

## RIASC Elects New President

May, 2014

## RIASC OFFICERS

On Saturday, May 3, 2014 RIASC members elected Jan Bergandy as their new President.

Jan has been serving on the Tiverton School Committee for eight years and on the Executive Board of RIASC since 2008. Jan is also a college professor at UMASS Dartmouth and has authored many publications

in his field of computer science. He also has over 25 years experience in curriculum development.

In his capacity as Chair of the Tiverton school committee from 2008 to 2010, Jan shepherded Tiverton through teacher negotiations, budget issues and some contentious town meetings.

Upon becoming President at RIASC's Annual Business meeting, he expressed his desire to continue the great work of his predecessor, Kathy Patenaude, and to further the Associations professional development initiatives.

**Jan Bergandy**  
President  
**John Saviano**  
President-Elect  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Kathy Patenaude**  
Past President  
**BOARD MEMBERS**  
**David Coughlin**  
**Liana Fenton**  
**Jo Eva Gaines**  
**Sonia Grace**  
**Patrick Guida**  
**Nicholas Hemond**  
**Scott Mueller**  
**Mary Anne Roll**

## RIASC Upcoming Professional Development

School Committee 101 will be held in the fall.

Watch your email for upcoming Professional Development Sessions.

## RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOT SIX?

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

If you attended RIASC's 2014 Annual Meeting, you have accrued your six hours for 2014.

Please contact Judy Spremulli at [jspremulli@ri-asc.org](mailto:jspremulli@ri-asc.org) or at 272-9811, Extension 10, if you have any questions regarding our upcoming sessions or need information regarding your professional development hours.

## RIASC'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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.

Did you know that RIASC members have logged over 6,000 hours of professional development?

## EXTERNAL TRAINING CREDIT

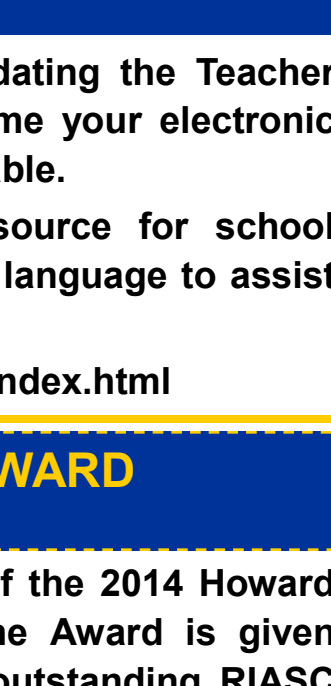
The RIASC Board met and approved a policy for its members allowing them to gain credit hours for attending external training sessions.

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.

A copy of the form was e-mailed to all members and the form can also be obtained by visiting our website at [www.ri-asc.org](http://www.ri-asc.org) and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

## LEGISLATIVE ALERTS

RIASC Executive Director Tim Duffy has been busy at the State House and led a Legislative Workshop for RIASC members. Watch your email for his legislative alerts. Also, he may be asking members to testify or pass resolutions to achieve the best outcome from the 2014 general assembly session for Rhode Island school districts.



## ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

RIASC is also 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/index.html>

## 2014 HOWARD KAY AWARD

Charles Shoemaker is the recipient of the 2014 Howard Kay Award. The Award is given annually to an outstanding RIASC school committee member.

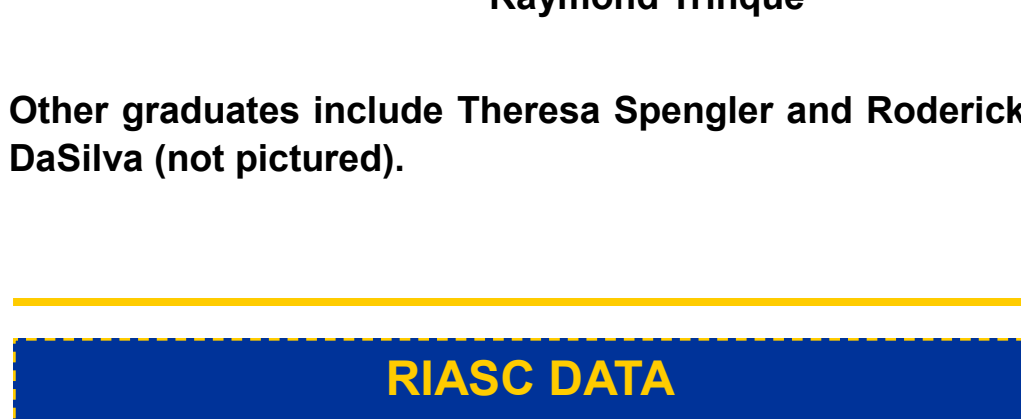
Senator Teresa Paiva Weed presented Newport school committee chair Shoemaker with the Award at RIASC's Annual Meeting. Pictured with Charlie are his wife and granddaughter Lauren.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



George Abbott

David Florio



Paula Dominguez

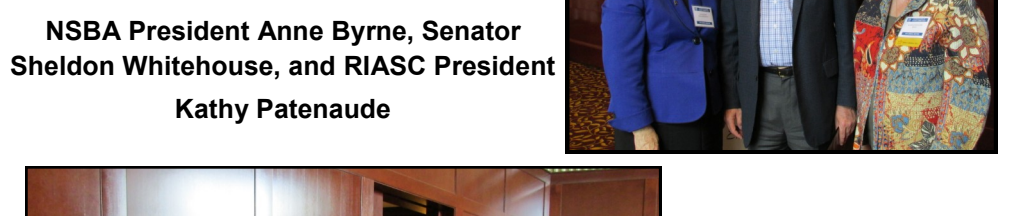
Raymond Trinque

Other graduates include Theresa Spengler and Roderick DaSilva (not pictured).

## RIASC DATA

To assist you with your teacher negotiations, RIASC continues to compile the 2013/2014 Teacher Data. Please contact me at [jspremulli@ri-asc.org](mailto:jspremulli@ri-asc.org) and I will register you on our website so that you can access the data. Also, we are currently soliciting administrative data from school districts.

## SCENES FROM RIASC's 2014 ANNUAL MEETING



NSBA President Anne Byrne, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, and RIASC President Kathy Patenaude

