

## RHODE ISLAND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS & ASSOCIATES



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### **WHAT HAS RIICA DONE FOR YOU ?**

**How important is RIICA to you???**  
**Do you know what RIICA has been doing for YOU?**

The Officers and Directors over the last three years has worked hard to re-vitalize the association. In doing so, we wanted you to know some of the things we have done and continue to do for YOU as an association...

- ***Continue to utilize a full time lobbyist*** at half the cost since we have joined a partnership with the Utility Contractors Association of RI (UCARI) creating a ‘Stronger Voice for less money– Power in Numbers”
- ***Successfully supported and opposed legislation*** at the State House that directly effect the way you do business– **Dig Safe Laws** amended– **first change in over 25 years!**; **ONLY 2 Associations with UCARI** to successfully change the law on CDL’s license regulation through DMV; opposed apprenticeship ratios and contract amounts when imposed, on the verge of passage of the **‘FIRST” Utility Underground Contractors License (UUC) in the history of RI** making one statewide license saving you thousands of dollars \$\$; Successfully opposed many of the proposed “Chafee Sales Taxes” which saved you \$\$\$\$; Monitor trucking issues
- ***Safety/Education Training***– provided hoisting engineers prep classes, learner’s permit; confined space and trench excavation training; OSHA 10 & 30 classes; Competent person training; **NEW this year** First Aid/CPR classes; Right-To Know classes– **ALL at reduced or No cost!!**
- ***Developed Innovative Alternative Systems***– OWTS (ISDS)
- ***Created the first self sustaining a Political Action Committee-PAC Fund*** to support legislative causes– separate from the RIICA operations account
- ***Created the first Scholarship Funds*** for the **RIICA Scholarship** and the **Neil Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Fund** to maintain self funding & separate from operations
- ***Developed Preferred Member Benefits Programs*** to save members \$\$\$ directly– Tire Doctor, Lawn Beauticians, W.D. & Associates and Colonial Life health benefit programs, UBS Financial Services for investments and **NEW**—**STAPLES** Advantage program
- **NEW Apprenticeship Program**- Established a partnership with the RI Associated Builders & Contractors at a reduced rate to RIICA members!!
- **NEW Weekly RIICA E-News email notices**– to better keep you informed of immediate news and information
- **NEW Quarterly/ Bi-Monthly newsletters** to provide additional information and news to members about members
- ***Social Events***– Annual January Dinner & **EXPO to return again this year!!**; May Cook-Out **FREE of CHARGE** to all RIICA Members; Dave Burnham Memorial RIICA Scholarship Fund Steak Fry

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- *Developed the first budget* to continually monitor the costs and revenues for the operation of the association to provide you with the best service and support
- *Streamlined operations with hiring of RIICA's first Executive Director* creating alliances and partnerships through his contacts with federal and state government agencies
- *Dues have NOT increased in over 7 years*- Membership dues were as follows:

- 1997 ..... \$ 50.00
- 1998 ..... \$ 60.00
- 1999-2003 ..... \$ 75.00
- 2004 ..... \$ 90.00
- 2004-2011 .... \$ 90.00

- Since 1980 when RIICA was “born”, dues have not kept up with the costs of doing business. As your costs of doing business have increased, you pass them on to your customers in most cases. In addition, you have to take the necessary steps to cut costs and reduce expenses while still maintaining your business name and integrity.
- In an effort to keep up with rising costs we are increasing dues by \$ 35 and a 3% Cost of Living increase each year.
- The Officers and Board of Directors have approved the following increase in dues effective January, 2012 with a 3% cost of living adjustment being put into place going forward or until additional revenues can be generated:

- Individual Member Dues ..... \$ 128.75
- Associate Member Dues ..... \$ 500.00

**With this increase comes some significant changes to your benefits:**

- General Meetings with buffet dinner..... \$ 20.00 each !
- May Cook-Out ..... \$ NO CHARGE
- Education/Safety Classes ..... Member rate 50% Discount
  - Discounted safety, transportation supplies
  - OSHA Safety information at NO CHARGE

**“THE CHEAPEST ASSOCIATION BUSINESS “INSURANCE” YOU CAN BUY!!”**

We feel that these actions will enhance and support the foundation set by the charter members in fulfilling the mission of *“providing independent contractors with representation and keep them abreast of other laws that would affect them and their business interest.”*

**Capability\* Pride\* Integrity**

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