

2019 NCSS Board of Directors Election Results

SILVER SPRING, Md. (Jan. 28, 2018) – National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) is pleased to announce the newly elected members of its Board of Directors, who will begin their terms on July 1, 2019.



Anton Schulzki, a social studies teacher at General William J. Palmer High School in Colorado Springs, Colorado, has been elected vice-president of NCSS and is in line to become president in July 2021. A New Jersey native, Schulzki has been a teacher with District 11 in Colorado Springs since 1983, and has served as department chair, and on numerous committees at the district, state and the national levels.

He has been active in NCSS since 2001 as a conference presenter, a House of Delegates representative from the Canada Community, and House of Delegates Steering Committee member and 2010 Steering Committee chair. Schulzki served on the NCSS Board of Directors in 2010 in his role as steering committee chair, and 2013–2016 as an elected board member. He was active in the establishment of the [Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society](#). Schulzki was a member of the committee that drafted the society's constitution and later served as chair of the Rho Kappa Advisory Committee. He recently completed a term as president of the [Colorado Council for the Social Studies](#).

Schulzki describes himself as an ally for students, and has been honored for his work with LGBTIQ students. He believes that among the most challenging issues confronting social studies educators is creating and expanding relationships, and looks to expand conversations across disciplines, across levels, with parents, the public and politicians.

NCSS membership also elected candidates to three-year terms on the NCSS Board of Directors:

Rebecca Valbuena, a K-5 TOSA/Academic Coach at Glendora Unified School District in Glendora, California. (Elementary Classroom Teacher Representative); Georgette Hackman, a 7th grade social studies teacher and middle level social studies department chair at Cocalico School District in Denver, Pennsylvania. (Secondary Classroom Teacher Representative); Annie Whitlock, an Associate Professor of Elementary Education at the University of Michigan-Flint in Flint, Michigan. (At-Large Representative); and June

Morris, a social studies and language arts teacher at Greater Albany Public Schools in Albany, Oregon. (K-12 Classroom Teacher At-Large Representative).

Also in July 2019, President-Elect Tina Heafner, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Charlotte, North Carolina., will assume the office of President, and Vice-President Stefanie Wager, a social studies consultant for the Iowa Department of Education in Des Moines, Iowa, will assume the office of President-Elect.

NCSS President India Meissel said, "Congratulations to our recent election winners who will assume their Board positions in the fall. You will have some big shoes to fill. The competition for these seats was especially difficult and I hope that all of the candidates from this election will consider running again."

NCSS Executive Director Lawrence Paska said, "We are delighted to welcome our newly elected board members and continue building the future of social studies together with you in our upcoming year. We are excited by your passion for leadership at this vital moment for social studies education."

The online election ballot opened on December 10, 2018 and closed on January 22, 2019. All NCSS members in good standing as of October 31, 2018 received instructions and credentials for accessing the online ballot.

For more information on the nominations process for the Board of Directors, please visit www.socialstudies.org/getinvolved/board.

Founded in 1921, National Council for the Social Studies is the largest professional association in the country devoted solely to social studies education. The NCSS mission is to advocate and build capacity for high-quality social studies by providing leadership, services, and support to educators. The NCSS membership represents K-12 classroom teachers, college and university faculty members, curriculum designers and specialists, social studies supervisors, and leaders in the various disciplines that constitute the social studies.

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