

MEET RIASC's NEW PRESIDENT JOHN SAVIANO

June, 2015

RIASC OFFICERS



John Saviano, Bristol/Warren school committee member, was elected President of the Rhode Island Association of School Committees.

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

John has served on his school committee for over 10 years and he has served on the RIASC board in various capacities for over eight years.

As president, John will be working on professional development opportunities for the membership and encouraging increased participation in RIASC's Leadership Academy.

Mary Anne Roll, Lincoln School Committee member, now serves as RIASC's President-Elect.

Welcome to the newest board members, who were recently elected at RIASC's Annual Meeting:

Michael Araujo, Pawtucket
Ron Cervasio, Foster/Gloicester
Frederick Faerber, Portsmouth

Upcoming Professional Development

Watch your email for notice of upcoming professional development Opportunities.

RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOT SIX?

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

Congratulations to **Coventry, Pawtucket, Portsmouth, and Smithfield, and Warwick** whose entire committee has achieved their six hour requirement for 2015.

Did you know RIASC already offered over 50 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 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.

Congratulations to our most recent graduates:
Jerome Larkin, M. Terri Medeiros, and Ron Cervasio

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 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/>

2015 HOWARD KAY AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Jan Bergandy, past president and past Tiverton School Committee member, recipient of this year's Howard Kay Award for Outstanding School Committee Leadership!



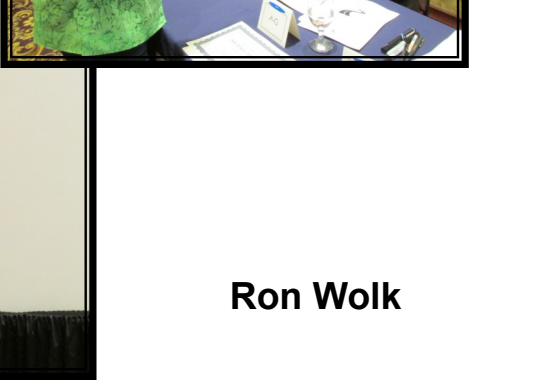
Upon accepting his award, Jan made a passionate speech where he encouraged school committee members to keep their focus on substantive issues and to not shy away from change.



This award is named in honor of the late Howard Kay, a former Treasurer of RIASC and a former Newport school committee member.

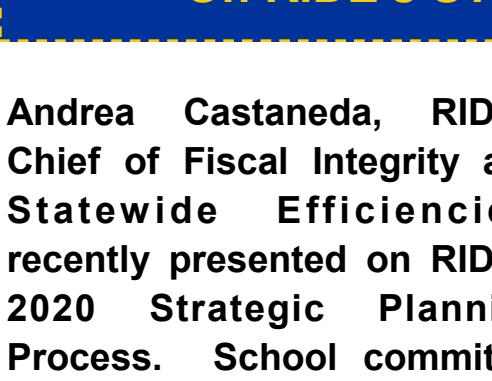
SCENES FROM RIASC's 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Sally Black with Fred Bramante

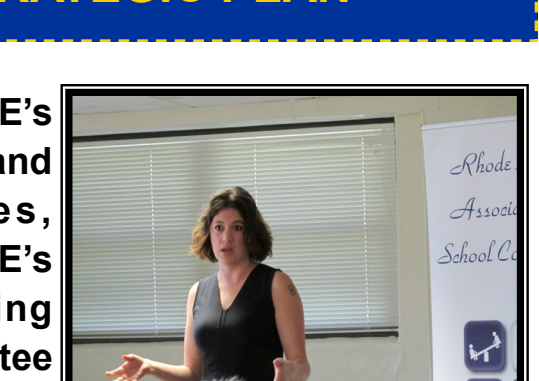


President John Saviano

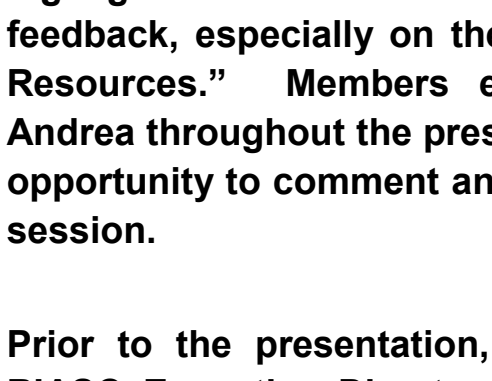
NSBA Northeast Region Directors
Gary Sasse



Jan Bergandy



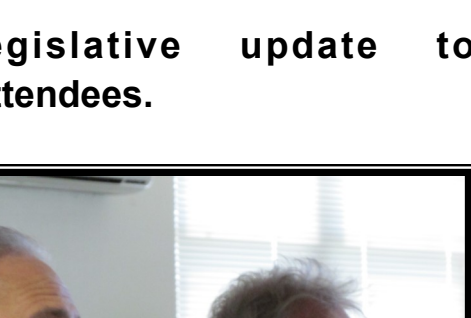
Silvia St. Pierre with Author, Fred Bramante



Ron Wolk

RIASC's SESSION On RIDE's STRATEGIC PLAN

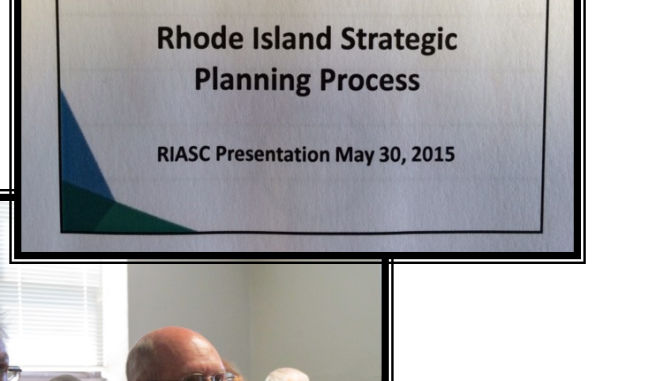
Andrea Castaneda, RIDE's Chief of Fiscal Integrity and Statewide Efficiencies, recently presented on RIDE's 2020 Strategic Planning Process. School committee members were given highlights and were asked for feedback, especially on the segment entitled "Investing Resources." Members engaged in discussion with Andrea throughout the presentation and were offered the opportunity to comment and ask questions following the session.



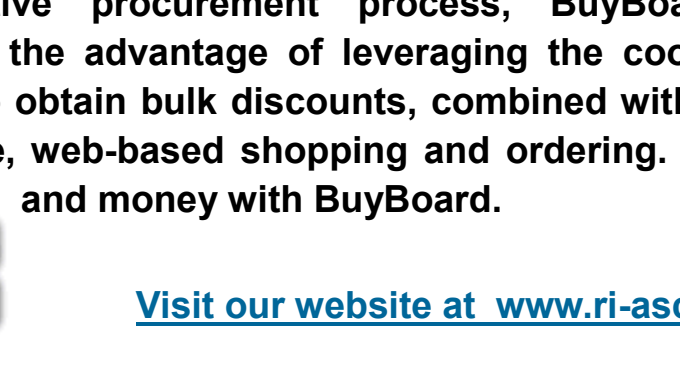
Prior to the presentation, RIASC Executive Director, Tim Duffy presented a



legislative update to attendees.



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