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Mark Izzo
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Dear Mark:

Congratulation! It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as the recipient of the 2018 Rising Star Award!

The Selection Committee was comprised of CASBO members, a CABE representative and a CAPSS representative.

We appreciate the time and effort you've invested in your district and CASBO over the years. We hope that you will be able to join us at the President's Dinner on Thursday, May 31, 2018, where you will be presented with the award. You will receive a complimentary Institute registration (2018 or 2019 – please advise of your preference) and two complimentary 2018 President's Dinner tickets for a guest and your nominator to be present at the ceremony. Please email me the names and meal choices of your guests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sharon'.

Sharon S. Bruce, CAE
Executive Director

Leading at the Edge



Let the Adventure Begin



Connecticut Association of
School Business Officials

Institute ♦ May 30—June 1, 2018
Stamford Sheraton
700 East Main Street
Stamford, CT

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

7:00 pm Explore Stamford

Join your friends and colleagues in exploring the culinary and retail establishments in downtown Stamford.

Thursday, May 31, 2018

8:00 am—Registration & Breakfast

9:00 am—Leading at the Edge:

Dennis Perkins, CEO, Syncretic Group

Dennis Perkins recounts the extraordinary saga of legendary Antarctic explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton, while sharing strategies for Leading at the Edge

On December 5, 1914, Shackleton and 27 men sailed from South Georgia Island in the Southern Ocean aboard a wooden vessel named Endurance. They set out on a formidable mission: to be the first explorers to cross the Antarctic continent.

Forty five days after their departure, disaster struck. Endurance was beset by solid pack ice, and the expedition was trapped. For nearly two years, Shackleton and his crew were stranded in the icy sea. They endured unimaginable hardships: brutal cold, total darkness, aching thirst, gnawing hunger, constant danger, and utter desolation. Facing these challenges with astonishing good cheer, Shackleton and his entire crew returned, without loss of life, after 634 days in the Frozen South.

How did Shackleton inspire his crew to such extraordinary levels of courage, unity, and commitment?

Our gripping presentation answers this question and reveals Ten Critical Strategies for Leading at The Edge.

The program highlights the power of effective leadership and emphasizes Shackleton's role in the success of the Endurance expedition.

10:20 am—Break

10:40 am—Leading at the Edge (*continued*)

12:00 Noon—Lunch

1:00 pm—Annual Meeting

1:30 pm—Let's Hear from the Candidates

The gubernatorial candidates have been invited to a panel discussion to share their insights on education in the State of Connecticut. Ann Baldwin of Baldwin Media will serve as the moderator for the panel.

4:00 pm—Conclude

6:30 – President's Dinner

Join your friends and colleagues in honoring outgoing President Eva Gallupe and welcoming incoming President Vincent Masciana.

Friday, June 1, 2018

8:00 am—Registration & Breakfast

9:00 am—DISC Assessment – David O'Brien

Effective communication provides the foundation for all successful personal and professional relationships. We humans possess impressive vocabularies comprised of hundreds of thousands of words and have access to revolutionary tools such as the Internet, cell phones, and faxes to support us in communicating effectively.

Even with our innate abilities and the technological tools at our disposal, the alarming number of failed relationships and dissatisfied workers are evidence that none of us are as effective in expressing ourselves or understanding other people as we would like to believe.

The DISC Reports are designed to change all that. These instruments allow you to better understand your own behavioral and communication style as well as identify the styles of all those around you. When we communicate effectively, we succeed.

All registrants will be asked to complete the DISC assessment by May 15th and will receive their personal evaluations. During the session, we use these DISC assessments to help us discover "HOW" you go about doing what you do. This refers to your observable behavioral style and how you are perceived by others. For example:

- Are you a real "people person" – someone who is optimistic, outgoing, and persuasive?
- Are you aggressive, competitive and goal oriented?
- Are you patient, relaxed, and predictable?
- Are you an orderly person who needs a lot of data before making a decision and wants things to be right?

We all fall somewhere on the continuum for each of the four behavioral tendencies listed above. Leveraging these Managing for Success (MFS) reports, we get a clear picture of the behaviors that you are engaging in that are either optimal or detrimental for your natural behavior style. With this information we eliminate all the guesswork – we can now focus on the areas where your strengths are being under-utilized and develop the action plans that will result in your success

10:20 am—Break

10:40 am—DISC Assessment (*continued*)

12:00 Noon—Lunch & Legislative Perspective

1:30 pm—If I Only Had a Flag & a Whistle—Tom Wohlleber, ASBO VP

In addition to serving as the CFO of the Casa Grande Elementary School District and as Vice President of ASBO International, Tom is an NFL referee. He certainly doesn't shy away from a challenge. He will share his insight on leadership, endurance, and fair-play as they relate to school business.

