

ANNUAL REPORT 2014



ABOUT CASW

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The Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) is a federation of provincial and territorial social work organizations. By joining a CASW Partner Organization, social workers are automatically affiliated with CASW and the International Federation of Social Workers. CASW offers individual memberships to social workers in provinces without Partner Organization status in the national federation.

The Board consists of a President and one representative from each member organization. For one year immediately following her/his term of office, the Past President will also be a member of the Board of Directors.

MISSION STATEMENT

CASW promotes the profession of social work in Canada and advances social justice.

CASW ENDS/DIRECTIONS

CASW exists so that the social work profession is respected as a unique, diverse, and credible profession, in Canada and Internationally.

1. There is a clear and positive image of the social work profession.
2. The social work profession has a positive impact on public/social justice issues.
 - a) Policy makers will understand the impact of policy decision on social justice.
 - b) Social service development will be responsive to the social needs of Canadians.
3. All social workers have access to a broad base of information they need to enhance their practice.

All three ends or direction are held to be of equal priority

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CASW Federation at 2013 National Meetings

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the past year, CASW has reported through various means, on activities and events that should be of interest to social workers across the country. Our regular publications, bulletins and monthly ED reports serve a dual purpose. We seek to provide up to date information on the roles of social workers in various fields so that collectively we can better promote our profession. Of equal importance, is the promotion of social justice which remains a central focus of

many of our media releases, position papers and policy statements.

I am pleased to report that the 2014 annual meeting is being held in conjunction with a National Social Work Conference in St. Catharines, Ontario. It is through the joint collaboration of CASW and CASWE that we have been able to organize this conference in conjunction with the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. The programme should be of interest to a broad range of practitioners and includes a plenary session entitled "Borders and Boundaries, Dialogue of the Three Pillars of Social Work: Educators, Regulators, and Practitioners". This session will be moderated and participants will have the opportunity to put forward questions to the representatives of CASW, CASWE and CCSWR on the inter-sectorial committee.

One of the services provided by CASW that has been highly valued over the years has been our position papers or policy statements. Over the past two years, through the work of our social policy interest committee, we have released two major papers: The Canada Social Transfer and Accountability Matters (2012) as well as The Canada Social Transfer and the Social Determinants of Health (2013). These papers will be the subject of a major international Social Work publication in July 2014 relating to the Global Observatory. I am especially pleased to report that over this past year, the social policy interest committee has followed up with a major paper on Equity and the Future of Canadian Social Policy (2014). In this paper, CASW is recommending the adoption of an equity framework for social policy in Canada, in which the federal government would have a shared role with the provinces and the territories. It is based on a concept of income, social and health equity and it will provide a framework for our advocacy initiatives.

On another front we have the children's interest committee which has been very active and has produced two publications of interest to social workers across the country. The paper entitled Social Media Use and Social Work Practice has generated an enormous amount of interest and attention to this very important subject as it outlines some of the ethical considerations and best practice guidelines for social workers. Another paper prepared by the Children's interest committee entitled No Child Left behind has received unanimous support from members of the CASW Federation. In this paper, CASW is advocating for provincial and territorial child protection legislation that would ensure access to child protection services up to the age of 18 at a minimum in all jurisdictions.



CASW President signing a Partnership Agreement with MIRSW

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT'D)

Over the last three years, I have reported on numerous occasions about the efforts made by CASW to reach out to the leadership of the provincial associations who are no longer members of the Federation. Reunification is an objective of high priority in our strategic plan. I am convinced that it is a realistic objective but it is also clear to me that reunification will happen if and when it becomes a shared objective. The CASW Federation remains open to any discussions or negotiations and this has been communicated to all parties concerned.

Over the last few months, we have had to answer questions relating to the financial situation of CASW, as many wonder how we are managing, including partner organizations that are no longer with the Federation. We have a detailed financial report that will be presented by our treasurer in his annual report. I want to share my perspective as well on our situation as it is an important consideration in developing our strategic plan for the future. To state the obvious, the loss of three partner associations has been devastating for CASW. We have had no choice but to reduce operating expenses to offset the loss of revenue from membership fees. We have done this through less contracting out of services, fewer meetings of the Board and an unfortunate and drastic reduction in our staff component over the last few years. Our revenue from advertising, publications, shared office space with CASWE as well as foreign trained assessments has also helped us balance our budgets. It continues to be a major challenge for CASW to meet our objectives in our strategic plan considering our limited resources. Throughout all of this, I want to emphasize however that CASW remains a viable and important voice for social work on the national and international scenes. We are capable and prepared to advocate for social justice with the limited resources that we have at our disposal as we have done for several decades.

I want to add that we must continue to do everything we can to demonstrate the value of CASW through the initiatives of social workers who serve on committees and volunteer their time and energy to accomplish our mission. CASW is a community of social workers and we must build this community by encouraging more social workers to get involved in every province and territory in Canada.



CASW President signing Partnership Agreement with NLASW.

Finally, but not of least importance by any means, I am pleased to report once again that we benefit from the strong leadership of our Executive Director, Fred Phelps as we transition into the new governance model. On behalf of all our partner organizations and social workers who are members of CASW, I want to express appreciation to our numerous volunteers across the country and all of our staff at the CASW office for your efforts and contributions. Thank you all for your personal support and your friendship.

