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miSci to host 2023 Annual Meeting

(Schenectady, NY) In accordance with our bylaws, the miSci Board of Trustees cordially invite our loyal Museum Members as well as the general public to attend our **2023 Annual Meeting** on Thursday evening, September 28th from 5:30PM to 7:30PM to be held at 15 Museum Drive in Schenectady. Light refreshments will be served.

The Annual Meeting will welcome two new trustees to the miSci Board:

Terra Joy

Ms. Joy serves as the Records Management Coordinator in Region 3 for the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), specializing in records management within the Bureau of Records Management Team. Previously, Joy held the role of Employment Training Program Supervisor in the Capital District and served as the Director of Supported Employment at Schenectady ARC, where she dedicated over eight years to helping individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities achieve their employment objectives by collaborating with OPWDD, the Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation, and local school districts.

Beyond her work in disability services, Joy has contributed to various projects and initiatives. She worked with the Seva Foundation, focusing on revitalizing traditional food systems to combat type II diabetes in indigenous communities in partnership with groups in California, Alaska, and South Dakota. Additionally, she taught English at Shanxi University in Taiyuan, P.R. of China, and later served as a Cultural Instructor for Chinese professors planning to work abroad. Joy's academic background includes undergraduate studies in Anthropology/Archaeology at SUNY Oneonta and a master's degree in Sustainable International Development from Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management. She currently resides in Schenectady with her family. Joy states "For me, miSci is magic. It is a beautiful blend of science and history of innovation in the Capital District that our community should be proud of. The Electric City did more than light up the world, it inspired countless creators to propel us forward. I'm excited to see what the next generation of diverse dreamers come up with."

Leonard Cameo Rowe, Jr.

Mr. Rowe is a manager at the Naval Nuclear Laboratory. He manages a group of engineers, scientists, and IT professionals responsible for tools used to predict fuel system performance for the navy. He's been at the company 13 years, and is leader in the company's Diversity & Inclusion initiatives.

Rowe holds Bachelor's degrees in Industrial Engineering and English Writing, and a Master's degree in Nuclear Engineering, all from University of Pittsburgh. He is a member of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and the American Nuclear Society. As one of the newest members of the Museum of Science and Innovation board, he is a staunch advocate for STEM and D&I outreach. Rowe is looking forward to supporting miSci, and the great resources, programs, and exhibits that are available for members and patrons.

In addition to a shortened Board meeting, invitees will also have the opportunity for a "First Look" at our newest exhibit, *Ground to Gourmet: Tracing the Origins of the Foods We Love* that blends history, science, and art while exploring the deep culinary heritage of New York State. *Ground To Gourmet* is produced by a collaboration between miSci and the Schenectady County Historical Society.

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Photo Caption: *New miSci Trustees Terra Joy and Cameo Rowe, Jr.*

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