

**PLAN TO ATTEND
 SCHOOL COMMITTEE 101**

September, 2014

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- David Coughlin**
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- Patrick Guida**
- Nicholas Hemond**
- Scott Mueller**
- Mary Anne Roll**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend School Committee 101 on November 22, 2014.

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
- Superintendent/school committee roles and responsibilities
 - Fiscal responsibilities
 - Collective bargaining

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

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.

**RIASC
 Upcoming
 Professional
 Development**

January 8-9, 2015
 Newly Elected School Committee & Municipal Leaders Conference
 For details or RSVP
hipl@bryant.edu

**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:

- RIDE's Technology Conference on October 25
- School Committee 101 on November 22
- Hassenfeld Institute's Newly Elected Leaders Conference, January 8-9, 2015.

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 and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

In August RIASC held a school committee chair meeting.

**RIASC
 SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING**

Guest speaker, Sam Zurier presented the latest on the pension lawsuit and the financial ramifications for cities and towns.

Chairs were provided the opportunity to discuss the latest RIDE initiatives, including high school graduation requirements and ongoing issues faced by local school districts.

RIASC will continue hosting school committee chair meetings. All school committee chairs are invited to attend, or send a designee if they are unable to attend. Chairs will be notified by email of the next meeting.

Please make every effort to attend and feel free to discuss any topic, as we provide for roundtable discussion.

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/>

**PATRICK GUIDA
 NASBE AWARD RECIPIENT**

Patrick Guida, Barrington School Committee member, RI Board of Education member, and RIASC Board member, is the recipient of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Distinguished Service Award.



This is the "highest award that NASBE can bestow on a state board of education member." Guida was nominated by the Rhode Island Board of Education for his "exceptional contributions of leading conversations on education issues to ensure that policymakers in Rhode Island offer all children an opportunity to fulfill their dreams."

Patrick will receive his award at NASBE's Annual Conference in Denver on October 17, 2014.

Patrick was also recently appointed Chairman of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education for the Rhode Island Board of Education.

Congratulations Patrick!

RIASC DATA

To assist you with your teacher negotiations, RIASC continues to compile the 2014/2015 Teacher Data. Please contact me at jspremulli@ri-asc.org and I will register you on our website so that you can access the data.

**BUYBOARD PURCHASING
 COOPERATIVE**

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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Contact tduffy@ri-asc.org for more information.

2014/2015 RIASC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Liana Fenton, David Coughlin, Kathy Patenaude, John Saviano, Mary Anne Roll, Sonia Grace & Jan Bergandy.

(Not pictured—Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, Nicholas Hemond, & Scott Mueller)

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 FOR
 PUBLIC LEADERSHIP**

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