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The Massachusetts Association of Nonprofit Schools and Colleges

House Majority Leader Shares Insight at Annual Meeting

The state's difficulties in complying with mandates of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) were outlined for MANS&C members on May 20 by House Majority Leader Ronald Mariano.

Speaking at the MANS&C Annual Meeting, he noted that the commonwealth's healthcare system, created by the healthcare reform act in 2006, was working well and had 98 percent enrollment. Technology problems arose last fall when the state had to conform to the new ACA requirements.

As a result, some people had to be put on temporary insurance plans through the state Medicaid program, which is costly.

Rep. Mariano, a leader in the state's healthcare reform efforts, also explained some of the issues facing community hospitals. "They survive because of state funding," he said. "I don't see that as a sustainable future. We have to examine the funding mechanism."

Turning to the issue of communicating with state and local officials, the House Majority Leader touched on the importance of Community Impact Statements, particularly when used in conversations with legislators.

"When legislators are fleshing out issues that have an impact on our communities, dollar values and other intrinsic values are



Julaine McInnis and Rep. Mariano

important," he said. "Community Impact Statements are of value when a legislator is trying to decide whether to support or not support a bill."

A 23-year House veteran, Rep. Mariano is a Democrat from Quincy who also represents precincts in Weymouth and Holbrook.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Meeting a New Challenge

House Majority Leader Ronald Mariano, the speaker at our recent Annual Meeting, outlined the struggle to match the requirements of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) with the commonwealth's online health insurance marketplace.

The Massachusetts system was working well until it was revamped to meet the ACA demands, he said. The resulting problems forced the state to enroll thousands of residents in temporary insurance plans through the state Medicaid program.

Our institutions are currently dealing with rising healthcare costs. When these expenses are passed along to insurers, it could make an already challenging situation even worse.

MANS&C is committed to bringing our members the latest developments from the State House and providing you with the opportunity to meet key legislators such as Rep. Mariano.

As we come to the end of the formal legislative session and in the new session that begins in January, we will continue to maintain a strong presence on Beacon Hill. Rep. Mariano said that MANS&C Legislative Counsel John J. Spillane, "has knocked on my door on more than one occasion in promoting your issues so you can prosper in these difficult economic times."

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John will continue to knock on doors, talk with legislators and testify at hearings on our members' behalf. He has an unmatched record of helping to turn back bills that are detrimental to our interests.

John's work at the State House is one of MANS&C's many strengths. Our dedicated board members are another. At the Annual Meeting, two longtime members announced their retirement from the board.

Chris Rosell served as vice president and clerk in her six years as a member. Bruce Amsbary is a 12-year board veteran who was president, co-president and treasurer.

MANS&C is flourishing, thanks to the efforts of Chris, Bruce, our board and John Spillane. With ongoing support from our members, we will continue to be the leading voice for nonprofit schools, colleges and universities for many years to come.

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Legislative Report



John Spillane and Rep. Mariano

MANS&C Legislative Counsel John J. Spillane has had great success this session in turning back numerous bills of major concern to our members and is closely monitoring several bills that are still in play.

One of them, House Bill 2582, gives a city or town the right of first refusal when a nonprofit institution wants to sell or convert its tax-exempt property to

residential, commercial or industrial use. The community would have 120 days to decide whether to match the offer.

Another measure, House Bill 3723, would allow private school students to take the MCAS at their own expense.

Spillane also is monitoring House Bill 1471, which extends the CORI law to cover sealed records for volunteers working with anyone 18 and younger.

Some of the remaining measures that Spillane is watching apply only to public schools but, he cautions, they could be easily amended and have unintended consequences for nonprofit schools, colleges and universities.

These bills would require public schools to list the amount of carbohydrates in meals served to diabetic children, teachers and faculty; mandate physical education for various grades; require lap and shoulder seatbelts in school buses; require coaches to have CPR certification and mandate suicide-prevention training for public school staff.

