

# THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

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## The CAS 59th Annual Meeting - May 12, 2011 Meeting Materials Now Available

Materials for the 59th Annual Meeting have been posted on the CAS-CIAC website. Please visit [casciac.org/annualmeeting2011](http://casciac.org/annualmeeting2011) to review these important documents.

On May 12th, the CAS membership will be asked to: vote on the revised Bylaws of the Elementary Board of Control; approve the proposed 2011-2012 budget; and elect a new slate of officers for the upcoming school year. If you have not already done so, please register to attend this important event at [casciac.org/amregister](http://casciac.org/amregister).

We will once again follow the shortened format that has been in place for the previous two years. No formal meal will be served; however, coffee and pastries will be provided at the outset of the meeting, which will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Following the adjournment of the business meeting, members are invited to attend the individual membership meetings hosted by the elementary, middle and high school divisions. It is especially vital that high school members remain to vote on proposed CIAC bylaw changes.

59th ANNUAL MEETING	
Thursday, May 12, 2011	
CAS Central Office, Cheshire	
8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-10:00	Business Meeting
10:00-10:15	Award Presentations
10:30-11:30	Individual Membership Meetings
11:45-1:15	CAS Board of Directors' Meeting

**THERE WILL BE NO COST FOR ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING**

CAS President Kit Bishop, principal of Daisy Ingraham Elementary School in Westbrook, has led the association through a quiet but historic year. January 1st marked the beginning of a new era of leadership as Dr. Karissa Niehoff transitioned from deputy executive director to executive director. In the three-plus months that have passed, she has quietly forged new directions for CAS, looking to the future needs of the association while maintaining a critical continuity of mission and tradition. Her efforts have already served to strengthen the association's state presence and increase its name recognition and profile among individuals, groups, and organizations. Most notably, she has applied great energy and attention to the task of expanding the association's influence on legislative and public policy issues.

CIAC Board of Control Chair Robert Hale, Jr., principal of Westbrook High School, is wrapping up a smooth and successful first year. The board adopted an ambitious set of goals which has furthered its progress in the areas of outreach and diversification. Furthermore, it approved several important bylaw changes - including one which loosens the restrictions on athlete participation in clinics and try-outs during the sports season - which will be submitted to the membership for a vote on May 12th.

### AWARD PRESENTATIONS

#### LETTER OF COMMENDATION RECIPIENTS:

**DR. JORDAN GROSSMAN**  
PRINCIPAL, CANTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

**DONNA HAYWARD**  
PRINCIPAL, SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

**DAVID RUSSELL**  
PRINCIPAL, JOHN WINTHROP MIDDLE SCHOOL, DEEP RIVER

**BARBARA STARTUP**  
RETIRED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, GLASTONBURY HIGH SCHOOL

There are a number of important issues -- affecting both CAS and CIAC members -- which will come before you at the May meeting. Their resolution is very important to the future of the association, to your school, and to you as its administrator.

Additional information, including the proposed revisions to the CIAC By-Laws, will be available shortly.

Your presence at the annual meeting is vital -- we can't do it without you!