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Charles L. Jones,
Parliamentarian

Retired Math Educator

Charles L. Jones is a retired mathematics educator, computer scientist, and dedicated community volunteer. A native of Carpenter, Mississippi, he earned degrees from Utica Junior College, Jackson State University, New York University, and SUNY New Paltz. Before teaching, he worked as a software and senior engineer for Unisys Corporation and Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Mr. Jones taught mathematics for more than 20 years at White Plains High School and Wagner Middle School before retiring in 2017. He remains active in several educational, alumni, and civic organizations and volunteers weekly at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem.

A WABSE member for over two decades, he has held many leadership positions and contributed greatly to the growth and sustenance of the organization.

His guiding philosophy is: “Put God first, be positive, productive, and proactive, and in return your life will always be one of success.”

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Dr. Alprentice McCutchen, NEPI Representative
(NABSE Educational Policy Institute)

Social Studies Educator
New Rochelle

Dr. Alprentice A.T. McCutchen is an accomplished educator, scholar, curriculum developer, and educational leader with nearly three decades of experience in social studies education. He currently teaches U.S. and Global History and AP African American Studies at New Rochelle High School, where he also serves as a debate coach and mentor/facilitator with the New Rochelle My Brother's Keeper Program. Dr. McCutchen earned his Ph.D. in Urban Education from the CUNY Graduate Center, where he was a member of the 2020 cohort. He also holds graduate degrees from Middlesex University and Teachers College, Columbia University, and a B.A. in History and African American Studies from Wesleyan University. He is a National Board Certified Teacher in Social Studies and holds permanent New York State certification in Social Studies Education.

A respected voice in education policy and curriculum development, Dr. McCutchen serves on the NYSED African American History Project Steering Committee and as an Advisory Member of the New York State Education Department Advisory Committee for New York Inspires. He previously served on NYSED's Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures.

A member of WABSE for over a decade, Dr. McCutchen has served on its Amistad Committee, advocating for the inclusion of Black history in school curricula. Throughout his career, he has championed student-centered learning through debate, Socratic inquiry, project-based learning, critical writing, culturally responsive curriculum, and international study experiences. His work reflects a deep commitment to educational equity and empowering students as critical thinkers, engaged citizens, and contributors to their communities.

The NEPI Representative The NEPI (NABSE Educational Policy Institute) Representative works with the State NEPI Representative, Regional NEPI Senator, and National NEPI Chairman, as the chief advocate for promoting the educational policy recommendations of the national organization. The NEPI Representative will interface with local elected representatives and educational policy makers to do so.

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