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From the Executive Director



I have been incredibly fortunate during my career – initially, working for an employer whose mission I believed in – inpatient psychiatric care for those in need and support services for their families; and then putting my social work skills (and later my legal training) to work in the field of violence against women. But my fortune did not begin and end with those experiences; the “fortune” I have experienced is also the privilege of working with people I admire and care about. There have been many throughout the years. But, the one I would like to remember today is Lynell Whipple. What a presence, what an energy, what a fountain of knowledge and skill, what dedication, what kindness (masked by a bit of orneriness), what thoughtfulness. As many of you know, Lynell has been a presence at the Chapter office for almost twenty years. I first met her when I chaired the Social Action Committee many, many years ago. Her title – Office Manager – fit perfectly. I knew

her to be intelligent, efficient, hard-working, no-nonsense (except when it came to her loved ones – family and friends alike), highly-skilled, competent, helpful. “Manage” the office she did! When I began as Executive Director, I was excited to work on a daily basis with Lynell – finding her just as she had been for all those years – hard-working, intelligent, efficient, highly-skilled, competent, and yes, helpful. I know I took up a good portion of her workdays with my questions, my requests for her to “show me” technological short-cuts, explain processes and reasons therefore, etc. She was gracious with her time and knowledge - she would remind me that I was not the first ED she had trained! Needless to say, she is missed tremendously. As Patti has indicated in her article, her family asks for thoughts and prayers – and that is the least we can do for someone who has done so much for all of us for so long. Thinking of you, Lynell, and praying for your recovery . . .

Let’s hear it for a GREAT Annual Conference!! Special thanks to Karen Smith, Martha Wyly, and our returning temporary co-worker, Melissa Hall-James, for going above and beyond to get everything done to pull-off our conference without a hitch! Well, okay, let’s be honest here – our troubles with our website did present a challenge for many of you trying to register – thank you for braving and overcoming the challenges with Karen’s and Missy’s assistance. Thank you to all our attendees, speakers, presenters, volunteers – including students and retired social workers, Annual Conference Planning Committee, and Board members for an incredible three days. **SAVE THE DATES: 2019 Annual Conference – March 20 – 22, 2019.**

Take a look at the ballot for 2018 – 2019 and if you are interested in petitioning to be added as a candidate, please note the rules. After the necessary time delays, we will publish the final ballot and voting can commence.

To good health and happiness . . .
Ayn W. Stehr
Executive Director

Our Mission

To promote the social work profession and its efforts to ensure justice and equality for Louisiana’s diverse citizenship.



I was not sure how I was going to begin this article, but decided to address the bad news first. Many of you are already aware that Lynell Whipple is not working in the office at this time. She has been diagnosed with a neurological lymphoma and is receiving treatment in Baton Rouge. Her family asks that we all keep Lynell and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

We had a GREAT conference in March! The state conference was informative with outstanding speakers, CEUs were earned, fun was had, and opportunities to mingle with old and new friends was provided. Office staff burned the midnight oil to ensure the conference was successful. We also had two volunteers, Martha Wyly and Carmen Weisner, assist in the office prior to, and after, the conference in the absence of Lynell. We also hired a part time employee, Melissa Hall-James, to help with all the conference registrations and the many post-conference tasks.

National office has sent out an email with the national ballot. The state ballot is located in this newsletter. I want to encourage each of you to vote and encourage others to vote. However, as with other elections, voter turnout has been historically low extremely. It only takes a very brief time to cast your online ballot. Make your voice heard and take the time to vote for our leaders at both the state and national levels. Vote!

A reminder that the Code of Ethics has been revised to include technological advances. The NASW Code of Ethics has 19 new standards and revisions to longstanding standards. You can read the Code on line, download a copy, or order a copy at www.socialworkers.org.

Despite the challenges and changes, we strive to improve daily and continue to move forward!

NASW-LA is seeking input from the membership

in regards as to what is happening in your community.

Send in articles that would be of interest to your fellow social workers around the state. Perhaps someone in the social work field was featured in the local news or was singled out for helping in the community.

Send that information to the Chapter Office at admin@naswla.org with contact information so that approval for re-printing the information can be obtained.

There are so many of us out there doing the little things each day to make this a better place to live and we need to tell their stories. By doing this we not only are acknowledging their service, but it could possibly help someone else in their community. Let us hear from you.

Message from your Regional Chairs:

The regions have begun to make plans and arrangements for the upcoming year's regional meetings.

Interested members who would like to help in their region, please contact your regional chair for further information.

Anyone interested in presenting at their own regional meeting or another region, please contact the respective regional chair.

Continue to check the NASW-LA website at www.naswla.org under Regional News to see the most updated information on your regional meetings. You will note that many of the regions do not hold regional meetings in the summer months.

Thank you to all of our regional chairs for their hard work and the support that they give all of us.

Certification of Preliminary NASW-LA Slate 2018-2019

As President of the Louisiana Chapter of NASW-LA, I hereby certify that the following preliminary slate contains all the positions that are scheduled to become vacant on **June 30, 2018** and that all possible combinations of candidates receiving the largest number of votes in the election will enable the chapter to meet its affirmative action goals and representational mandates and all attempts to double slate the Statewide positions have been done.

The Board of Directors reviewed this slate at the **March 14, 2018** Board Meeting.

Pati Gates, LCSW, C-SSWS, ACSW President

NASW-LA BOARD SLATE 2018-2019 STATEWIDE POSITIONS:

President Elect	Carolyn Read
	Jasmine Wilson
First Vice President	Edgar Guedry
BSW Member at Large	Vacant
BSW Student	Eric Weinzettle
MSW Student	Vacant
Delegate Assembly	Ron McClain

Regional Positions:

Florida Parishes Chair	Adrienne Garner
Baton Rouge Chair	Carmen Williams
Lafayette Chair	Crystal Rodriguez
Lake Charles Chair	Vacant
Shreveport Chair	Loretta Leavitt

CCNLI - (Chapter Committee on Nominations & Leadership Identification):

New Orleans Region	Vacant
Baton Rouge Region	Vacant
Alexandria Region	Vacant
Lafayette Region	Vacant
Shreveport Region	Vacant

If you are interested in being considered for the Nomination Slate, the process is as follows:

The petition process allows members to add their name to the slate by submitting a petition to the CCNLI Committee within 30 days of the announcement.

PETITION PROCESS REQUIREMENTS:

- For a statewide position, the petition must include signatures from at least 2% of the total number of chapter members. Of that total, 2% must come from each of a majority of the branches in the chapter.
- For a branch position, the petition must include signatures representing 2% of the total number of branch members.
- The CCNLI must verify that petition signers are members of the Association, the chapter, and in the case of branch positions, the appropriate branch.
- The CCNLI must verify that the petition contains the number of eligible signatures required for the specific position for which it has been submitted.



Congratulations to all of the social work graduates this year. We are very proud of you and look forward to your becoming a member of NASW-LA and becoming a part of your professional organization. If you would like to become involved with NASW-LA as a volunteer, please contact us for information on what positions are open.

Congratulations again, great job!

