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Meet the Candidates

Candidate for President, Kathleen M. Peloquin, Education Technology Trainer, Worcester Public Schools

I first became a MassCUE member in 1988. Since that time I have looked to this organization for a heads up on technological trends and grant information. The only way to stay current in this fast paced information age is through collaboration. MassCUE has provided me access to a “technological think tank” beyond compare. The associations and networking I have been able to establish as a MassCUE board and conference committee member have been indispensable for me in my position as an Educational Technology Trainer for the Worcester Public Schools. I am able to share many of the ideas I have been introduced to by MassCUE with the teachers I serve on a daily basis.

If elected to the presidency of MassCUE I would dedicate myself to working to fulfill MassCUE’s mission: “to promote new visions of teaching and learning.” As the president of MassCUE I will also be committed to help build a community of teachers helping teachers. There is a great deal of knowledge to be gained via professional collaboration. I envision MassCUE’s roll in the future as being the catalyst to support the professional growth of Massachusetts educators by assisting them to use the “tools” that will be needed to raise a community of lifelong learners.
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Candidate for Vice President, Marcy J. Reed, Technology Coordinator, Ellington High School, Ellington, CT

I have been involved with MassCUE at a variety of levels since 1988. That year, at the invitation of Laurene Belisle, I assisted her with the spring conference as hospitality chairperson. Since that time I have served as the annual conference program chair and, for the last 6 years, as conference chair, in which capacity I also serve on the Board.

One of the strengths of MassCUE is its people. As Technology Coordinator for my high school, my life is often hectic. Yet I continue to stay involved with MassCUE because it provides a unique opportunity to work with a group of wonderful, talented people who share their knowledge with enthusiasm and often introduce me to technology experiences I would not otherwise have had.

MassCUE truly makes a difference in the lives of the people who are involved with it. If elected, I am committed to working with the president and the Board to promote the organization and to create activities and experiences that foster technology in education.

Candidate for Treasurer, Arthur A. Jackman, Technology Director, Blackstone Valley Reg. Voc. Tech. School District, Upton

I first served on the MassCUE Board as an appointed member in the winter of 1999. Later that year I was elected to my current position of treasurer. I represent MassCUE on the VES Board of Directors and on the VES Working Group.

Like many educators across the state, I depend on MassCUE as my primary source of peer professional contacts, vendor contacts, opportunities for professional growth, and a forum to focus the public’s attention on the technological needs of our school systems. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve as both a classroom teacher and a technology director. I was twice nominated for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching and was awarded a certificate from the Massachusetts Department of Education “in recognition of an outstanding teacher in Central Massachusetts.” I was a member of the DOE’s advisory committee on design of the “Local Technology Plan Benchmark Standards.” My bachelors degree was earned at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and my masters degree at the University of Lowell. I have full-time teaching experience on the junior high school, high school, and college levels. I currently serve as Technology Director for the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District and I am a member of BVTechNet (the Blackstone Valley Technology Coordinators Collaborative.) ajackman@valleytech.k12.ma.us

Candidate for Secretary, Algot Runeman, District Technology Coordinator, King Philip Regional School District, Wrentham

Serving MassCUE as secretary gives me personal satisfaction. Keeping the records of the organization is a task I enjoy, so I have served the organization in this capacity for 16 years. My organizational priorities for MassCUE center on expanding the importance and the role of Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Reaching the teachers, department heads and administrators through local MassCUE SIG contact is, I believe, the way to improve our influence and to help change education. We need to show the power for educational success which technology can provide in the hands of eager teachers. I hope you’ll become an active member of your county SIG, getting new information for yourself, and taking the professional opportunity to carry MassCUE’s message of “sharing” to every teacher in every Massachusetts school and beyond.

Ballot will be mailed in April.