

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE 101

### Essential Knowledge for Effective Governance

New and seasoned members should attend this essential session where they will receive a comprehensive overview from the experts on:

- RI Open Meetings Law
- Ethics and Conflicts of Interest
- The Role of RIDE—Basic Education Program, PARCC, Employee Evaluations
- Fiscal Responsibilities
- Collective Bargaining

School Committee 101 is being held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick from 8:30 to 4:00PM Bristol Room.

Watch your email for details and registration information for this vital session.

RIASC members will receive six hours of professional development credit towards their annual requirement and toward RIASC's Leadership Academy requirements.

Contact Judy at [jspremulli@ri-asc.org](mailto:jspremulli@ri-asc.org) for information and further details.

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## RIASC Upcoming Professional Development

January 8-9, 2015

Newly Elected School Committee & Municipal Leaders Conference

For details or RSVP

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## RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOT SIX?

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

Upcoming Qualifying sessions include:

- School Committee 101 on November 22
- Hassenfeld Institute's Newly Elected Leaders Conference, January 8-9, 2015.

Did you know that RIASC offered over 60 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 2014?

## 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.

Did you know that RIASC members have logged over 7,000 hours of professional development?

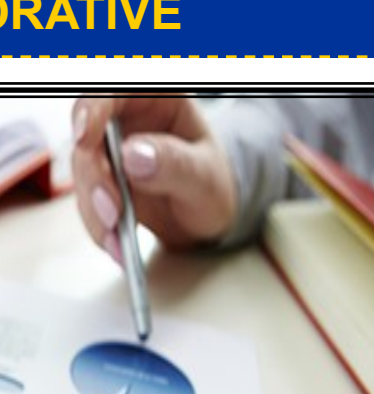
## EXTERNAL TRAINING CREDIT

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.

## RIASC'S GUBERNATORIAL DEBATE SESSION



On October 30, RIASC held a session with Joe Fleming regarding the status of the upcoming Rhode Island elections. Joe

discussed strategies and statistics and answered pointed questions from members. Following the discussion, members attended the Rhode Island College/ NBC 10 gubernatorial debate.



## 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.

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## 2014/2015 RIASC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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