Dear Colleagues,

“Career Protection” is having a professional association with the resources to protect the practice of social work. Why is malpractice insurance not enough? Because your malpractice insurer will not do the following - but NASW at the national level and through the Louisiana Chapter will:

- ◆ Provide highly discounted quality Continuing Education programs that are presented at regional locations and an outstanding Annual Conference.
- ◆ Provide consultation on ethical, practice, and career issues.
- ◆ Deliver critical, up-to-date information on laws and regulations that affect your practice.
- ◆ Continue to be a vigilant voice for Social Work practice and the profession at the Louisiana State Capitol and in Washington, DC.
- ◆ Work with stakeholders who have similar positions on issues that are important to the social work profession.
- ◆ Serves as a key resource for the profession of social work on issues and practice concerns.

I know that for some of you there has been concern regarding professional liability insurance and at least one carrier has suggested that social workers only need their liability policy to have practice protection. I do not know if your decision on joining or renewing membership is based on this issue but if that is the case, keep in mind that no matter where you get your malpractice coverage, no insurer will advocate for you at the Legislature, in Congress or with the executive branch. Protecting your career is more than having liability coverage; it requires having an organization that is working to protect the social work profession.

Without a strong NASW, our profession will lose ground, our jobs and practices will slowly erode, taken over by “related degrees” because everyone thinks they can do social work. As a practicing social worker “Career Protection” comes with joining and maintaining your NASW membership.

When your NASW renewal comes due, remember you are not just renewing a membership – you are buying yourself “Career Protection” from the best available source! Your NASW membership assures a strong Louisiana Chapter and a strong Louisiana Chapter assures that we are here to support you.

Sincerely,

Ayn W. Stehr

Licensing Board Information

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 * 225-756-3470 or 1-800-521-1941 (Louisiana Only)

Dates for 2018 LABSWE Board Meetings

(All meetings are held at the Baton Rouge Board Office - Meetings begin at 8:30 am)

April 20 June 8 July 13 August 17 September 21 October 26 December 7

Dates for 2018 LABSWE BACS ORIENTATION MEETINGS

May 18 July 27 September 7 November 2

[Click here to visit the Licensing Board's website at www.labswe.org](http://www.labswe.org)

Social Media Policy for Clinical Social Workers in Private Practice

A new Practice Perspectives, *Sample Social Media Policy for Clinical Social Workers in Private Practice*, has been created to address the need for private practitioners to develop a Social Media Policy when using technology in their private practice. It is available at the following link:

<http://www.socialworkers.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=e1aVBtX9HYA%3d&portalid=0>

Give the Gift of NASW Membership

Share your appreciation for NASW and its benefits with your family, friends and colleagues. Give the gift of membership! Your gift recipient will enjoy:

- Free and discounted Continuing Education programs
- Personal assistance with Licensing and social work practice questions
- Consultations for Legal and Ethical dilemmas
- Advocacy for social workers and their clients
- And much more!

NASW Membership includes National, State and Local affiliation, all for the same price:
Information from the National office on Ethics, Legal issues, insurance reimbursement,
Specialty Practice Sections of Social Work, Medicare and Medicaid
Information from the State Licensure
Continuing Education programs,
Advocacy with the state legislature
Activities with Local Units including networking events, educational programs

Give the Gift of NASW Membership for Christmas, Hanukkah, Birthdays, or Graduation.

Go to <http://www.socialworkers.org/join.asp> or contact NASWLA for more information. It may be the best gift you'll ever give.

Continuing Education Requirements

Registered Social Workers, Certified Social Workers, Licensed Masters Social Workers, and Licensed Clinical Social Workers are required by law to collect at least twenty (20) hours of continuing education in approved programs each year with three (3) hours of ethics every two years. For the LCSW, ten (10) of the twenty (20) hours must be of clinical content including diagnosis and treatment. The current collection period is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2008, first time Board Approved Clinical Supervisors (BACS) must complete six and one half (6.5) hours of LABSWE approved clinical supervision education. All other Board Approved Clinical Supervisors (BACS) must complete three (3) hours of continuing education in clinical supervision every two years. Workshops are designated as ethical, clinical, general and supervision in content and meet the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiner requirements for licensure renewal.

Regional News

ALEXANDRIA REGION

By: LaTonya Charles, MSW, LMSW, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2018

There will be a \$10.00 per CEU charge for non-members wishing to receive CEUs. Any non-member not wanting CEUs may attend free of charge. For more information contact the Latonya Charles, MSW, LMSW, Chair at latonya@bayoumentalhealth.com

BATON ROUGE REGION

By: Carmen P. Williams, Ph.D., LMSW, Chair

Baton Rouge Regional Meetings that will take place in May and June. They are held at the Baton Rouge Rehabilitation Hospital, 8595 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809 from 8:15 am - 9:30 am. Breakfast is served.

Thursday, May 17, 2018

“You Don’t Have to Go At It Alone – What the IPP (Impaired Professionals Program) is Really All About”.

Thursday, June 21, 2018 - TBA

If anyone is interested in attending, please RSVP at naswbatonrouge@gmail.com. Detailed information is emailed at the first of the month regarding the meetings.

We will NOT meet in July and August.

There will be a \$10.00 per CEU charge for non-members wishing to receive CEUs.

Any non-member not wanting CEUs may attend free of charge. For additional information contact: Carmen P. Williams at naswbatonrouge@gmail.com

FLORIDA PARISHES

By: Adrienne Garner, LCSW-BACS, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2018

There will be a \$10.00 per CEU charge for non-members wishing to receive CEUs. Any non-member not wanting CEUs may attend free of charge. For more information, please contact Adrienne Garner, Florida Parishes Regional Chair at floridaparishes.sws@gmail.com

HOUMA THIBODAUX REGION

By: Jamilah Olivier, LCSW-BACS, MCJ, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2018

There will be a \$10.00 per CEU charge for non-members wishing to receive CEUs. Any non-member not wanting CEUs may attend free of charge. For more information, please contact Adrienne Garner, Florida Parishes Regional Chair at floridaparishes.sws@gmail.com

LAFAYETTE REGION

By: Crystal Rodriguez, LMSW, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2018

There will be a \$10.00 per CEU charge for non-members wishing to receive CEUs. Any non-member not wanting CEUs may attend free of charge. For more information, please contact Crystal Rodriguez, LCSW at c.1rod@hotmail.com

LAKE CHARLES REGION

By: Phyllis Sensat, LCSW, Chair

Meeting are the first Friday of each month from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Heritage Square Conference Room, 300 East McNeese Street.

There will be a \$10.00 per CEU charge for non-members wishing to receive CEUs. Any non-member not wanting CEUs may attend free of charge. For more information contact: Phyllis Sensat, Chair at donnnygirl59@yahoo.com

Lake Charles Regional Chair position will become vacant in July, if you would like to become chair, contact Phyllis Sensat or Patti Gates at pgates1@suddenlink.net

MONROE REGION

By: Christianna Darrington-Clark, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2018

For additional information contact: the Monroe Region at monroenasw@gmail.com

NEW ORLEANS REGION

By: Ron McClain, LCSW, JD, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2018

All meetings are free for members and \$10 per CEU for non-members. Please email questions or RSVPs to NASWneworleans@gmail.com

SHREVEPORT REGION

By: Loretta Leavitt, LMSW, Chair

Check the website and Facebook for Regional Meetings in 2018

All meetings are free for members and \$10 per CEU for non-members.

