As a former Chief of Police and school teacher who now works as both a criminal justice attorney and as an instructor in law-related and civic education, I see the future of social studies in Pennsylvania in terms of promoting hands-on education so the next generation of young people will be prepared to take on the role of active citizen in our society. Mock trials, search simulations, moot court, mediation, anti-bullying education, youth courts…I have used all of these interactive and stimulating methods of making the law come alive for young people and I have seen students who didn’t have a spark in the classroom come alive with interest.

PCSS, as the umbrella organization for social studies education in the Commonwealth, must support social studies educators young and old. I have been part of a strong Philadelphia area law-related education partnership with current PCSS President David Trevaskis and I have been involved in PCSS activities, such as the annual conference, for many years. If elected to the Board, I look forward to building on my civic education work and helping PCSS grow.