

## Brousseau 2022 Howard Kay Award Recipient

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### SCHOOL COMMITTEE 101



Planning has begun for the essential professional development opportunity School Committee 101. This session is not just for new members but for all members who want to keep abreast of the latest policies and laws that govern their school committee duties and responsibilities. Watch your email for details.



Congratulations to Michelle Brousseau, South Kingstown School Committee member, who is the 2022 Howard Kay Award winner.

Michelle's colleague, Michael Marran, presented the award at RIASC's Annual Meeting, stating that she has been a consistent advocate for the best education for the Town's students and has shown reason over emotion in decision making and maintaining a professional atmosphere.

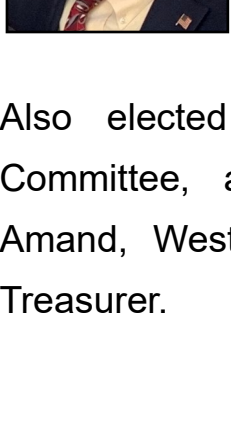


Upon accepting the Award, Michelle was overwhelmed and so grateful to be recognized for outstanding school committee leadership.

A public school teacher for 32 years, Ms. Brousseau was elected to the school committee in 2012. A product of South Kingstown schools, she currently chairs the Strategic Planning Subcommittee and also served on the Accountability and Budget Subcommittees. For years she served as Legislative Liaison for the school committee.

Michelle also has accrued many hours of professional development through RIASC and has achieved Master's Academy status.

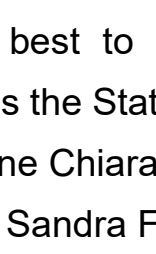
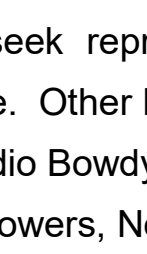
## RIASC ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT AT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING



Congratulations to David Testa, on becoming RIASC's new President!

David has been serving on the *Warwick* school committee since 2016 and has been a RIASC board members since 2018.

Also elected were Paul Bourget, *Woonsocket* School Committee, as RIASC President-elect, and Susan St. Amand, West Warwick School Committee, as Secretary/Treasurer.

**Bourget**

**St. Amand**

Michael Traficante of the *Cranston* School Committee was elected as a new RIASC Board Member for a two-year term. RIASC does its best to seek representation from school committees across the State. Other Board members include:

Diane Chiaradio Bowdy, Westerly  
Sandra Flowers, Newport  
Jean Harnois, Smithfield  
Kathy Patenaude, Coventry

## UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming professional development opportunities include:

- AG's Open Meetings Session July, 2022
- RI Healthy School's Annual Breakfast on October 6, 2022
- External Training Sessions (Submit your training form)
- School Committee 101 January, 2023

RIASC commends the ***Woonsocket School Committee***, whose members in entirety completed their six hours for 2022. The Woonsocket committee members were recognized at our recent Annual Meeting.

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

## LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATES

Graduates who attended our Annual Meeting were recognized and are pictured below:

Alexander Menzies      Kerri Smith      Michael Marran









**Alan Leclaire**      **Tim Munoz**      **Nicky Piper**

## 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 RIASC.

## 2022 MASTER'S ACADEMY



50+ Hours



100+ Hours



200+ Hours



300+ Hours



400 + Hours



500+ Hours

**Master's Academy 50+ Hours**—Gina Bae, Paul Bourget, Donald Burke, Diane Farnworth, Lynn Kapiskas, Jerry Larkin, Kate Macinanti, Mary Manning Morse, Erika McCormick, and Karen McDaid.

**Master's Academy 100+ Hours**—Diane Chiaradio Bowdy, Rose Marie Cipriano, Emily Copeland, Paul DiModica, Megan Douglas, Mark Fiorillo, Kristine Lapierre, Diane Nobles, Susan St. Amand, Silvia St. Pierre, and David Testa.

**Master's Academy 200+ Hours**—Michelle Brousseau and Sandra Flowers.

**Master's Academy 300+ Hours**-Thomas Vadney and Jean Harnois.

**Master's Academy 400+ Hours**-Liana Fenton

**Master's Academy 500+ Hours**-Katherine Patenaude and Mary Anne Roll.

RIASC commends all Master's Academy members for their ongoing commitment to professional development.

Watch the Awards ceremony video <https://youtu.be/UlfzN38Ofzs>

## NEED A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESOURCE?

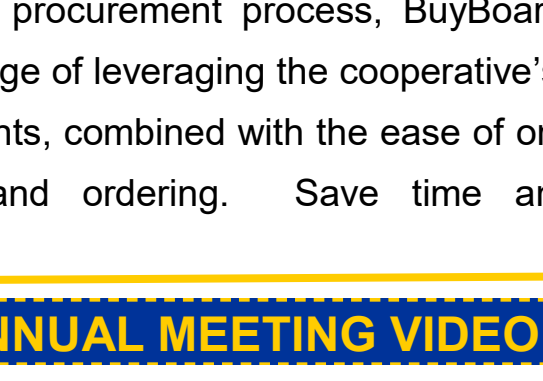
**Are you on the contract negotiations team for your district? Do you want to conduct research during the negotiation process? RIASC has you covered.**

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

We encourage you to visit the site for your negotiation research and to ensure your district has submitted their latest electronic contract to RIASC so that we can provide you with the most current information.

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

## 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.

## ANNUAL MEETING VIDEO LINKS

Super Eval      <https://youtu.be/2MV60GvZnqU>  
Conflict      <https://youtu.be/tOytE0zxeEY>  
Art of listening      <https://youtu.be/zTmuMPs703k>