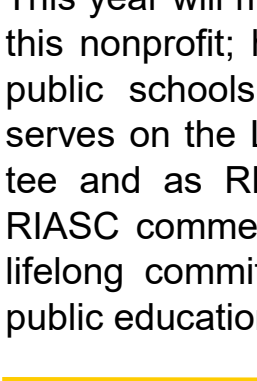


RIASC BOARD MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

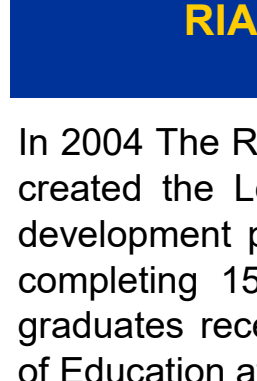
March, 2017

RIASC OFFICERS

Congratulations to RIASC Board member Jo Eva Gaines upon her being awarded the 2017 Paul Crowley Award. Jo Eva, Chair of the Newport School Committee, is a tireless advocate for all students and has made a lifetime commitment to public education through teaching, counseling, and serving on the Board of Education and the RIASC Board, where she assists in setting policy on the state and national levels. Jo Eva was presented with the Award at a State House ceremony. Along with the award, a \$1,000 scholarship will be given to a high school senior who plans to pursue a career in public education.



RIASC Board member Mary Anne Roll has been director of the Cumberland School Volunteers (CSV) for 17 years. She has overseen the recruitment, training, grant writing and fundraising for the group that will be soon celebrating their 50th Anniversary. This year will mark her retirement from this nonprofit; however, her service to public schools will continue as she serves on the Lincoln School Committee and as RIASC's President-Elect. RIASC commends Mary Anne for her lifelong commitment to Rhode Island public education.



- John Saviano**
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Carolyn Mark
Scott Mueller



RIASC 2017 Annual Meeting

Plan to attend!

RIASC's Annual Meeting

Saturday
May 6, 2017

Crowne Plaza Hotel
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.

Did you know RIASC has offered over 60 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 2016 and overall members have accrued over 9,000 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.

Congratulations to our most recent graduate:

Marianne Nardone

ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

RIASC hosts the Collective Bargaining Electronic Resource, that includes teacher contract language for all school districts.

We count on the districts to supply their latest contracts so that we can provide you with the most current information for your teacher contract negotiations.

The site is located at
<http://ntlong.com/cber/>

We encourage you to visit the site and to also encourage your district to send their latest contract.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE SESSION

Register today for RIASC's Legislative Update Session! The session is being held on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at RIASC, Building 6, RIC Campus, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, from 9:00 AM to Noon.

You will be apprised of the latest on education legislative initiatives and the State budget.

Kevin Gallagher, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Raimondo, will attend and speak about the Governor's college tuition initiative.

Register today at jspremulli@ri-asc.org. Attendees will receive three professional development hours. This session is free and breakfast is included.

RIASC'S ANNUAL MEETING MAY 6, 2017

Plan to attend RIASC's Annual Meeting on May 6, 2017:

- Learn about student wellness policies and initiatives
- Network with your colleagues
- Receive professional development credits
- Be recognized by the Board of Education
- Celebrate the Howard Kay Award Recipient
- Participate in our Annual Business Meeting

Watch your email for further details!

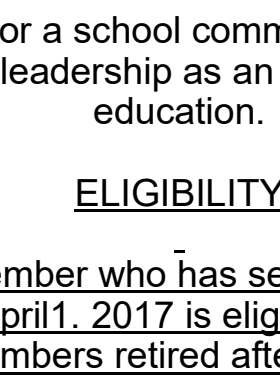
BUYBOARD PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE



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



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 RIASC held a session on it at the recent School Committee 101.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

Have you recently graduated from RIASC's Leadership Academy?

If so, you will receive special recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education at our Annual Meeting in May.

To date, the following are our most recent graduates:

- Polly Allen
- Jessica Beauchaine
- Donald Burke
- Diane Chiaradio-Bowdy
- Agnes Cotter-Filkins
- Megan Douglas
- Karen Freedman
- Steven Hess
- Cheryl Hirst-Hodgins
- Lori McEwen
- Patrick McHugh
- Joel Monteiro
- Marianne Nardone
- Kathy Silvia
- Justin Wolf Skenyon
- Susan St. Amand
- David Testa
- Elena Vasquez

Some members are close to becoming graduates. Plan to attend the Annual Meeting and achieve an additional six hours of professional development and you too could receive recognition at our Annual Meeting.

2017 HOWARD KAY AWARD

RIASC is looking for a school committee member who has demonstrated leadership as an advocate for public education.

ELIGIBILITY

- Any committee member who has served at any time from May 1, 2016 to April 1, 2017 is eligible to be nominated. This includes members retired after May 1, 2016, and
- has attended two or more RIASC functions from May 1, 2016—April 1, 2017, and
- serves on a school committee that is a RIASC member.

Please submit a brief written statement about the nominee explaining his or her attributes as a school committee leader.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 14, 2017.

Mail nominations to:
 Timothy Duffy
 RIASC
 Rhode Island College Campus
 Building #6
 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
 Providence, RI 02908

Or email jspremulli@ri-asc.org

The Award will be presented at our Annual Meeting on May 6, 2017.

EXTERNAL TRAINING 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 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.

Visit our new website at www.ri-asc.org