Also still in play is House Bill 1076, which authorizes nonprofit colleges and universities to add programs or degrees if the institutions are accredited and have been operating continuously in Massachusetts for 10 years. MANS&C has been supporting this bill.

Bill Expanding Bullying Law is Signed by the Governor

House Bill 3909 – An Act Relative to Bullying in Schools – was passed by the House and Senate and signed into law by the governor on April 24.

The new law, which applies to both public and private schools, expands the existing law's provisions on bullying to cover

students and school staff. This includes educators, administrators, school nurses, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers, athletic coaches, extracurricular activity advisors and paraprofessionals.

It requires school anti-bullying plans to include descriptions of prohibited bullying, cyber-bullying and retaliation, and requires clear procedures for students, staff, parents, guardians and others to report bullying or retaliation.

The measure also:

- Permits reports of bullying or retaliation to be made anonymously

- Sets procedures for investigation and other administrative aspects
- Requires that parents or guardians be informed about the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's problem-resolution system and the process for seeking assistance or filing a claim
- Requires schools to annually report data related to bullying incidents
- Requires the Department to develop a student survey to assess the school climate and the prevalence, nature and severity of bullying in schools.

Members Elect New Board at Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting on May 20 at the Hampshire House in Boston, MANS&C members elected new officers and board members for the 2014-15 year.

OFFICERS

- President – Julaine McInnis, Inly School
- Vice President – Jeanne Finlayson, Stonehill College
- Treasurer – Richard D. Saul, Dexter Southfield School
- Clerk – Timothy Parson, Beaver Country Day School

BOARD MEMBERS

- William J. Conley Jr., College of the Holy Cross
- Michelle Consalvo, Boston University
- Linda C. Deasy, Lawrence Academy
- William Stephenson, Thayer Academy
- Todd A. Vincent, Dexter Southfield School
- Roberta B. Whiting, Shore Country Day School

MANS&C Annual Meeting

Members and guests from throughout the state attended MANS&C's Annual Meeting, held May 20 at the Hampshire House on Boston. All photos are identified from left to right.



Mary Beth Rutode, Jackie Wright and Todd Vincent, all of Dexter Southfield, with Tim Parson of Beaver Country Day School



MANS&C President Julaine McInnis and retiring board member Chris Rosell of Cambridge Friends School



Bruce T. Amsbary of the Rivers School with Rob Moore of Lawrence Academy



Betsy Amsbary of Walnut Hill School, with Teresa Reddish, Dennis Marasca, Katy Palmer and Jon Wasserman, all of the Rivers School



Retiring board member Bruce T. Amsbary of the Rivers School with Betsy Amsbary of Walnut Hill



Todd Vincent of Dexter Southfield School

Board Members Announce Retirement

Two former officers and veteran board members, Bruce T. Amsbary and Chris Rosell, announced their retirement from the MANS&C board at the Annual Meeting.

Amsbary was a board member for 12 years, serving as president from 2006 to 2008 and then co-president with Julaine McInnis from 2008 to 2010. He went on to hold the post of treasurer from 2010 to 2012.

While president, Amsbary:

- Instituted regional board meetings at MANS&C member institutions to reach out to the organization's statewide membership.

- Worked with NAIS to adopt a guide for members to use in creating Community Impact Statements.
- Helped establish MANS&C Day at the State House and the Spillane Award, given biennially to a state legislator for leadership in education.
- Helped to create working relationships with AICUM and AISNE to support the organizations' mutual interests.

Amsbary is director of Finance and Operations at The Rivers School.

Rosell, CFO at the Cambridge Friends School, joined the MANS&C board in 2008. She served as vice president from

2009 to 2010 and then as secretary from 2011 to 2012.

Rosell was instrumental in organizing MANS&C's highly successful Government Relations Meetings at the State House.

During her years of service, MANS&C grew in stature on Beacon Hill and remained on a firm financial footing. The list of membership benefits also has expanded.

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