

**RIASC LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP
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**RIASC
 2016 Annual Meeting**

Save the Date!

RIASC
 Annual Meeting

Saturday
 May 7, 2016

Crowne Plaza
 Hotel
 Warwick, RI

On March 12, 2016, RIASC is hosting a Legislative Workshop on the latest education legislation and the State budget.

Also, the Commissioner of Education will be there to discuss his legislation on Inter-District School Choice and School Empowerment.

RIASC would like all members to attend and bring their superintendents and school principals, as the Commissioner's initiatives impact the current governance of Rhode Island public schools.

The Workshop is being held at the Providence Marriott, One Orms Street, Providence, from 8:30 AM to Noon.

Plan to attend and get a better understanding of the 2016 legislative initiatives and have your questions addressed by the Commissioner.

RIASC members will receive three hours of credit for attending. Breakfast is included.

Register at jspremulli@ri-asc.org

**RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
 GOT SIX?**

It's time to start accruing your six hours for 2016.

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

Did you know RIASC offered over 80 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 2015 and overall members have accrued over 8,000 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 in May. Latest Graduates include:

Ron Cervasio, Lori Craffey, Janice Mele, Joseph Rotella, Charles Tsonos and Keith Vorhaben.

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.

2016 HOWARD KAY AWARD

RIASC is looking for nominations for the 19th Annual Howard Kay Award for outstanding school committee leadership.

Do you know a school committee member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership as an advocate for public education? If so, you can submit a nomination to RIASC.

You must submit a brief written statement about your nominee explaining his or her attributes as a school committee leader.

Nomination criteria has been e-mailed to all members and the deadline for nominations is April 14, 2016.

The Award will be presented at RIASC's Annual Meeting on May 7.

Nominate someone today!

**NSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 REGISTRATION**

Registration is open for the 2016 National School Boards Association Conference being held in Boston, MA.

The Conference will run from April 9 to 11, 2016.

Below is the registration link:

<https://www.nsba.org/conference/registration/annual-conference-2016>

Special one day rate:

NC/TLN/CUBE: \$395, Regular: \$485
 One Day Registration is held on-site.

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/>

**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
 SESSIONS**

RIASC will be sponsoring sessions at

Bryant University's Hassenfeld Institute on

NSBA's Revised 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 curriculum has been designed by Bryant University for school committee members on each element of Key Work.

Our first session was held on October 3, 2015. Watch your email for further details regarding upcoming Keywork professional development sessions.

RIASC members who attend will be granted professional development hours toward RIASC's Leadership Academy.

Visit our website at www.ri-asc.org