

## CHAIRS INVITED TO MEET THE NEW COMMISSIONER

May, 2019

School Committee Chairs plan to attend our next Chair Meeting, where you will have the opportunity to meet the new Commissioner of Education, Angelica Infante-Green.

Attend this dinner meeting and hear the Commissioner's plans for Rhode Island public education. The Commissioner will also answer your questions and listen to your concerns.

The meeting is being held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at the Providence Marriott, One Orms Street, Providence.

Dinner begins at 5:00 PM and the meeting will run from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Remember, if you cannot attend, please send a designee from your committee.

Don't miss this opportunity! Plan to attend and register at [info@ri-asc.org](mailto:info@ri-asc.org)

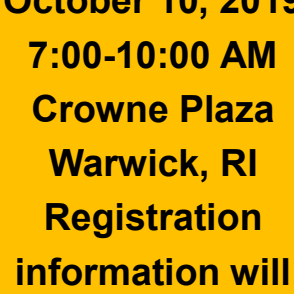
Attendees will receive two hours of professional development credit.

## RIASC OFFICERS

**Mary Anne Roll**  
**President**  
**Liana Fenton**  
**President-Elect**  
**Frederick Faerber**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**John Saviano**  
**Past President**

## BOARD MEMBERS

**Erin Dube**  
**Jean Harnois**  
**Carolyn Mark**  
**Kathy Patenaude**  
**Susan St. Amand**  
**David Testa**  
**Kinzel Thomas**



## SAVE THE DATE!

### RI Healthy School Breakfast

**October 10, 2019**

**7:00-10:00 AM**

**Crowne Plaza**

**Warwick, RI**

**Registration information will be emailed to you in the fall.**

**RIASC attendees will receive three hours of professional development credit.**



## RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Plan to achieve your 6 hours for 2019

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

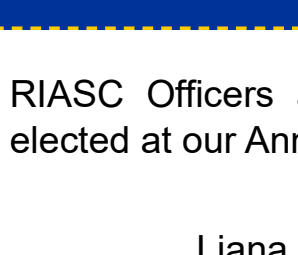
Did you know RIASC offered 40 hours of professional development opportunities in 2019 so far and, overall, members have accrued over 12,000 professional development hours?

## RIASC'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

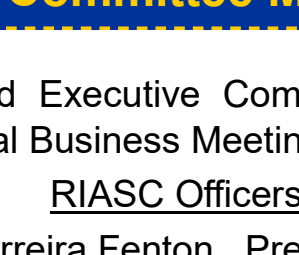
### Why Stop at Six Hours?

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, graduates receive recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education at our Annual Meeting.

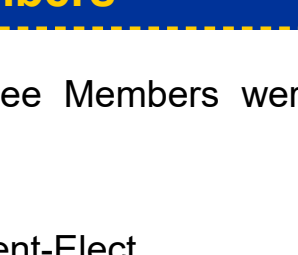
## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Paul Bourget



Terri Lacey

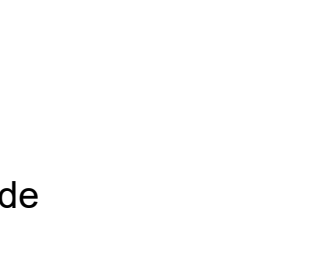


Mary Manning Morse

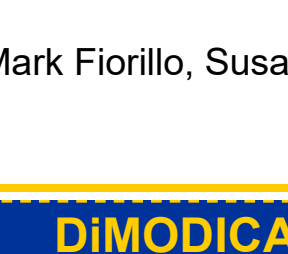


Lynn Kapiskas

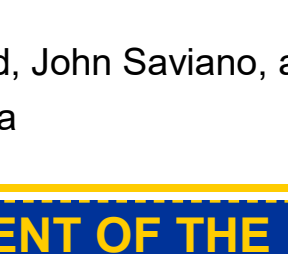
*RIASC's  
Leadership  
Academy  
Graduates!*



Alyson Powell



Eugene Quinn



Keith Roberts



## Congratulations to Newly Elected RIASC Officers and Executive Committee Members

RIASC Officers and Executive Committee Members were elected at our Annual Business Meeting.

