

RIASC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SESSIONS

March, 2015

RIASC OFFICERS

March brings many opportunities for members to participate in RIASC's Leadership Academy professional development.

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- On March 7, we will be holding our second Collective Bargaining Session at the Marriott in Providence.
- Smithfield administrators will be at Building 6 on March 14 to discuss the implementation of ALICE, a school safety program, in your district.
- Finally, on March 28, in Building 6, we will be updating members on education legislation and the State budget.

Upcoming Professional Development

Mark your calendars and plan to attend

All sessions are from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and are free of charge. Register today! Attendees will be granted professional development credits towards their six-hour requirement and RIASC's Leadership Academy. Watch your email for further details and future opportunities.

RIASC's Annual Meeting on May 2, 2015
 Crowne Plaza 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. Many members have already accrued their six hours for 2015.

Did you know RIASC offered over 80 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 2014?

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:

Douglas Arnold, Brett Barrows, Gena Bianco, Rose Marie Cipriano, Erin Dube, Michael Fain, Lauren Garzone, Kimberly Grant, Joseph Knight, Melissa Mastrostefano, Katherine McQuade, Merredythe Nadeau, Coleen Pendergast, James Pierson, Stacy Rapko-Bruckner, Erin Schofield, and Yan Sun.

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/>

18th ANNUAL HOWARD KAY AWARD

Each year RIASC seeks nominations for the Howard Kay Award. This award is named in honor of the late Howard Kay, a former Treasurer of RIASC and a former Newport school committee member.

RIASC is looking for nominations for school committee members who have demonstrated leadership as advocates for public education.

By now, you should have received the nomination criteria in the mail.

Deadline for nominations is April 10, 2015

This Award will be presented at our Annual Meeting on May 2, 2015.

Nominate an outstanding school committee member today to ensure that he or she receives recognition as an outstanding school committee member!

Nomination criteria can also be accessed on our website at www.ri-asc.org

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RIASC SEEKING NOMINEES FOR THEIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RIASC is seeking nominations for the Executive Committee.

Nomination forms have been mailed and the Nominating Committee will be meeting to choose new members after the March 1 nomination deadline.

If you applied and our chosen, you will be hearing from us after the Nominating Committee meeting.

PASSINGS RAYMOND NOONAN

Raymond Noonan of Pawtucket passed away February 4, 2015, following a brief illness.

Ray was a RIASC member and served on the Pawtucket school committee from 2009 to 2013.

He exhibited a commitment to professional development, as evidenced by his graduation from RIASC's Leadership Academy that included recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education.

Ray received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of San Diego, and practiced law in Rhode Island.

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