

Commit to Excellence in your district!

Beginning a new year can motivate us to want to be our best. School Committee 101, with an abundance of information, provided tools to use to commit to excellence in your district.

School Committee 101 attendees heard from State leaders on Open Meetings, Access to Public Records, Ethics, School Committee Roles and Responsibilities, the Committee's relationship with their Superintendent, RI-ASC's Leadership Academy, and NSBA's Key Work of School Boards.

RIASC commends the over 100 members who attended, along with their superintendents. It was great to see most of the newly elected members and our seasoned members, who have established their commitment to ongoing professional development.

For those of you who could not attend, the Attorney General's office is hosting the **Open Government Summit 101** on **January 9**. Register at agsummit@riag.ri.gov Also, Hassenfeld Institute at Bryant University is offering a two-day session on January 6 and 7 entitled **Leadership Skills for Newly-elected School & Municipal Leaders**. To register, email Kathryn Cantwell at kcantwell@bryant.edu

Remember to watch your email for future RIASC professional development opportunities.

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RIASC 2017 Annual Meeting

Save the Date!

RIASC's Annual Meeting

**Saturday
May 6, 2017**

**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 60 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 2016 and overall members have accrued over 9,000 professional development hours.

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. Congratulations to our most recent graduates: Polly Allen, Diane Chiaradio-Bowdy, Patrick McHugh, Joel Monteiro, and Kathy Silvia.

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.

ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

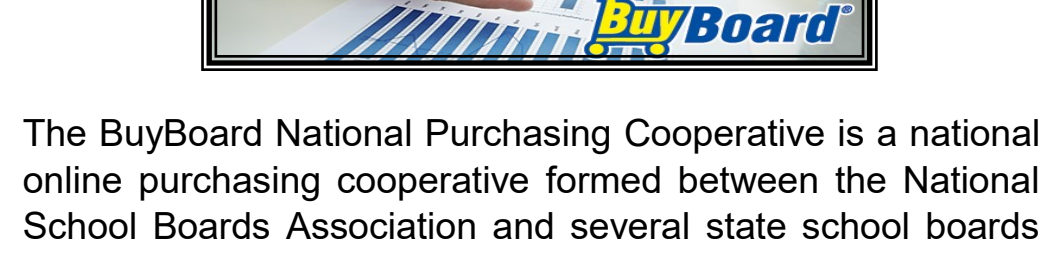
RIASC hosts the Collective Bargaining Electronic Resource, that includes teacher contract language for all school districts.

We count on the districts to supply their latest contracts 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/>

We encourage you to visit the site and to also encourage your district to send their latest contract.

NSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN



Registration is open for the 2016 National School Boards Association Annual Conference being held in Denver, Colorado.

Visit www.nsba.org to register.

The Conference will run from March 25—27, 2017.

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



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 RIASC held a session on it at the recent School Committee 101.

SCENES FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE 101