NASW National and NASW-LA website access

Both websites can be accessed for information by going to www.socialworkers.org or www.naswla.org. However, some information and registering for workshops requires you to be a member and you must log in.

You have a separate log in for the National site and the NASW-LA site. You can contact the National by calling 1-800-742-4089 and you can contact the NASWLA Chapter Office by calling 1-800-899-1984.



ASI's Long Term Care Insurance Choices

A recent survey by AARP revealed that most Americans over age 45 believe they have long-term care coverage when they probably don't.

Recognizing this and the significant need for long-term care planning among our members, the National Association of Social Workers is pleased to announce a comprehensive new Long Term Care Insurance.

Our program offers you a portfolio of comprehensive plans from multiple highly rated insurance carriers. Through a partnership with Long-Term Care Resources, NASW members now have a national network of long-term care specialists available to you to explain the costs and benefits of this vital program. More importantly, we've used the buying power of our association to obtain **special discounted rates**.

Advanced planning is always the best approach. Call today for complete details on this new long-term care program available to NASW members and to request your free planning kit entitled "*Risk Management & Long Term Care – Understanding Your Options*" at **800-616-8759**.

Ethics Questions & Dilemmas

As a service to members, the Office of Ethics and Professional Review (OEPR) provides ethics consultations for current NASW members. Ethic consultations are a resource for members who are experiencing an ethical dilemma. We do not provide advice or tell members what to do. However, we do guide them through the Code and point them to the areas of the Code that address their concerns. We provide dialogue and considerations that allow members to make ethical decisions. We may also refer members to the appropriate resources if their questions do not appear to be related to ethics but are more related to legal issues or standards of practice.

Hours & Contact Info
(800) 638-8799 ext. 231

Mondays & Wednesdays
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (ET) Ext 223

Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00 am - 1:00 pm (ET) Ext 231

RENEW ONLINE! Fast, Easy, Convenient



NASW members can renew their memberships online. If your membership expires within the next three months, you are eligible for online renewal.

1. Go to www.socialworkers.org
2. Click on "Member Log In."
3. Enter your NASW username and password.
4. Click on "Member Center."
5. Click on "Renew your NASW Membership Online."

You can also renew by phone at 1-800-742-4089.

New Member Application and Renewal Notice Changes

Recently the National Office made changes to the mailing address and fax number on the New Member Application form. A new application is available on the National website at www.socialworkers.org or via the link on the Louisiana Chapter's website at www.naswla.org. The new address is: P.O. Box 791343, Baltimore, MD 21279-1343 and the fax number is 888-551-6096. Please note that membership applications must be mailed to the National Office at the address above.

NASW National Member Center

Your Membership Information Is Important to Us! Help us better serve you by keeping your contact information up-to-date.

If there are address, telephone, or e-mail changes you need to make, designations you need to add, or you need to list your specialty practice, go to the National NASW webpage: www.socialworkers.org and make the changes online.

How can an NASW Member update their Membership Information On Line?

The national office of NASW has announced that an NASW member can update their membership information on line and help to keep your information up to date and current.

The steps are as follows:

Go to www.socialworkers.org

Click on "member's login" and log in.

Click on "update your member profile".

Click on "edit" to update.

Make the changes and click "submit" to complete the process.

By each member making the necessary changes to their information, this will not only make sure that they receive the information from the National office in a timely manner, but from their Chapter office also as we receive your address information from National on a monthly basis.

If you have any problems with the online update, please contact the National office at 1-800-638-8799 and ask for Membership.

If you do not have access to a computer to update your information online you can call the Louisiana Chapter office at (225)346-1234 or (800)899-1984 or email them at info@naswla.org, with the information that needs to be changed or fax the information to (225)346-5035.

Please act now! We need to know how to find you!

Thank You, The Staff and Board of the Louisiana NASW Chapter

National Social Work Finder – Important Update

The Finder connects consumers with licensed social workers quickly at www.HelpStartsHere.org. The Finder is free to the consumer and is an excellent opportunity for licensed social workers to promote their services, practice and organization. Listings cost \$25.00. This fee is waived for social workers with a current Qualified Clinical Social Worker (QCSW) credential - another benefit for NASW members.

It is important that Licensed MSW and BSW social workers register on the [National Social Worker Finder](http://www.NationalSocialWorkerFinder.org) online search tool and take advantage of the benefits. The success of the Finder will help ensure the success of the new consumer Website – www.HelpStartsHere.org – and the National Social Work Public Education Campaign.

The public benefits. Social workers benefit. Your chapter benefits.

Members Only Legal Consultation

The Office of General Counsel in the NASW national office has created a new members-only consultation phone line.

Members-Only Legal Consultation Calls: Calls are answered Monday through Thursday from 11:00 to 4:30 ET. All members should be referred through Member Services (800) 742-4089, or directly to the Consultation Line at (202) 408-8600, ext. 592. The member can leave a message, and the call will be returned from the Office of General Counsel. The member can also leave an email address so that resources can be provided if appropriate.

NASW-LA Welcomes New Members

Welcome to all of our new members.

We look forward to meeting you at our regional meetings, sponsored workshops and the annual conference.

We encourage you to attend the regional meetings and get involved! Volunteer opportunities are available, check with your Regional Chair.



Check the NASW-LA website out at www.naswla.org.

Alexandria Region

Brown, Edward
Coburn, Tristen
Deaton, Glory
Hilton, Patricia
Hurd, Christina
Johnson, Matquita
Thomas, Portia
Thomas-Meziere, Becky

Baton Rouge Region

Allee, Stephanie
Bainguel, Kimberly
Beverly, Kiara
Brown, Brachell
Coleman, Sarah
Coleman, LaPorsha
Coleman, Tia
Collins, Lexus
Crider, Leonard
Dodd, Alexandra
Egerton, Vanessa
Elbert, Sydney
Hayes, Ziera
Knippenberg, Stephen
Lee, Tarsha
Meuse, Kiera
Milan, Josten
Raines, Sarah
Scholes, Micha
Williams, Kristen
Williamston, Solomon

Florida Parishes Region

Allen, Sheila
Bacas, Blaize
Bates, Tinitra
Bennett, Kattie
Bolgiano, Tracy
Clites, Kirsten
Johnson, Breyanna
London, Renette
Lynch, Kianna
McGee, Latonya
Morgan, Michael
Perilloux, Paula
Pontiff, Errin
Savoie, Holly
Weaver, Daryneshia