2:45 pm—Conclude

3:15 pm—"Beautiful" Broadway Show Departure

For this optional event (ticketed separately), attendees will board a bus to NYC for dinner at the famous Carmine's and then enjoy "Beautiful—The Carol King Story". The bus will return to the Stamford Sheraton following the show.

Program is subject to change.

A Special Invitation from President-Elect, Vincent Masciana

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join us for CASBO's 2018 Annual Institute being held May 30th through June 1st. This year's Institute is a *Metropolitan Leadership Adventure* where the upscale Sheraton Hotel located in downtown Stamford will serve as the base camp for all of our events. Our adventure will begin with a gripping keynote presentation by author, adventurer and leadership expert, Dr. Dennis Perkins, who will guide us through the lessons learned from a famed Antarctic Expedition in which we will emerge with the Ten Critical Strategies for Leading at The Edge. We will also take a deep dive with a session to improve our leadership effectiveness with author, David O'Brien, which will include a custom DISC Report prepared for each Institute participant. There will be an exciting and hard-hitting excursion led by Tom Wohlleber, whose experience as an NFL referee and an ASBO International Board Member puts him in a great position to share his insights on leadership, endurance and fair-play in school business. An elegant President's Dinner will be held on Thursday night, where we will announce CASBO's 2018 award winners including the recipients of the Rising Star and Celebrated School Business Official honors. I truly hope you can join us for what will be an enlightening and enjoyable event!

Hotel Accommodations

The lovely Stamford Sheraton is conveniently located in downtown Stamford close to shopping and restaurants. CASBO has secured a special room rate of \$169 single/\$189 double which includes the Club Level Lounge and overnight parking, based upon availability, until April 30th. Reservations may be made by phone at 800.325.3535; ask for the Connecticut Association of School Business Officials Institute '18 block or by using the link on CASBO's website.

President's Dinner—Thursday Evening

The always memorable President's Dinner will be held at the Stamford Sheraton. We will recognize CASBO's leaders, volunteers, recognition award winners, and conduct the installation of the Board of Directors. Meal choices are Pineland Farms Local Long Island New York Sirloin with fennel and onion marmalade or grilled yellow fin tuna with lemongrass and ginger butter.

Beautiful—The Carol King Story—Friday Evening

For this optional event (ticketed separately), attendees will board a bus to NYC for dinner at the famous Carmine's and then enjoy "Beautiful—The Carol King Story". The bus will return to the Stamford Sheraton following the show. *The package price for the bus, dinner and mezzanine seating tickets is \$190 inclusive. The tickets must be purchased by February 28, 2018, and are subject to availability. Please email ssbruce@comcast.net for details.*

Dress: Dress for the sessions is business casual. Dress for the President's Dinner is dressy (suits, jackets & ties, dresses or pantsuits).

Registration Fees:

We are offering the following packages for members (non-members add \$50).

Institute I—\$325

Includes the meeting sessions, breakfasts, breaks, and lunches on Thursday and Friday.

Institute II—\$395

Includes the meeting sessions, breakfasts, breaks, and lunches on Thursday and Friday, and one President's Dinner ticket.

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You may register online at www.ct-asbo.org. Please duplicate for additional registrants.

Name _____

Guest's Name: _____

District/Company: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Special needs or food allergies: _____

Institute Registration:

Member Registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, and sessions (Add \$50 for non-member):

Institute I \$0 Prepaid w/dues \$325 \$ _____

Institute II \$0 Prepaid w/dues \$395 \$ _____

Meal choice for President's Dinner: Beef Fish

INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKETS FOR GUESTS OF REGISTRANTS:

Lunch tickets: _____ # Thursday _____ # Friday @ \$25/meal \$ _____

President's Dinner (please indicate # of tickets for each meal choice):

_____ Beef _____ Fish Total # of Tickets _____ @ \$70/ticket \$ _____

Total Enclosed

\$ _____

You may register online at www.ct-asbo.org. You may pay with a credit card online or an invoice will be emailed to you.

Checks should be made payable to CASBO. Lunch and President's Dinner tickets are not available for purchase without a member's full registration.

Cancellations must be received in writing by May 15th; after which no refund will be available.

Please mail to CASBO, 11 High Gate Lane, West Hartford, CT 06107-1010 . Questions? Call 860.519.0023.