

**As the school year begins...**

September, 2016

**As the school year begins, we would like to thank you for your membership to RIASC and let you know that we are here to support you. As you lead your district through another year, here are some thoughts for you:**

**RIASC OFFICERS**

- John Saviano**  
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- Mary Anne Roll**  
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- Scott Mueller**  
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**Effective School Boards:**

- Commit to a vision of high expectations for student achievement and define clear goals toward that vision;
- Are accountability driven, spending more time focused on policies to improve student achievement;
- Have a collaborative relationship with staff and the community; and a strong communications structure to inform and engage;
- Are data savvy and use data to drive continuous improvement;
- Lead as a united team with the superintendent;
- Participate in team development and training.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

- Michael Araujo**
- Ron Cervasio**
- Fred Faerber**
- Liana Fenton**
- Jo Eva Gaines**
- Patrick Guida**
- Nicholas Hemond**
- Carolyn Mark**

**Professional Development**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 RIDE's Tech Conference  
 Sept. 17, 2016  
 RI Convention Ctr

School Com. 101  
 December 3, 2016  
 Crowne Plaza

Annual Meeting  
 May 6, 2017  
 Crowne Plaza

**RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOT SIX?**

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

Did you know RIASC offered over 80 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 2016 and overall members have accrued over 8,000 professional development hours?

**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 approved professional development members become graduates and receive recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education. Over 200 members have graduated from the Leadership Academy.

**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.

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.

**HEALTHY SCHOOLS BREAKFAST REGISTER TODAY!**

Register at [www.rihsc.org](http://www.rihsc.org)

Members who attend will be granted RIASC professional development credit.

**RIDE's TECH CONFERENCE**

Registration is open for 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Innovation Powered by Technology Conference

Register today for the [5<sup>th</sup> annual Innovation Powered by Technology Conference](#), scheduled for September 17, at the Rhode Island Convention Center.

Be part of the 5<sup>th</sup> annual statewide conference and connect, communicate, and collaborate about strong and meaningful pathways leading to student success. Learn how Rhode Island educators are systematically creating the conditions for success for a true personalized learning experience to occur.

Gain access to free platforms, tools, and apps. Connect with sponsors providing just-in-time solutions that can accelerate personalization in your schools. For more information about the conference, visit: <http://ride.ri.gov/conference> or contact Holly Walsh, at [holly.walsh@ride.ri.gov](mailto:holly.walsh@ride.ri.gov).

RIASC members will receive credit for attending!

**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 with teacher contract negotiations.

<http://www.ntlong.com/cber/>

**CCRI SYMPOSIUM**

The Community College of Rhode Island is hosting a symposium entitled: *"Educational and Employment Opportunities of the Future"*. This symposium will bring together employers, educators and workforce development leaders to discuss future job opportunities here in Rhode Island and education's role to prepare students for these careers.

You are cordially invited to attend the Symposium which will take place on Thursday, September 8, 2016, in the Bobby Hackett Theater at the Knight Campus, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, RI from 9am to Noon.

There will be a panel of speakers who are prepared to present future trends in career opportunities for their respective industry. The areas for discussions are the industries of: Hospitality, Defense, Marine Trades, Healthcare, Construction, Information Technology and Manufacturing.

It is our hope that this event will inspire educators to consider these trends and develop appropriate educational pathways.

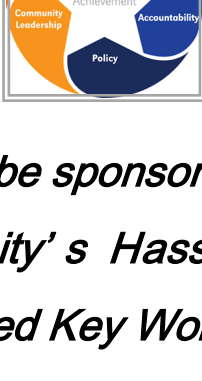
The panel of speakers is as follows:

- Heather Singleton, Chief Operating Officer, RI Hospitality Association Education Foundation
- Molly Magee, Executive Director, SENEDIA
- Wendy Mackie, CEO, RI Marine Trades Association
- Chris Matteson, Director, Stepping Up RI
- Andrew Cortes, Director, Building Futures and Apprenticeship RI
- Giselle Mahoney, Director of Industry and Advocacy, Tech Collective

Bill McCourt, President and CEO, RI Manufacturer's Association  
<http://www.ccric.edu/president/events/symposium/>

Please RSVP to Cynthia Toti at [catoti@ccri.edu](mailto:catoti@ccri.edu) by September 2, 2016.

**NSBA's KEY WORK OF SCHOOL BOARDS SESSIONS**



*RIASC will be sponsoring sessions at Bryant University's Hassenfeld Institute on NSBA's Revised Key Work of School Boards*

NSBA has identified the core skills that effective boards need to ensure that all students achieve at high levels. Together these skills form a framework for effective school governance. This is called the Key Work of School Boards.

"With these skills, boards can guide their vision to fruition by exploring, questioning, assessing, and working with others to improve outcomes for today's students as well as America's next generation."

NSBA has recently revised the Key Work of School Boards and curriculum has been designed by Bryant University for school committee members on each element of Key Work. RIASC members who attend will be granted professional development hours toward RIASC's Leadership Academy.

*President John Saviano and President –Elect Mary Anne Roll at the NSBA Leadership Meeting in Chicago.*



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