Houma Thibodaux Region

Blanchard, Alexandra
Bonvillian, Nija

Shreveport Region

Channell, Angela
Hughes, Kalie
Moore, Patricia
Morgan, Stephen

Lake Charles Region

Bobb, Veronica

Monroe

Hendrix, Eric
Foley, Sierra
Harris, Leona
Hester, Kristen
Jackson, Jessica
Jordan, Brianna
Mayberry, Kimberly
Perian, Ashley
Portillo-Segovia, Emely
Sutton, Fernita
George, Victoria
Mansfield, Tikela
Gilliam, Brandi
Highsmith, Kaitlin
Kennedy, Porsha
Rice, Ila

New Orleans Region

Arguello, Ginette
Austin, Carol
Bergeron, angelle
Brooks, Eliqua
Browning, Quaneisha
Carter, Kelly
Clancey, Meredith
Clark, Kristian
Collura, Julie
Conboy, Bridget
Currier, Teele
Dicky, Kenisha
Escandon, Brigette
Frantz, Rachel
Gaines, Dominique
Holman, Shamira
Hrnjak, Anna
Kim, Jacky Jaeok
Knipp, Hannah
Lustiq, Sarah
Marion, Emily
Martin, Karen
McWilliams, Courtney
Michel, Ashley
Okoth, Mary
Pepin, Emily
Pontoriero, Maria Isabella
Ragas, Zaria
Ralph, Tanya
Reichard, Karen
Robinson, Monique
Rogers, Mark
Sanders, Rachel
Smith, Alyssia
Taylor, James
Waterman, Kelly
Wilson, Linda

WELCOME

Continuing Education Program

Karen D. Smith, Program Director

The 2017-2018 Yellow Book is in its last months of workshops. The deadline of June 30 is fast approaching for licensed social workers to obtain their continuing education hours. The NASW-LA workshops that are being held throughout the state in May and June all still have openings. Get your pre-registration form faxed, mailed or emailed to us ASAP or go online and register.

Work has begun on the 2018-2019 NASW-LA Continuing Education Program “Yellow Book”. Call for Proposals will go out soon to our presenters from this year’s workshops and the annual conference. If you or someone you know would like to submit a Call for Proposal, go to www.naswla.org and click on Continuing Education and CEU Application.

Thank you all for your continued support of NASW-LA and especially the Continuing Education Program.

NOTE: All CEU Certificates from any of the workshops throughout the year are emailed to the attendees as soon as we receive the packets from the workshops. In any case we will have all CEU Certificates out by June 30, 2018, if not before.

Annual Conference 2018

Karen D. Smith, Program Director

Thank you all for a great 2018 Annual Conference. If you have not submitted your CEU reporting form to the NASW-LA Chapter Office, please do so as soon as possible in order for us to review it and get you your total hours of attendance letter by the end of June 2018. As soon as we have summarized all of the evaluations, we will share the results and some of your concerns in the next newsletter.

We have begun work on the 2019 Annual Conference and will be posting and sending out the Call for Proposal in early July. If you or someone you know would like to present at the 2019 Annual Conference, let us know and we will send you a Call for Proposal when they are ready.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of NASW-LA and the Annual Conference. See you in 2019!

SAVE THE DATE
2019 NASW-LA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
March 20-22, 2019
Hilton Capitol Center Baton
Rouge, LA



2018 Leadership Award Winners

Social Worker of the Year
Carmen D. Weisner, LCSW, ACSW

Lifetime Achievement of the Year
Gary Tiemann, LCSW, ACSW

BSW Student of the Year
Glory Deaton

Public Official of the Year
Honorable Juan W. Pickett

Public Citizen of the Year
Dr. Harry Blake

President's Award
Sid Guedry, Jr.

Social workers and other mental health professionals are on the front lines of the human service delivery effort in Louisiana. We just want to say THANK YOU to you!

Social workers like you throughout the state have done many exceptional things. As our image building campaign has showcased, “Weaving Threads of Resilience and Advocacy.” Social workers are helping redesign service delivery. We have worked closely with many other professionals, organizations and coalitions and even made personal sacrifices to provide quality and heart-felt services to others. Social workers have met challenges head-on and helped those who are hurt overcome incredible obstacles. For many years, social workers have responded with compassion to those who are suffering and downtrodden, through every-day interactions. It is what we, as social workers, are called to do. We want to recognize social workers for the difference they make every day! We want to recognize YOU! Social work is not simply a profession – it is the essence of who we are!



SOCIALWORKERS
leaders. advocates. champions.

Carmen D. Weisner, LCSW, ACSW

2018 Social Worker of the Year

Carmen D. Weisner graduated from Louisiana State University with her Master of Social Work degree in 1974. With over forty years of post-masters practice experience and two pre-masters, Ms. Weisner has worked in a variety of social work settings. She began as an eligibility worker in a parish welfare office, and after earning her MSW, became a child protection caseworker providing investigatory and treatment services. Thereafter, she became the lead planner for the development of policy and procedures for the Louisiana Medicaid Program, and then served as the Medicaid Management Information System Claims Processing Manager; later Ms. Weisner was on loan as a Federal Medicaid Quality Control Lead Representative assigned to the state of Arkansas providing management and supervision services. Carmen then managed an annual budget of over \$67 million as the Physician Program Manager for the Louisiana Medicaid Program assuring program compliance under Title XIX regulations. Then for the next sixteen years Ms. Weisner's focus was in the area of child welfare service delivery, financing of public agency service provision and administrative management of programs within the Office of Community Services (Louisiana's public child welfare agency). Ms. Weisner then served as the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Community Services responsible for a \$218 million budget and Human Resource management. A few of the accomplishments during Ms. Weisner's tenure are:

- Accreditation from the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services - one of only three state administered public child welfare agencies achieving this credential. The process involved a comprehensive review of the policies and practices of the agency in casework protocols, budgeting, record keeping, management of human resources, development of a CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement) system, etc.
- Implementation of the Adoption and Safe Families Act in Louisiana. Required extensive coordination with Louisiana's judiciary, legislature, and agency staff.
- For three years the agency received a federal bonus for adoptive placements. The average number of adoptions annually was 450.
- Successfully passed a major federal review that assured continued Title IV-E funds.
- Designed and piloted a level of care reimbursement process for foster care.

Thereafter, Ms. Weisner became the Executive Director of the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers – where she remained at the helm for thirteen years!

Ms. Weisner has served on many boards, task forces, committees, and work groups giving tirelessly of her expertise, experience, knowledge, talent, wisdom and humor.

Gary Tiemann, LCSW, ACSW

2018 Lifetime Achievement

Gary Tiemann graduated from Louisiana State University with his Master of Social Work degree in 1987. With over thirty years of post-masters practice experience, Mr. Tiemann has dedicated his career to the mental health field. Before obtaining his MSW, Mr. Tiemann was a volunteer at The Phone, a suicide hot-line in Baton Rouge; he also was an intern with the Mental Health Team at Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. After Mr. Tiemann received his MSW, he was a therapist and case manager for the SWIFT (Six Weeks Intensive Family Therapy) program at the Family Crisis Center in Shreveport, moving on to Program Director. He was a partner and served as President of the Board of Directors of a non-profit agency – the Family Empowerment Center. Thereafter, he accepted a position with Charter Forest Hospital as staff psychotherapist and case manager for adults. Not too long after working in that capacity, he was appointed Program Administrator where he managed all the psychiatric units – child, adolescent, adult – and the adolescent chemical dependency unit. Mr. Tiemann moved on to become Clinical Director at Fairfield Hospital, a private in-patient hospital where he designed, implemented and managed the adult psychiatric unit and oversaw the adult chemical dependency unit. Since 1992, Mr. Tiemann has been in private practice providing psychotherapy to individuals, groups, couples and families.

