



# MANS&C

*The Massachusetts Association of Nonprofit Schools and Colleges*



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### New Legislative Session Presents New and Old Challenges

The new legislative session is only a few weeks old, but it is already apparent that we will be facing some familiar issues in the coming months, including bills that would impose taxes on our institutions and threaten the Dover Amendment.

MANS&C members are fortunate to have the services of our experienced legislative counsel, John J. Spillane, who has an enviable record in setting aside bills that are detrimental to our interests. Using a sophisticated electronic database, John is currently reviewing the 5,000-plus recently filed bills to determine which ones will require special attention.

John is at the State House on a regular basis and is known and respected by legislators. His collaboration with the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts further expands MANS&C's influence and makes both organizations stronger.

When John speaks, legislators listen.

MANS&C's annual membership drive is currently underway. For those of you who are still deciding whether membership is a good investment, consider this: John's services are available at a fraction of what it would cost institutions to hire their own legislative counsel. Institutions that are represented at the State House by another professional organization will double their influence with MANS&C membership.

In addition to John's services MANS&C membership offers:

- Information about important issues through email, the social media, [www.mansac.org](http://www.mansac.org) and our quarterly newsletter
- The unique opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with top legislative leaders at the MANS&C annual meeting in May
- Guidance in creating Community Impact Statements, which are a valuable tool in explaining their institutions' benefits to their local communities and state lawmakers

In 2013, MANS&C is celebrating our 60th anniversary. The organization was founded by a group of school and college leaders who wanted to ensure that state legislators understood their problems and listened to their opinions. That principle remains our guiding force, even as we utilize 21st-century methods of communication and create new services to meet the needs of our members.

Let MANS&C help you meet the challenges of this new legislative session. If you have any questions about membership, feel free to contact me or any of our board members.

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## New Session Begins with Bill Filings, Committee Appointments

On January 2, the 188<sup>th</sup> General Assembly was sworn in on Beacon Hill. Once the new two-year session was underway, committee assignments were announced and 5,263 bills filed.

MANS&C Legislative Counsel John J. Spillane is currently going through the bills to determine which ones are of particular concern to nonprofit schools, colleges and universities in Massachusetts. Many of the bills are new; others are similar to measures Spillane helped set aside in the last session but have been re-filed by determined lawmakers.

One particularly troublesome bill would give communities the right to require tax-exempt organizations to make payments in lieu of taxes equal to 25 percent of the amount they would have paid if the property were not exempt. Cities and towns could make exemptions for the community benefits the nonprofit institutions provide.

The measure codifies the recommendations of a Boston task force that was charged with recommending ways to increase the revenues the city currently receives from nonprofit institutions as PILOT payments.

The bill was filed by State Sen. William N. Brownsberger, a Democrat who represents Belmont, Watertown and parts of Boston.

One and perhaps more of the bills contain threats to the Dover Amendment. Others touch on school safety, taxation, zoning, bullying, school transportation, endowments and more.

Spillane will closely monitor all the measures and will also keep an eye on bills that refer strictly to public schools, in case provisions are added along the way to include nonprofit schools, colleges and universities in their language.

MANS&C will continue to provide updates on all bills of concern as the session progresses.

## New Committee Members and Chairs

### The Joint Committee on Higher Education

#### Senators

Michael O. Moore, D-Millbury, *Senate chair*  
Eileen Donoghue, D-Lowell, *Senate vice chair*  
Benjamin B. Downing, D-Pittsfield  
Kathleen O'Connor Ives, D-Newburyport  
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#### Representatives

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### The Joint Committee on Education

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Sonia Chang-Diaz, D-Boston, *Senate chair*  
Patricia Jehlen, D-Somerville, *Senate vice chair*  
Sal N. DiDomenico, D-Everett  
Barry R. Finegold, D-Andover  
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Join  
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Today!

There's still time to join MANS&C or renew your membership. As part of MANS&C, you will learn about issues of concern to nonprofit schools, colleges and universities in Massachusetts and help promote the interests of your school, college or university at the State House.

