NJCSS Ballot - 2020

Only current NJCSS members can vote. Voting is open through May 31, 2020. You may vote online or by mail.

If you have questions, contact Hank Bitten, Executive Director at hb288@sasmail.rutgers.edu

Return ballot by mail to:
New Jersey Council for the Social Studies
Rutgers University - Busch Campus
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Executive Board: Vote for All (4)

____President**: Mike Kenduck** (2020-2022)

____Vice-President: **Joe Dwyer** (2020-2022)

____Secretary: **Christine Gehringer** (2020-22)

____Treasurer: **Kaitlyn Mahaffey** (2020-22)

____Write-in Option: _____

Regional Director North: (Vote for 3)

____**Katherine McLaughlin** (2020-2022)

____ **Dan Willever** (2020-2022)

____**Joe Orlak** (2019-2021)

____Write-in Option: _____

Regional Director Central: (Vote for 1) Continuing: Kevin Bloom (2019-21) and Mary Keller (2019-21)

____**Angela Smith** (2020-2022)

____Write-in Option: _____

Regional Director South: (Vote for 2) Continuing: Dawn Lambert (2019-21)

____ **Katie DeVillasanta** (2020-2022)

____**Michael Martirone** (2020-2022)

____Write-in Option: _____

At-Large Directors: (Vote for 3) Continuing for 2019-21: Matt Ordog (Supervisors), Frank Romano, Jr. (Secondary), Bill Smith (Teachers)

____**Civics: Arlene Gardner** (2020-22**)**

____**Geography: John Khanlian** (2020-22)

____**University: Nancy Sardone** (2020-22)

____**Write-in Option: _____**

Biographical Information for Executive Officers:

Michael Kenduck - Mike has served as Vice-President for two years. He is a supervisor and Assistant Principal with the Westwood Regional Schools.

Joseph Dwyer - Joe is the supervisor of social studies for the Nutley Public Schools, where he taught Advanced Placement United States History. He has also been published as an Op-Ed contributor in the Star Ledger and in several academic journals including, New York History and the New England Journal of History. He also serves as a part-time lecturer in history at Rutgers University-Newark.

Christine Gehringer - Christine has been an Executive Officer for 8 years, serving as Treasurer for six years and secretary for 2 years. She is a supervisor for K-5 teachers with the Washington Township Public Schools.

Kaitlyn Mahaffey - Kaitlyn is completing her first two-year term as our treasurer. She is a social studies and Psychology teacher at Pascack Hills Regional H.S.

Biographical Information for Regional Director Candidates:

North:

Katherine McLaughlin- Katie is a 7th grade, ancient civ teacher at Westwood Regional Middle School. She is a 2017 graduate of The College of New Jersey with degrees in History Secondary Education and Women's and Gender Studies. When she isn't teaching, she is the director of her middle school's theatre program "JPAC". She also has created and led workshops on creating safe spaces for LGBTQ students in schools.

Joe Orlak - Joe is a supervisor with the Pascack Regional Schools and has served as President of the NJCSS for six years. He has also served on the Waldwick Board of Education.

Dan Willever - Dan is a history and geography teacher at Ramsey High School. He received the Milken Award in 2019. He is a graduate of Gettysburg College and completed his MA in History and Culture from Drew University last year.

Central:

Angela Smith - Angela has been a middle school Social Studies' teacher in Edison Township Public Schools for the past twenty years and has served as secretary for six years.

South:

Katie DeVillasanta - Katie is a graduate of Rutgers University with a double major in History and Education and a minor in Womens' Studies. She has been a teacher at Clearview Regional High School for the past 13 years with a K-12 Advanced Standing License where she has taught a range of classes from World History (general and AP), and now specializes in 19th century American History. She is the adviser to the Military History club and Yearbook adviser. Wife and mother of 3 children, she grew up in Camden country but has resided in Gloucester County for the last 25 years. She always looks for ways to integrate New Jersey history into her lessons and is excited for the opportunity to serve the NJCSS.

Michael Martirone - Mike has served as a Regional Director for four years. He is a teacher in the Egg Harbor Township Public Schools, Atlantic County Teacher of the Year, and an adjunct professor. He was accepted into the prestigious History Quest at Princeton University and the James Madison Legacy Project. He is also advisor/coach to his district's mock trial team.

Biographical Information for At-Large Directors:

Arlene Gardner - Arlene has been actively involved with the NJCSS since 1990 when she started the New Jersey Center for Civic Education. She has served as president and Executive Director and organizes the We the People, Project Citizen, and NJ Student Mock Election programs.

John Khanlian - A NJCSS past-president, John has been active in the Council for four decades, including serving as a long-time board member. Retired from long careers with both the NJ Dept. of Educ. and Educational Testing Service, John is now an independent educational consultant, focusing on K-12 social studies assessment development. He always assists with setup of the Exhibitors at our annual conference.

Nancy Sardone - Nancy is a professor of education at Georgian Court University and a presenter at several of our conferences. She has a wealth of experience with interdisciplinary education, inquiry, literature, and economics in addition to social studies. Nancy's most recent projects include "modding" board games to influence geographic literacy and the development of engaging interactive methods to encourage the study of peace and conflict. Another area of interest is the use of digital games as a technology-based method to evoke meaning in social studies.