He was a BACS for many years providing post-graduate supervision of social workers; he taught a social work course while a colleague was on maternity leave; he has been an advocate at the state and national level advancing reform efforts for social work consumers; and he has conducted numerous continuing education workshops for the Shreveport Region as well as for NASW-LA at the annual conference.

Recently, Mr. Tiemann wrote and published Miraculous Psychotherapy: Achieve Your Ultimate Happiness with *A Course in Miracles* wherein he synthesizes standard theories of psychology and recounts personal stories and utilizes examples from his practice. He conducts workshops around Louisiana on the science and evidence of reincarnation.

Mr. Tiemann served as a consultant on a movie filmed in Shreveport – The Tale – to be released this year. The movie involves child sexual abuse; the industry standards recommend that a social worker be on the set when a child is on the set when those scenes are filmed to ensure that the child is not exposed to anything inappropriate.

Mr. Tiemann has been a member of the National Association of Social Workers since 1987. He has served on the Louisiana Chapter Board and as Chair of the Shreveport Region. He is also a past recipient of the Dorothy Schenthal Award for Leadership for the Shreveport Region of the Louisiana Chapter. Mr. Tiemann is also a member of the Louisiana Association of Clinical Social Workers (since 1989) currently serving on the Board and is a past President of the Board. He also is a member of the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis (since 1991).

Mr. Tiemann is a long-time member of the League of Women Voters having served on the Board of the local chapter a few years ago. He spent many years coaching youth basketball while his son and daughter were in elementary and junior high school.

Glory Deaton

2018 BSW Student of the Year

Glory Deaton is a senior at Northwestern State University finishing her internship at a school based health clinic. Ms. Deaton did not plan on being a social worker – her first major was elementary education. However, she became a bit disillusioned when she discovered that children were expected to learn in the same way. Assessing that this could make school very difficult for some children and is a factor in behavioral problems, she decided to help children cope and to advocate for them with teachers, school administrators, and even parents. When Ms. Deaton changed her major to social work, she forfeited her Gallaspy Scholarship. However, according to Ms. Deaton “something clicked – I felt somewhat like a baby bird, finally discovering the use for its wings . . . I simply have fallen in love with all the possibilities that being a social worker entails and the sheer diversity of this helping field.”

Ms. Deaton is well-liked by both faculty and staff at NSU – she always has a big smile on her face. She will graduate with academic honors – currently her GPA is 3.769; she will also graduate debt-free – managing to do so through a combination of TOPS and employment and a small scholarship for working in Boys and Girls state one summer. Ms. Deaton is a member of the NSU rowing team (in 2016, the team ranked 2d nationally in Collegiate Rowing-Four Boat); participation on the rowing team requires daily practices – a major time commitment. This year Ms. Deaton is responsible for freshman recruitment for the team and keeping her team’s social media sites current. She is also a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

Ms. Deaton is aware that many students come to NSU (and elsewhere) without the supportive and loving background her family has provided her. According to members of the NSU faculty, “She understands how different and how difficult some people’s lives are, realizes that she has been blessed, and frequently exhibits the qualities of gratitude and humility. When we told her that we planned to nominate her for this honor, she cried and then started telling us who she thought was more qualified.”

Ms. Deaton is well on her way - “My amazing teachers at Northwestern State have opened up a whole new world of understanding for me. I know that social work is a field where one never stops learning. I intend to further my education by going to graduate school. I have hopes of either opening my own practice or working at a school-based health center as a counselor; I want to do my own research and build on the knowledge I have gained at Northwestern. I know that I am meant to be in this field and I am so excited to begin my career as a social worker.”

Honorable Juan W. Pickett

2018 Public Official of the Year

Judge Juan W. Pickett was elected to the 32nd Judicial District Court, Division C in 2014; he presides over civil and criminal matters, as well as Child in Need of Care cases. He is the first African-American elected to that court. Judge Pickett was born in Washington, D.C.; he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Virginia Union University and in 1993 a Juris Doctorate Degree from Southern University Law Center. Before being elected to the bench, Judge Pickett served as an Assistant District Attorney in Terrebonne Parish for over twenty-one years.

Judge Pickett is passionate about the future and safety of our children. He visits schools on a regular basis to discuss with students the importance of a good education, staying off drugs, and staying out of trouble through the Judges in the Classroom, Project LEAD, and the Head Start Programs. Judge Pickett initiated the Judge for the Day Program in his courtroom where junior and high school students shadow him for a day, sitting beside him on the bench, learning about the judicial branch of government on the local level while experiencing the legal system from the judge's perspective.

Judge Pickett is an active member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity where he assists with the youth Guide Right Program. He also gives an annual scholarship to a deserving senior from Ellender Memorial High School.

Judge Pickett and his wife, Bernadette, whom he met in law school, are the proud parents of one daughter, Jessica.

Dr. Harry Blake

2018 Public Citizen of the Year

The Reverend Dr. Harry Blake was born in Arkansas and moved to Louisiana at a very young age. He received his undergraduate degree from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas; he received the Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Louisiana Baptist University. Dr. Blake has been pastoring for over sixty years; currently he is the Pastor of Mount Canaan Baptist Church in Shreveport, where he has served for fifty-one years. Mt. Canaan is one of the leading and largest churches in Shreveport; the membership is a culturally diverse body of more than 2,000 sisters and brothers in Christ.

When you think “Civil Rights”, of course most of us think of Dr. Martin Luther King; but Dr. King hired a young man in 1960 who lived in Shreveport, Louisiana to spearhead civil rights and equality efforts, as well as head the voter registration drive for African-Americans in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas – his name is Harry Blake. During these tumultuous and dangerous times, as well as throughout the years thereafter, Dr. Blake’s accomplishments have been numerous. To name just a few: He has formed alliances with local community leaders and Shreveport city officials to revitalize the Allendale Community. Under his leadership, Mt. Canaan has built multi-level housing for the poor and an apartment complex for the elderly and physically challenged; created the Grace Project which builds single family homes; opened the Mt. Canaan Day Care and created an academic program – the Canaan Boys Academy. Dr. Blake has served in leadership positions over the years with many organizations that champion social change, education, community transformation, and service to and on behalf of the disenfranchised. Dr. Blake has also done much to deter crime; it is reported that the crime rate in the Allendale community – where Dr. Blake’s church has been established - is the lowest in Shreveport. In one of the letters received in support of Dr. Blake’s nomination for this award, he was described as “a prophetic pastor; passionate leader, social activist and humanitarian; eloquent orator and educator engaged in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, in fighting against racial injustice; committed to economic justice and empowerment in under-served communities and touching and transforming the lives of the disenfranchised.”