### RIASC Officers

Liana Ferreira Fenton, President-Elect

Fred Faerber, Secretary/Treasurer

### RIASC Executive Committee Members

Erin Dube

Virginia Harnois

Carolyn Mark

Katherine Patenaude

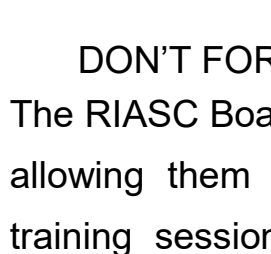
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Special thank you to all who served on the nominating committee:

Mark Fiorillo, Susan St. Amand, John Saviano, and

David Testa

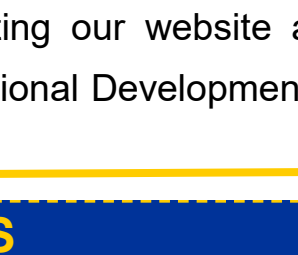
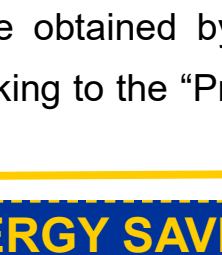
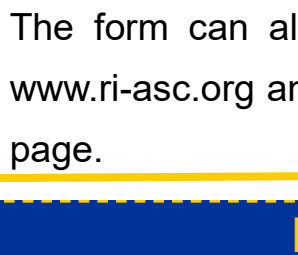
## DiMODICA RECIPIENT OF THE 2019 HOWARD KAY AWARD



Paul DiModica, Chair of the Cumberland School Committee received the 2019 Howard Kay Award for outstanding school committee leadership.

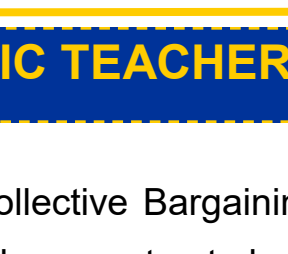
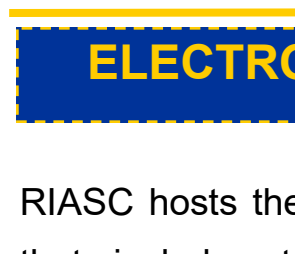
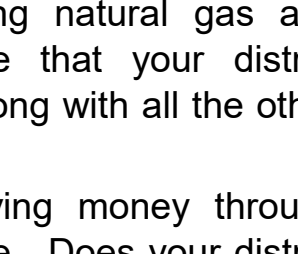
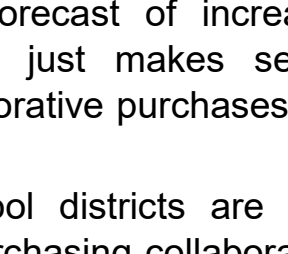
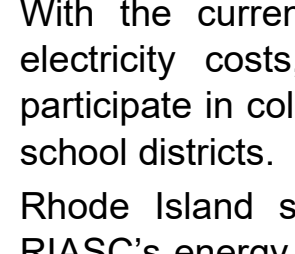
Fellow school committee member Raymond Salvatore nominated Paul and presented him with the Award. Cumberland's Superintendent Robert Mitchell and Assistant Superintendent Tony DiManna, along with other Cumberland school committee members Steve Hess and Mark Fiorillo, were on hand to acknowledge Paul.

Congratulations Paul!



## RIASC's MASTER'S ACADEMY MEMBERS RECOGNIZED at ANNUAL MEETING

50- 400+ Hours



Professional Development

## 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 [jspremulli@ri-asc.org](mailto:jspremulli@ri-asc.org) or faxed to 272-9834.

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.

## ENERGY SAVINGS FOR YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

With the current forecast of increasing natural gas and electricity costs, it just makes sense that your district participate in collaborative purchases along with all the other school districts.

Rhode Island school districts are saving money through RIASC's energy purchasing collaborative. Does your district participate? Since the program's inception, districts have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy costs.

## ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

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

The site is located at <http://ntlong.com/cber/>. We encourage you to visit the site and to also encourage your district to submit their latest contract to RIASC.

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.

(We need teacher contracts from the following districts: Cranston, Foster, Middletown, North Smithfield, and Woonsocket)

## 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!



## Visit the RI-ASC 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.

For new members, this site will provide you with a great overview of what we do and how we serve as a resource to you as you become oriented to your new role.

***Couldn't attend the Annual Meeting? The videos from that day have been posted on our website!***

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