

Happy New Professional Development Year!

January, 2022

RIASC members know that each new year brings with it their six-hour requirement for professional development.

In 2021, RIASC offered over 60 hours of Professional Development and members could also access electronic versions of some of our sessions to watch at a time most convenient to them.

In 2022, RIASC will be offering sessions to assist members in obtaining their required hours. Did you know that just by attending our Annual Meeting in May, you can accrue your required six hours?

Additional 2022 professional development opportunities will include:

- Hassenfeld Institute Sessions
- NSBA's Annual Meeting April 4-6
- AG's Open Meetings Session July, 2022
- RI Healthy School's Annual Breakfast on October 6, 2022
- External Training sessions (submit a form for credit)

Remember, encourage your entire committee to achieve their six hours and you will receive recognition at the RIASC Annual Meeting.

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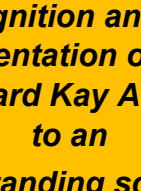
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RIASC's 2022 Annual Meeting



Save the Date!
RIASC's
Annual Meeting
May 7, 2022
Crowne Plaza Hotel

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

Earn PD credits for attending!

2022 Professional Development

- Is there a topic you would like us to cover?
- Would you be interested in more in-person meetings in 2022?

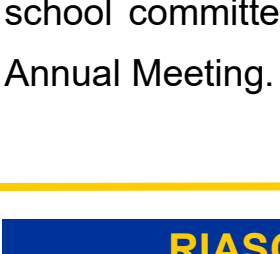
Future topics under consideration:

- Superintendent Evaluations with SuperEval
- Legislative Review for Policy Chairs—Adjusting your policies to address recent legislative changes
- Student Privacy Policies
- Developing Policies through an Equity Lens

Send your responses and ideas to info@ri-asc.org

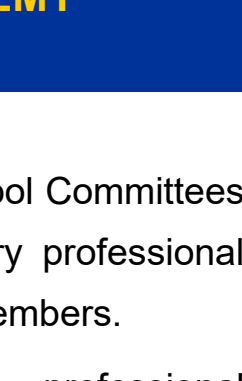
CHAIR MEETINGS

RIASC held a chair meeting in November with a presentation by the Rhode Island Department of Education on Site Based Management and guidance on School Improvement Teams. A link to the presentation is below. Attendees also participated in a roundtable discussion with their colleagues and offered their suggestions for future professional development topics.



<https://youtu.be/okSnymFwXRc>

On January 10, 2022, school committee chairs will be participating in a Zoom meeting with the Commissioner of Education.



2022 Howard Kay Award

Watch your email for information on RIASC's Howard Kay Award. This award is given annually to an outstanding school committee member. The Award is presented at our Annual Meeting.

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.* 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 and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

JOIN THE RIASC BOARD

Are you interested in serving on the RIASC Board? RIASC will be emailing applications in February. Watch your email and, if interested, complete the form. Be sure to include your resume!

NEED A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESOURCE?

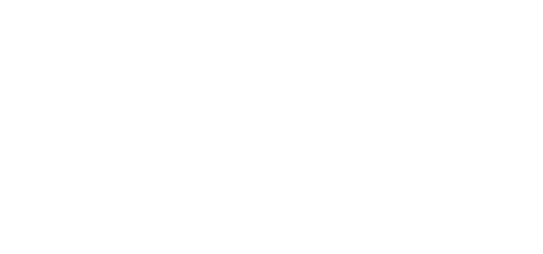
Are you on the contract negotiations team for your district? Do you want to conduct research during the negotiation process? RIASC has you covered.

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/>

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Do you know if your district takes advantage of the cost savings of BuyBoard? Why not find out?

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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.

REGISTER FOR NSBA'S 2022 ANNUAL MEETING



Visit www.nsba.org to register for NSBA's Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, from April 2 to April 4, 2022. RIASC members will grant professional development credits to attendees.

Visit our Website!

Visit the RI-ASC website at 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.