Dr. Blake has also endured consequences as a result of his courageous work: He was arrested numerous times during the Civil Rights Movement - the first arrest was on his very first day of work with Dr. King on March 1, 1960. He was beaten several times while participating in organized nonviolent demonstrations – the most vicious encounter was when police stormed into worship services at Little Union Baptist Church where Dr. Blake organized a service to memorialize four girls who were killed in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church on September 15, 1963. Dr. Blake was dragged through the church and beaten with nightsticks. On October 12, 1963, there was an assassination attempt as he was shot at on a rural highway as he left his church. Dr. Blake missed opportunities to pastor some churches during this time in history given the level of concern that those churches would be burned or destroyed.

Dr. Blake has in the past and currently does serve on many boards, commissions, and works with many organizations that serve the community. Also, he is a guest lecturer for many Baptist colleges and seminaries. He is married to Norma Jean Jernigan and has four children and sixteen grandchildren. According to two Past Lt. Governors of Kiwanis International.

Sid Guedry, Jr. **2018 President's Award**

Sid Guedry is a dedicated husband and father who treasures the value of family. This is just one of his many positive traits. He is also a Kiwanis member having joined the Hammond Kiwanis Club about ten years ago. According to two past Lt. Governors of Kiwanis International, this began a life of dedication and service to others that has inspired many to this day. According to two of his colleagues: "From the outset of Sid's joining Kiwanis, he demonstrated a capacity for leadership, but above all, he showed that he was readily willing to share his time, talents and treasure. Sid took the time to participate in every civic project that the club pursued. He was a ready participant in programs that greatly benefited many in the community. He is always willing to lend a hand to those who need his assistance."

Mr. Guedry's willingness to embrace the principles of Kiwanis led the club to elect him President; a position in which he served admirably. Following that leadership role, he agreed to serve as Lieutenant Governor of Division 13 of the Louisiana – Mississippi – West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International. In that capacity he oversaw the activities of six Kiwanis Clubs spread out across Southeast Louisiana. He spent considerable time visiting each of these clubs encouraging them to strive to be the best clubs they could be.

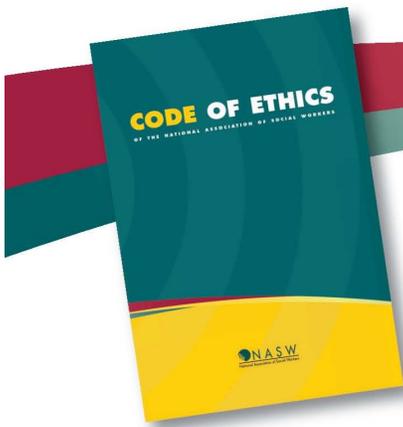
After serving as Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Guedry accepted an even greater challenge. He was asked to direct the activities of Circle K International Clubs on college campuses throughout the three-state district. In that capacity, he has worked tirelessly to rebuild CKI into a force for good on college campuses. He is a humble man, and would never tell anyone how much of his own funds he has spent organizing CKI district conventions, but those who know him well know that he spent copiously purchasing prizes, planning entertainment, and in general encouraging collegians to become a part of an organization dedicated to helping others.

The mission statement for Kiwanis International reads: "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time." Sid Guedry epitomizes that noble statement. He has gone out of his way to help improve his community.

Mr. Guedry is always eager to give to worthy causes, to financially support others, and to donate funds to those in need. He has been a longtime financial supporter of St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Catholic High School and Holy Ghost Elementary Catholic School; he financially assisted students at those schools who came from backgrounds of limited resources.

He has opened his mind, his heart, and his wallet to help others. He is a generous, civic-minded servant who is willing to put others above himself.





2017 Approved Changes to the *NASW Code of Ethics* FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. When does the new *NASW Code of Ethics* go into effect?

The new *NASW Code of Ethics* goes into effect on January 1, 2018.

2. Where can I get a copy of the revised *NASW Code of Ethics*?

Copies of the revised *NASW Code of Ethics* will be available by November 1, 2017. You can pre-order a copy by calling NASW Press at 800.227.3590.

3. Which sections of the *NASW Code of Ethics* were updated?

The sections of the *NASW Code of Ethics* that were revised include:

The Purpose of the Code	1.16 Referral for Services
1.03 Informed Consent	2.01 Respect
1.04 Competence	2.06 Sexual Relationships
1.05 Cultural Competence and Social Diversity	2.07 Sexual Harassment
1.06 Conflicts of Interest	2.10 Unethical Conduct of Colleagues
1.07 Privacy and Confidentiality	3.01 Supervision and Consultation
1.08 Access to Records	3.02 Education and Training
1.09 Sexual Relationships	3.04 Client Records
1.11 Sexual Harassment	5.02 Evaluation and Research
1.15 Interruption of Services	6.04 Social and Political Action

4. What educational resources are available to explain the latest revisions to the *NASW Code of Ethics*?

Several resources will be available, including an online training, an NASW chat, a blog, code revision consults, and a posting of the changes with the explanations on the NASW website.

5. Which social workers are accountable to the *NASW Code of Ethics*?

Most social workers are held accountable to the *NASW Code of Ethics*, including NASW members, many licensed social workers, employed social workers, and students.

6. Do these changes affect social workers who aren't members of NASW?

Yes. The *NASW Code of Ethics* sets forth the values, principles, and standards that guide the profession as a whole. NASW members are formally bound to the *NASW Code of Ethics*, and social work licensees are also accountable as many states incorporate the *Code of Ethics* into their licensing statutes.

7. Who was responsible for revising the *NASW Code of Ethics*?

An *NASW Code of Ethics* Review Task Force was appointed by the NASW President and approved by the NASW Board of Directors.

8. How am I held accountable if I do not implement these changes by the effective date?

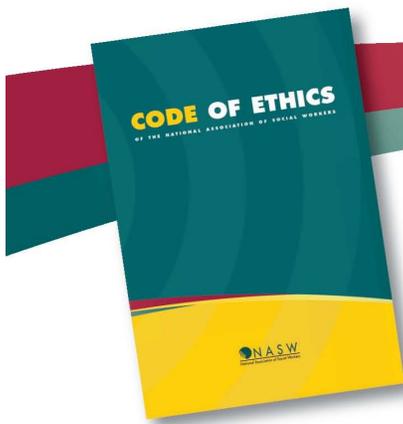
If you are a member of NASW, you may be held accountable through the NASW professional review process, if someone files an ethics complaint against you. You may also be held accountable by a state licensing board if a licensing board complaint is filed against you. Furthermore, you may be held accountable by your employer or your university, which may take disciplinary action for failure to adhere to the *NASW Code of Ethics*. Finally, you may be held accountable through a court of law that looks to the *NASW Code of Ethics* to establish the standard for professional ethical social work practice.

9. Have social work schools, employers, agencies, etc., been made aware of the changes?

NASW is working diligently to notify the social work profession and stakeholders using various communication channels, including print, social media, and web-based notices.

10. Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

The resources described in section four above should resolve most questions about the revisions. If you still have questions after these resources are made available, you may contact the Office of Ethics and Professional Review at ethics@socialworkers.org. Please include your telephone number and a return email address. Due to the potential volume of questions, it may take time to reply. We appreciate your understanding.



Delegate Assembly Approves Revisions to the *NASW Code of Ethics*

On Friday, August 4, 2017, the Delegate Assembly of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) approved the most substantive revision to the *NASW Code of Ethics* since 1996. After careful and charged deliberation, the Delegate Assembly voted to accept proposed revisions to the *Code* that focused largely on the use of technology and the implications for ethical practice.

The *NASW Code of Ethics* continues to be the most accepted standard for social work ethical practice worldwide. With emergent technological advances over the last two decades, the profession could not ignore the necessity for more clarity around the complex implications of new forms of communication and relationship building through technology. As such, in September 2015 an *NASW Code of Ethics* Review Task Force was appointed by the NASW president and approved by the NASW Board of Directors.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO TASK FORCE CHAIR:

- » Allan Barsky, JD, MSW, PhD, National Ethics Committee (past chair)

Task Force Members:

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- » Frederic Reamer, PhD
- » Kim Strom-Gottfried, PhD
- » Bo Walker, MSW, LCSW, National Ethics Committee
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- » Anne B. Camper, JD, MBA, NASW general counsel
- » Carolyn Polowy, JD, former NASW general counsel

The Task Force was charged with examining the current *Code of Ethics* through the lens of specific ethical considerations when using various forms of technology. In September 2015, they embarked on a year-long process that involved studying emerging standards in other professions and examining relevant professional literature, such as the Association of Social Work Boards' (2015) *Model Regulatory Standards for Technology and Social Work Practice*. In addition, Task Force members considered the technology practice standards that were concurrently being developed by a national task force commissioned by NASW, Council on Social Work Education, Clinical Social Work Association, and Association of Social Work Boards. A year later the proposed amendments were presented to the NASW membership for review, and many member comments were incorporated prior to finalization.

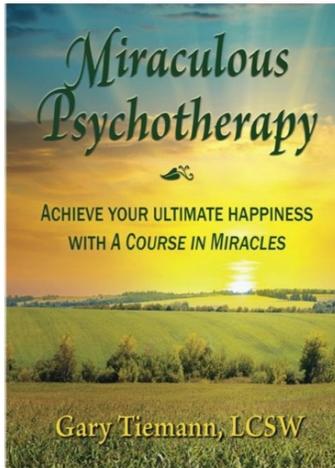
The approved *Code of Ethics* revisions reflect a collaborative and inclusive effort that drew from a diverse cross-section of the profession. The August 4 approval by the Delegate Assembly marks significant progress in the profession's ability to respond to our ever-changing practice environment.

The new version of the *NASW Code of Ethics* comes into effect January 1, 2018. In the meantime, training and technical assistance opportunities will be made available through the Office of Ethics and Professional Review and the NASW website.

Our sincere appreciation again to the task force, NASW staff, and committed members across the globe who contributed to this momentous accomplishment.

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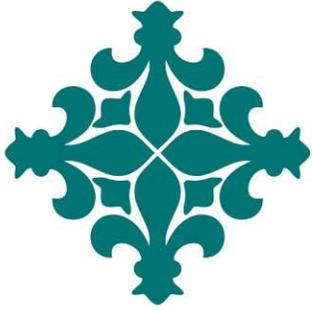
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- Enjoy extended customer service hours (evenings and Saturdays) and easy on-line enrollment process with same day policy and proof of coverage once accepted.

ENHANCED BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Enhanced:** \$35,000 Licensing Board Coverage and \$35,000 Wage Loss Coverage automatically included (up from \$5,000 each)
- **New:** Health Information – HIPAA Privacy Coverage (\$25,000)
- **New:** Emergency First Aid Coverage (\$15,000)
- **New:** First Party Assault Coverage (\$15,000)
- **New:** Medical Payments Coverage (\$50,000)

PLUS ... you now have access to a lawyer-staffed Risk Management Help Line to answer your claims-related questions.

- Supplemental Liability Coverage (for clients tripping and falling in office)
- No deductible
- Your choice of coverage amounts from \$1 million/ \$3 million up to \$2 million/\$4 million (or up to Virginia requirements)



Don't assume that renewing your old policy automatically gives you enhanced coverage! To obtain the enhanced, new policy you must take action: call 855-385-2160 or enroll at www.naswassurance.org/pli/professionals. It's quick and easy!

REFRESH YOUR HIPAA Training

NASW is Here to Help

MEMBERS: \$35 for one course
\$99 for multi-course package

NON-MEMBERS: \$45 for one course
\$129 for multi-course package

The 2013 Omnibus HIPAA Rule establishes new requirements for health and mental health professionals. NASW's Legal Defense Fund and its partner, Medelearn, have updated the online HIPAA training courses tailored for social workers. These include HIPAA privacy and security as well as HITECH Act provisions. Who should take these courses? Any social worker who works in a setting or practice where insurance companies are billed directly for services will benefit.

- Engaging e-learning experiences including professional graphics and work scenarios.
- Basic and Advanced level courses.
- Instant test scores. Test until you pass!
- Immediate access to print "Certificate of Completion" for audits.
- One-year access to course content.
- CE Credits earned (in some states).

For more information visit: www.medelearn.org/nasw



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Membership in NASW is an Investment in Your Career

Whether you are a social work student or degreed professional, whether you work with clients or with communities or organizations, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) has the resources and professional development opportunities to enhance your education, build your career, and advance you as a social work professional.

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- Entry into a community of nearly 150,000 colleagues who support each other and the profession
- Automatic chapter membership at no additional cost for a local connection to continuing education, news, and issues affecting social work practice where you live or work
- Discounted membership rates for students and social workers just entering the field
- Access to career advancement services of the NASW online career center, including résumé, cover letter, and interviewing tips, and all features of JobLink, NASW's social work job bank
- Multiple opportunities throughout the year to take free webinars and earn CE credit
- Free NASW WebEd online courses that offer CE credit
- Specialty sections for practice-specific information and resources, member-to-member networking, and opportunities to earn additional free CE credit
- Professional credentials that can energize your career and increase your marketability
- Affordable professional liability and personal insurance for protection on the job and at home
- Members-only information on legal issues affecting the profession
- Advocacy on Capitol Hill for the future of our profession and viability of our workforce for years to come

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50 THINGS YOU CAN DO AS A MEMBER OF NASW

