership provides public officials and others involved in the development, management, and execution of public policy with the tools and skills needed to make informed decisions and manage responsive organizations in order to govern and lead public sector and non-profit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

Watch your email for an upcoming session on using social media to communicate with your constituency.

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



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