Additional information and a membership form can be found on the website, [www.mansac.org](http://www.mansac.org), under MANS&C Membership.

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## John J. Spillane Leads MANS&C Effort on Beacon Hill

Attorney John J. Spillane is the second generation of his family to serve as MANS&C Legislative Counsel on Beacon Hill. He was appointed by the MANS&C board in February 2008 to succeed his late father, John W. Spillane, who served in that office for 25 years before his death in 2007.

Like his father, John J. Spillane has an in-depth understanding of the issues facing nonprofit schools, colleges and universities in Massachusetts. Under his direction over the last five years, MANS&C has been successful in representing our interests and turning back numerous troublesome bills.

He is a partner in the Worcester and Hyannis law firm of Spillane & Spillane LLP, founded in 1957 by his father.

Spillane has close personal and professional ties to nonprofit schools and colleges.

He is a trustee and serves on the Academic Affairs Committee of Anna Maria College. He also is a member of the President's Council of the College of the Holy Cross and serves on the President's Advisory Committee of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences.

In addition, Spillane has been a professional advisory member of the UMass Memorial Foundation and a member of the Governor's Seaport Advisory Council, Port Professionals.

Spillane also is active in a number of community organizations. He is a member and past president of the Worcester Economic Club and serves on the Executive Board of the Research Bureau. He also is a board member of the Boy Scouts of America and past president of the Mohegan Council, and active in the American Heart Association.

A former Eagle Scout, he was presented with the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to young people in the Mohegan Council for Central Massachusetts. He has also received recognition as a young leader by the Worcester Business Journal.

Spillane received a B.A. from the College of the Holy Cross in 1989 and his J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in 1993. He is a member of the Worcester County and Massachusetts Bar Associations.

## Meet Senator Brewer



State Sen. Stephen M. Brewer is one of the most respected and highly influential legislators on Beacon Hill.

As chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, he works closely with other key lawmakers on the state budget and other legislation that affects the finances

of the commonwealth. He also sits on the Committee on Ethics and Rules.

The senator understands the budget constraints and revenue resources, and has been a great steward of the commonwealth's resources.

Brewer voiced support for nonprofit schools, colleges and universities several years ago in remarks at a meeting of the MANS&C board. "They're a tremendous resource in Massachusetts and play a crucial role in the state's economy," he said.

A three-time winner of the Massachusetts Municipal Association's Legislator of the Year Award, Brewer also has a strong commitment to the commonwealth's cities and towns.

Since he was named to the top budget post in 2011, education funding was increased and last year's spending plan included nearly \$9 million in unrestricted local aid.

In addition to his support for education, Brewer has been a tireless advocate for veterans and the preservation of open space and agricultural land.

Brewer attended the Barre public schools and went on to receive a

bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He also holds a master's degree in history and government from Assumption College, a MANS&C member.

Prior to his election to the Senate, Brewer served three terms on the Barre Board of Selectmen and four terms in the state House of Representatives. He was first elected to the Senate in 1996.

Brewer is a Democrat who lives in Barre. His largely rural district, which includes 28 towns in Central and Western Massachusetts, is the state's second-largest Senate district. It covers Ashby, Ashburnham, Athol, Barre, Brimfield, Brookfield, Charlton, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Hubbardston, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Palmer, Paxton, Petersham, Phillipston, Rutland, Spencer, Sturbridge, Templeton, Wales, Ware, Warren, West Brookfield and Winchendon.

To reach Brewer's Senate office, call 617-722-1540 or email him at [stephen.brewer@masenate.gov](mailto:stephen.brewer@masenate.gov).

## Helpful Reminders

### APRIL

#### Business Manager

- ✓ Ensure that adequate reference and criminal background checks are done on new and returning employees.

### JUNE

#### Business Manager

- ✓ Conduct an annual review of insurance policy limits and coverage.

### JUNE AND JULY

#### Business Manager

- ✓ Update the school's identity theft program.

#### Business Manager and Trustees

- ✓ Annual review of bylaws and charter documents.

#### Facilities Manager

- ✓ Periodically review safety, security and supervision practices and facilities, including emergency response and crisis response drills.

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