- 1) SUPPORT YOURSELF AND YOUR PROFESSION THROUGH *YOUR* PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION.
- 2) AFFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE NASW CODE OF ETHICS.
- 3) RECEIVE THREE MEMBERSHIPS FOR ONE PRICE: NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL.
- 4) RECEIVE 10 ISSUES ANNUALLY OF THE AWARD-WINNING **NASW News**.
- 5) DEPEND UPON PAID PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL AND CHAPTER STAFF WORKING DAILY FOR YOU AND ON YOUR BEHALF.
- 6) NETWORK WITH LOCAL SOCIAL WORKERS AT REGULAR BRANCH MEETINGS.
- 7) MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY JOINING WITH OTHER SOCIAL WORKERS IN ADVOCACY EFFORTS TO PROTECT VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND NEEDED SERVICES.
- 8) LEARN THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE IN TENNESSEE.
- 9) GAIN PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION FROM THE SOCIAL WORK PUBLIC IMAGE CAMPAIGN.
- 10) UTILIZE NATIONAL AND STATEWIDE TOLL-FREE INFORMATION LINES FOR MEMBERS.
- 11) ACCESS "MEMBERS ONLY" SECTIONS OF YOUR OWN NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL WEBSITE: WWW.SOCIALWORKERS.ORG.
- 12) KEEP UP TO DATE ON INFORMATION IMPACTING SOCIAL WORKERS IN TENNESSEE THROUGH REGULAR MEMBER E-NEWSLETTERS.
- 13) RECEIVE MEMBER ONLY ACCESS TO EXCELLENT MALPRACTICE INSURANCE AT GREAT RATES.
- 14) BE PROTECTED BY PROFESSIONAL LOBBYING FOR YOU AND YOUR PROFESSION AT THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL.
- 15) HELP ELECT PACE-ENDORSED CANDIDATES SUPPORTING SOCIAL WORK ISSUES.
- 16) RECEIVE A 20 – 30% DISCOUNT AND BE NOTIFIED FIRST ABOUT NASW CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS IN YOUR AREA AND ACROSS THE STATE.
- 17) HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED ON LICENSURE AND ETHICS.
- 18) RECEIVE INTERNET ACCESS TO THE PROFESSION'S PREMIERE JOURNAL, **SOCIAL WORK**.
- 19) TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN LOCAL, CHAPTER, AND NATIONAL POSITIONS.
- 20) PARTICIPATE IN, OR BENEFIT FROM, STATEWIDE COMMITTEES INCLUDING CONTINUING EDUCATION, ETHICS, LEGISLATIVE AND MEMBERSHIP SERVICES.
- 21) DEVELOP NEW SKILLS THROUGH VOLUNTEERING.
- 22) ATTEND QUALITY CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY THE CHAPTER AND AT YOUR LOCAL BRANCH LEVEL. FREE ON-LINE CEUs ARE ALSO BEING PROVIDED ON THE NATIONAL WEBSITE.
- 23) LEARN ABOUT WORKSHOPS OFFERED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE RECEIVED CEU APPROVAL FROM NASW.
- 24) JOIN OVER 50,000 MEMBERS IN THE ACADEMY OF CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS (ACSW).
- 25) HAVE YOUR CLINICAL SKILLS NOTED BY OBTAINING THE DIPLOMAT IN CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK (DCSW).
- 26) LEARN ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES THROUGH LEGAL BRIEFS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST MEMBERS IN UNDERSTANDING LEGAL ISSUES THAT IMPACT THE PROFESSION.
- 27) USE "SOCIAL WORK SPEAKS" TO FIND NASW POLICIES ON MAJOR HUMAN SERVICES ISSUES.
- 28) USE THE SOCIAL WORK FINDER ON WWW.HELPSTARTSHERE.ORG TO RECRUIT NEW CLIENTS AND LOCATE SOCIAL WORKERS AROUND THE NATION.
- 29) OBTAIN CERTIFICATION IN YOUR SPECIALTY AREA.
- 30) BE RECOGNIZED AND RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE THROUGH LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL "SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR" AWARDS.
- 31) JOIN A SPECIALIZED PRACTICE SECTION FOR NETWORKING, IDEA-SHARING, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
- 32) PARTICIPATE IN GRASSROOTS LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AT LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVELS ON SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PROFESSIONAL ISSUES.
- 33) RECEIVE ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT SOCIAL WORK SALARIES IN TENNESSEE.
- 34) USE THE LIBRARY/VIDEO SERVICES FROM THE CHAPTER OFFICE.
- 35) ACCESS SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT STANDARDS FOR YOUR FIELD OF PRACTICE.
- 36) ADVERTISE YOUR OWN SERVICES AND WORKSHOPS TO OTHER SOCIAL WORKERS AT LOW COST.
- 37) BENEFIT FROM NASW'S EFFORTS TO DEFINE WHAT SOCIAL WORK IS AND DOES FOR THE PUBLIC, THE MEDIA, AND THE LEGISLATURE.
- 38) RECEIVE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE UPDATES ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION IMPACTING SOCIAL WORKERS AND OUR CLIENTS.
- 39) HELP DISPEL MYTHS ABOUT SOCIAL WORK.
- 40) USE CONTACTS FOR SOCIAL WORK INFORMATION IN ALL 50 STATES.
- 41) GET ASSISTANCE WITH EMPLOYMENT AND LICENSURE WHEREVER YOU RELOCATE.
- 42) PURCHASE T-SHIRTS, COFFEE MUGS, AND OTHER ITEMS THAT CELEBRATE YOUR PROFESSION.
- 43) PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL WORK MONTH AND 'SOCIAL WORK DAY ON THE HILL' ACTIVITIES.
- 44) ADVANCE PROFESSIONALLY BY PUTTING NASW MEMBERSHIP ON YOUR RESUME.
- 45) SIGN UP FOR SPECIALTY JOURNALS OR A SPECIALITY PRACTICE SECTION WITH INFORMATION AND CEUs IN YOUR AREA OF PRACTICE.
- 46) GET MEMBER DISCOUNTS ON RENTAL CARS, HOTELS AND OFFICE PRODUCTS.
- 47) SHOP NASW PRESS'S VIRTUAL BOOKSTORE: WWW.NASWPRESS.ORG.
- 48) GET GROUP INSURANCE FOR TERM LIFE, DISABILITY, HOSPITAL DAILY CASH, AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH.
- 49) HELP PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM UNETHICAL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE.
- 50) ... AND THE LIST COULD GO ON AND ON AS THOUSANDS OF SOCIAL WORKERS JOIN TOGETHER FOCUSED ON OUR CORE VALUES OF *SERVICE, SOCIAL JUSTICE, DIGNITY AND WORTH OF THE PERSON, IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS, INTEGRITY AND COMPETENCE.*

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Deadline Dates vary according to the publication of the newsletter. Generally, the 15th of the month is the deadline for all newsletter information. The newsletter is scheduled to go to print quarterly.

Benefits of NASW-LA Membership

- Be a part of the largest organization of professional social workers in the United States. We have over 130,000 in U.S. and Louisiana has 1,600 members.
- Since we are accessible on more of a local level, there are more opportunities to attend educational and networking meetings and conferences.
- Great way to build your network of colleagues and friends.
- Plus, for members only, you get many discounts and services, such as workshops and annual conference, car rental, hotel, credit cards, etc.
- NASW has liability insurance that can cover you if a client may file grievance.
- There is also other insurance offered including group term life, long-term liability, hospital daily cash, or accidental death & dismemberment.
- NASW gets involved in legislative issues that affect their members and the members' clients. We have PACE (Political Action Candidate Election) to help elect people to political office who have similar values.

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call 1-800-638-8799 for a mailed application.

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