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The Massachusetts Association of Nonprofit Schools and Colleges

Lt. Gov. Shares Ideas with MANS&C Members at Annual Meeting

Instead of delivering a prepared speech at the MANS&C Annual Meeting, Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito stepped away from the podium.

“I want to have a conversation with you,” she told MANS&C members and guests. “I want to hear your challenges and your ideas.”

Polito noted that she and Governor Charlie Baker have a vision to build a stronger commonwealth at the grassroots level – by strengthening local communities. As chair of the Community Compact Cabinet, she has visited all of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts to promote the sharing of best practices.

“There is no replacement for conversations,” she said.

Turning to the news concerning the acquisition of Mount Ida College by the University of Massachusetts, Polito noted that the State Board of Education has appointed a working group that will provide a report to the governor. The state Senate also will be looking into the situation.

She emphasized the importance of protecting the students’ financial investment in a school or college. This must be balanced with the need to create workable solutions, while not exposing the private issues of the institutions.

In closing, the Lieutenant Governor asked how colleges and universities felt about online learning. She urged the audience to pass along to her any information on that issue or anything else that might be useful.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Fay School in Southborough. The meeting opened with an a capella performance by the Fay School Chamber Singers, directed by Stephen Buck.



MANS&C Legislative Counsel John J. Spillane, President Gwen Pojasek, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, MANS&C Clerk Dean Sidell and MANS&C Treasurer Alan Clarence of Fay School



Fay School Upper School 7th graders on a service trip

MEMBER NEWS

Fay School is Committed to Community Service

At Fay School in Southborough, students in all three divisions are involved in community service.

Second graders spend a morning volunteering at Cradles to Crayons, grades 4 to 6 work closely with the Community Harvest Project and the Upper School (grades 7 to 9) goes on service trips—to name just a few of their projects.

Last fall, Lower and Upper School students coordinated a fundraiser and school supply drive to benefit disaster relief efforts through the American Red Cross and a school in Texas. Ninth graders built a playhouse for the children of a local veteran, and a large number of students also volunteered at Fay School’s farmers market.

Winter brings the “Candy Cane Gram” fundraiser, in which students buy candy canes to send to their friends for the holidays. The money raised is used to provide lunch for the teams competing in the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament, which Fay hosts in early March. Students, parents and faculty also volunteer at the event.

This spring, students in the Antler Club (the student service and philanthropy group) will be putting together a team for the New England Center for Children’s Annual 5k fundraiser in support of children with autism. Students also will conduct a hygiene product collection drive for a local organization that works with teenagers and will once again volunteer for the farmers market.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



MANS&C members and guests had a rare opportunity at our recent Annual Meeting – the chance to have a frank and open conversation with Massachusetts Lt. Governor Karyn Polito.

She outlined the Baker-Polito administration's priorities, expressed her thoughts

on the recent acquisition of Mount Ida College by UMass Amherst and, most importantly, asked us to share our ideas with her.

Only MANS&C can give you that kind of access to the state's most important political leaders. Like Lt. Governor Polito, we believe in the importance of conversations. By sharing our ideas and our concerns with local officials and working out solutions when issues arise, we can prevent them from escalating into legislative bills that would have a far-reaching effect on our economic stability and independence.

When issues do become bills on Beacon Hill, MANS&C members are fortunate to have Legislative Counsel John J. Spillane there to explain their negative consequences at committee hearings and in personal meetings with legislators.

His work has not gone unnoticed. "You have great leadership in John," Lt. Governor Polito said. "He is well-respected and highly regarded at the State House. You're in good hands with him."

MANS&C's annual membership drive is coming up. We urge our institutional and sponsorship members to renew their membership and nonmembers to join us. If you're a member of another organization, consider this: you'll be doubling your influence on Beacon Hill by becoming a MANS&C member, too.

If you have any questions about MANS&C, please visit our website, www.mansac.org, find us on LinkedIn or contact me at any time.

Best Regards,
Gwen Pojasek
MANS&C President

Welcome New Board Members

MANS&C members elected officers and members of the board of directors for 2018-19 at the organization's Annual Meeting May 10 at Fay School. They are:

OFFICERS

- › President – Gwen E. Pojasek, CFO at Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School
- › Vice President – Jeanne Finlayson, Vice President for Finance at Stonehill College
- › Treasurer – Alan Clarence, Director of Finance and Operations at Fay School
- › Clerk – Dean Sidell, Associate Head of School and CFO at Tower School

BOARD MEMBERS

- › Kathleen Chery, Chief Financial Officer at The Cambridge School of Weston (new member)
- › James Curley, Director of State Relations at Boston University
- › Julaine McInnis, incoming CFO/COO at Thayer Academy
- › Jane Segale, Chief Financial Officer at Walnut Hill School for the Arts (new member)
- › Jonathan Wasserman, Director of Finance and Operations, Assistant Treasurer at the Rivers School (new member)

Retiring Board Members are Honored at Annual Meeting

Five retiring members of the MANS&C Board of Directors were presented with Distinguished Service Awards at the Annual Meeting in thanks for their many years of service.

Former President Julaine McInnis handed out the awards to four veteran members who joined the board in 2011 and are retiring together this year:

- › Linda Deasy, Director of Finance and Business Operations at Lawrence Academy in Groton
- › Bill Stephenson, Business Manager of Thayer Academy in Braintree
- › Timothy Parson, Director of Finance and Operations at Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill and Clerk of the MANSAC board for the past six years
- › Todd Vincent, headmaster of Dexter Southfield in Brookline

Also receiving a Distinguished Service Award was Rick Saul, who retired from the board just after last year's Annual Meeting. Saul was MANS&C's bookkeeper for many years and went on to spend five years as treasurer.

Saul is continuing to serve as bookkeeper and also plays a key role in MANS&C's new website, www.mansac.org. He is the former business manager at Dexter Southfield.

Spillane Stops Move to Regulate Building Projects

An attempt to increase local control over nonprofit school and college building projects has been stopped, thanks to the efforts of MANS&C Legislative Counsel John J. Spillane.

The wording, inserted into a House budget amendment, would have imposed a site plan review when Massachusetts nonprofit schools and colleges wanted to build recreational facilities. Currently, site plan reviews are not required for any building projects by nonprofit institutions. Communities may require only "reasonable regulations concerning the bulk and height of structures and determining yard sizes, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements."

Spillane has been keeping a watchful eye on the House budget process and alerted legislative leaders to the negative consequences site plan reviews would have on MANS&C members. As a result, the wording was removed from the amendment.



Members of the Fay School Chamber Singers entertain the Annual Meeting guests



Jeffrey DuBois, Dexter Southfield CFO, accepting the award for retiring MANS&C Board Member Todd Vincent; MANS&C Board Member Julaine McInnis; and retiring Members Bill Stephenson and former Clerk Tim Parson



MANS&C Legislative Counsel John J. Spillane and Brad Freeman, AICUM vice president for government relations

MANS&C Members Gather for Annual Meeting

Fay School in Southborough was the setting on May 10 as MANS&C institutional and sponsorship members got together to hear Massachusetts Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. The meeting also featured the election of new board members and a salute to retiring members.

All photos are identified from left to right.



Retiring MANS&C Treasurer Rick Saul and Julaine McInnis



The New MANS&C Board – Julaine McInnis, Jim Curley, President Gwen Pojasek, Treasurer Alan Clarence, Clerk Dean Sidell and Jane Segale

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