

NJCOE General Membership Meeting Minutes

**April 19, 2024
10AM**

Recorder: Mike Gorman

1. Call to Order: President Dolores Szymanski

President Dolores Szymanski called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Membership Led by President Szymanski

President Szymanski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Introductions of by President Szymanski: Officers, Exec. Committee, Past Presidents

4. Introduction of Sponsor by Melindo Persi

Sponsor – McGraw Hill represented by Dr. Demiana Awad

Non-Agenda Announcement by Dr. Gilda Rorro promoting New Jersey's Italian American Heritage Education Commission resources. Curriculum is available for teaching Italian American Heritage.

5. Report of Secretary: Presented by Mike Gorman

Minutes of General Membership meeting October 20, 2023;

Motion: Christine Vespe; 2nd Chris Nagy; unanimously approved by voice vote

Minutes of Exec. Meeting – November 14, 2023;

Motion: Ken Figgs; 2nd Cheryl Simone; unanimously approved by voice vote

Minutes of Executive Meeting – January 10, 2024;

Motion: Ken Figgs; 2nd Cheryl Simone; unanimously approved by voice vote

6. Report of the Treasurer: Ken Figgs substituting for Laurie Newell

As of 4/10/24 NJCOE holds a balance of \$33,909.32.

Motion: Ken Figgs; second by Ken King; unanimously approved by voice vote.

7. Necrology Report: Melindo Persi

In memory of our deceased member Patricia Antoinette Lamb

Motion: Cheryl Simone; 2nd Ken King; unanimously approved by voice vote.

A resolution will be forwarded to the family

8. NJCOE Website/Social Media Report: Vincent Przybylinski

Website upgraded and fully operational. Members are encouraged to view.

9. Report of the Historian, Dr. Alease Griffith

Pictures of previous meetings and inductions were distributed.

10. Election of Officers for the new NJCOE year (July 1, 2024)

Slate of Officers presented by Ken King

Motion: Geri Carroll; 2nd Gilda Rorro; unanimously approved by voice vote

11. Induction of New Members, Chair Cheryl Simone (new members presented with pin and portfolio)

Ms. Mridula Bajaj

Dr. Dana Blair

Dr. Steven Cowan

Mrs. Virginia Grossman

Dr. Robin Klim

Dr. Matthew Murphy

12. Report of the Awards Chair: Dr. Janet Holdcraft

Members recognized for their retirement:

Vincent Przybylinski

Ginny Grossman

Gilda Rorro

Maureen Persi

Matt Murphy

Mark Pease

Caroline Moorehead

NJCOE pins were presented to all retirees who have not previously received one.

Dr. Jay Dugan will be taking over the Awards Chair.

13. NJCOE Distinguished Educator of the Year Award winner, Dr. Vincent Przybylinski, Jr.

Presented by Ken King

Dr. Cheryl Simone presented the following for membership. Inductees receive a pin and portfolio:

1. Mrs. Marilyn Dunham, Director of Elementary Education- sponsored by Sherry Knight and Dolores Szymanski
2. Mr. Richard Panicucci : Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction – Bergen County Technical Schools sponsored by Ron Durso and Ron Meehan
3. Dr. Charles Powell sponsored by Pat Wright and Jay Doolan
4. Ms. Tara Taylor sponsored by Ron Durso and Cheryl Simone

14. Program: EMBRACE THE POTENTIAL: AI Strategies for Education

Presenter: Dr. Matthew Murphy; Introduction by Dr. Ken King

An understanding of how AI is reshaping education, and explore AI applications in classrooms, administration, and student support.

15. Future Meeting Dates

General Membership Meeting Dates:

October 4, 2024 (tentative)

April 11, 2025

Executive Council Meeting Dates

May 14, 2024

August 12, 2024

November 14, 2024

January 15, 2025

May 15, 2025

18. Open Forum/Lunch/Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Ken Figgs; 2nd Ken King; passed with no objections

Meeting concluded 11:43