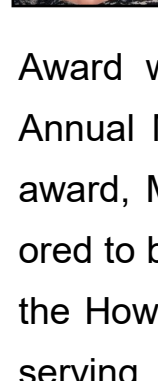


**Congratulations  
 Howard Kay Award Recipient**



Mary Anne Roll is the 2021 recipient of the Howard Kay Award for outstanding school committee leadership. The Award was presented at the RIASC Annual Meeting. Upon accepting the award, Ms. Roll stated, "I am so honored to be named the 2021 recipient of the Howard Kay Award. I believe that serving on a School Committee provides a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference in the community. Over the past 17 years, I have come to realize the importance of staying focused on supporting the school district's efforts to provide the best opportunity every day for every student that comes through the doors of our public schools. I am also grateful to RIASC for providing both the quality professional development opportunities that have helped me to become a better School Committee member, and the connection to a network of dedicated School Committee members across the State." Ms. Roll has been a member of the Lincoln School Committee since 2004 and has served in various capacities, including Chair and Vice-Chair. She currently serves as the Chair of the Policy Subcommittee, and is a member of the Building Committee. Mary Anne is currently Immediate Past President of RIASC.

**RIASC OFFICERS**

- Liana Fenton**  
 President  
**Erin Dube**  
 President-Elect  
**David Testa**  
 Secretary/Treasurer  
**Mary Anne Roll**  
 Past President
- BOARD MEMBERS**  
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**RIASC's 2022 Annual Meeting**

**Plan to Attend!**

**RIASC's Annual Meeting**

**April 30, 2022**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**

**Attendees will receive professional development credits for attending.**

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

Congratulations to the following RIASC members for graduating RIASC's Leadership Academy.

- DONISON ALLEN**  
**DAWN ALOISIO**  
**GINA BAE**  
**LOUISA BOATWRIGHT**  
**MELISSA BOYD**  
**ANDREW BRAMSON**  
**EMILY CUMMISKEY**  
**RITA KENAHAN**  
**KRISTINE LAPIERRE**  
**SARAH MARKEY**  
**PATRICK McCRANN**  
**JEAN MEO**  
**ANNE MUSELLA**  
**JUAN CARLOS PAYERO**  
**CARLY REICH**  
**PAULA WHITFORD**

Graduates have received recognition from the RI Board of Education and RIASC will send a press release on their behalf to their local newspapers.

**2021 Annual Meeting**

The RIASC planning committee, along with RIASC Executive Director Tim Duffy, assembled a substantive annual meeting program. Keith Stokes presented his program "A Matter of Truth" on the history of the struggle for equal rights in Rhode Island, and attendees were introduced to the RI Foundation's Equity Leadership Initiative.

The presentation, Eliminating Cultural, Ethnic and Racial Bias in School Committee Policy Development by Verjeana Jacobs, Chief Transformation Officer at National School Boards Association, left attendees with sample policies and resources to use when creating an equity program and addressing any bias in their policies and procedures in their districts.

*Visit the Professional Development page on the RIASC website for links from the meeting.*

**RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
 Got Six?**

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

Did you participate in the Newly Elected Leader's Orientation in January or RIASC's Annual Meeting in May? If so, you earned your six hours for 2021.

*Congratulations to the Woonsocket School Committee, as all their school committee members have completed their 2021 six hours professional development requirement.*

**WELCOME NEW RIASC BOARD MEMBERS**

Congratulations and welcome to the newest members of the RIASC Executive Committee:

- Paul Bourget, Woonsocket School Committee*  
*Diane Chiaradio Bowdy, Westerly School Committee*  
*Sandra Flowers, Newport School Committee*

**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.

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

**NEED A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESOURCE?**

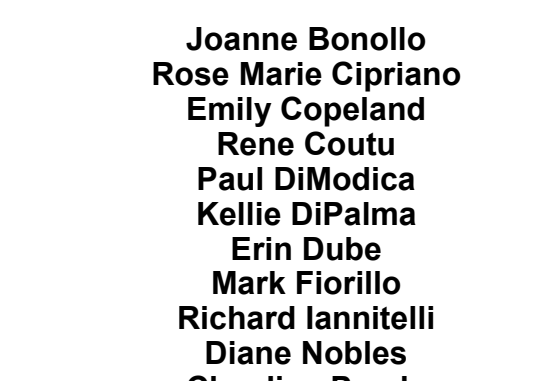
Are you on the contract negotiations team for your district? Do you want to conduct research during the negotiation process? RIASC has you covered.

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/>

**BUYBOARD PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE SAVING DISTRICTS \$\$\$**



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

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.

**RIASC Master's Academy**

*Master's Academy* members were recognized at the Annual Meeting and have accrued 50 to 500 plus hours of professional development.

**50+ Hours**

- Gina Bae, Paul Bourget, Donald Burke, Diane Chiaradio Bowdy, Agnes Cotter Filkins, Kristine Donabedian, Megan Douglas, David Florio, Joseph Goho, Donna Kalunian, Jerome Larkin, Kate Macinanti, Mary Manning Morse, William O'Connell, Elvina Pavao, James Pierson, Erin Schofield, Theresa Spengler, Sylvia St. Pierre, Kathleen Swanson, and Charles Tsonos**

**100 + Hours**

- Joanne Bonollo**  
**Rose Marie Cipriano**  
**Emily Copeland**  
**Rene Coutu**  
**Paul DiModica**  
**Kellie DiPalma**  
**Erin Dube**  
**Mark Fiorillo**  
**Richard Iannitelli**  
**Diane Nobles**  
**Claudine Pande**  
**Gina Picard**  
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**200 + Hours**

- Michelle Brousseau**  
**Fred Faerber**  
**Sandra Flowers**

**300 + Hours**

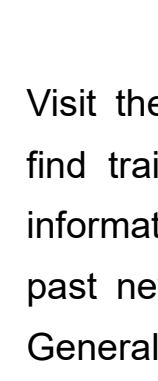
- Jean Harnois**  
**Thomas Vadney**

**400 + Hours**

- Liana Fenton**  
**Mary Anne Roll**

**500 + Hours**

- Katherine Patenaude**



**Visit our Website!**

Visit the RI-ASC website at [www.ri-asc.org](http://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.