Respectfully submitted
Morel Caissie, MSW, RSW

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 2013-14 CASW made significant strides in implementing the current Strategic Directions adopted by consensus of the federation. To this end, in 2013 CASW launched a Private Practice Interest Group (PPIG) that has begun its work in developing on-line resources intended to support social workers to begin, maintain and promote their practice.

Encompassed in the work of the PPIG was connecting with a Masters of Social Work research team at the Carleton School of Social Work whom conducted a research project, on behalf of CASW, on the inclusion of social work within the services covered through extended health benefit programs. This research project has formed the road-map for content development of on-line resources that CASW will deliver in 2014-15. CASW is exceptionally pleased with the research partnership with the Carleton School of Social Work and intends to develop stronger ties with programs across Canada that may support the development of research and policy for CASW.

In this past year CASW strengthened its national liability program available through Aon increasing professional liability from 2 to 3 million as well as moving application and renewal on-line. In this next year CASW will leverage its relationship with Aon to utilize its marketing capacity to support the promotion of the profession. The content of the PPIG on-line resources noted previously will also be informed by the expertise of Aon in risk management

Alignment of CASW operations to accomplish the goals of the CASW Strategic Directions is ongoing. In this regard CASW continues to maintain strong connections to strategic alliances and coalitions that support the mission, purpose and ends of the organization. The connection to coalitions on the national level, that drive collective social and health policy and oversight, are becoming increasingly more important in an era of Government leadership that continues to download federal responsibility and accountability to the provinces and territories. At risk is a further deepening of inequity in Canada and stronger regional divisions that, if left unchecked, threaten to undermine the social and economic fabric that binds our great country together.

Consequently CASW continues focus its own work and support of national coalitions focussed on demanding the federal government again provide a leadership role in the development and accountable implementation of national standards for health and social service delivery. To this end, in 2013-14, CASW joined a new coalition, the Canadian Coalition for Public Health in the 21st Century (CCPH21). CCPH21 is a national network of non-profit organizations, professional associations, health charities and academic researchers who share the common goal to improve and sustain the health of Canadians. CASW also remains active in the Health Action Lobby (HEAL), a coalition of 35 national health organizations, focussed its efforts on developing consensus positions on the role of the federal government in health and healthcare. As well in terms of promoting a leadership role in mental health, CASW continues to engage actively in the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH). For its part, CASW, via the work of the Social Policy Interest Group (SPIG), developed in 2013-14 a paper on social, economic and health equity that will be released in May 2014. This paper will form the basis of CASW advocating initiatives in lead up to the 2015 federal election.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CONT'D)

Another initiative of note in this past year was CASW's involvement in an alliance of 11 national organizations that worked together to minimize the negative impact of Bill C-14, the Not Criminally Responsible Reform Act. Among other recommendation, the alliance proposed amendments to eliminate the creation of a "high risk accused" category for people found NCR. Although the alliance was not successful in achieving its goal of amending Bill C-14, it was successful in raising the level of debate and started to shift media reporting on the real facts and evidence around NCR.

As I write this report, CASW is in full gear organizing the final preparations for a National Conference to be delivered jointly with the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE). The Joint National Conference will be held as part of the Congress of Humanities at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. CASW is extremely grateful for the cooperation of the CASWE Board and Staff in choosing to deliver a joint conference. The joint conference will also bring together many representatives from the Canadian Council of Social Worker Regulators (CCSWR) together; providing a venue for all three pillars of the profession to positively discuss the future of our profession.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Presidents and Executive Directors of CASW Partner Organizations, the Chairs and members of CASW Interest Groups as well as CASW Board members, who have taken on specific roles on various ad-hoc committees, for your dedication to our profession. It is because of your combined efforts and commitment to CASW that we are able to meet the goals and objectives outlined in the CASW Strategic Plan.

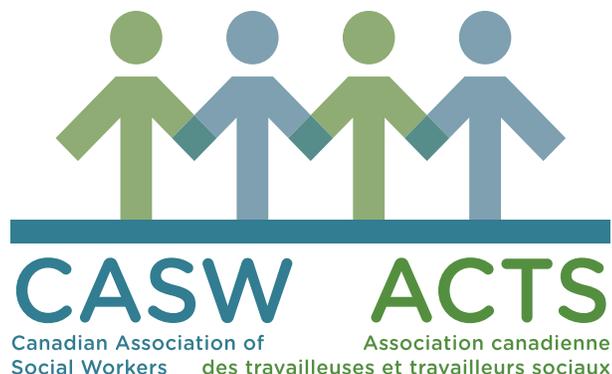
CASW is also grateful for the continued commitment of hundreds of social workers from coast to coast, who celebrate National Social Work Month and make this a successful event in promoting our profession.

Finally, a special thank you goes to the CASW Staff who continue to provide CASW with the administrative support necessary to implement the goals of the organization.

Respectively submitted,



Fred Phelps, MSW, RSW
Executive Director



STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

REVENUE

Membership Fees	\$	336,135
CSW Journal and CASW Bulletin		47,805
Other Income		51,681
	\$	435,621

EXPENSES

Salaries and benefits		209,306
Rent		72,444
Meetings and Travel		51,873
Fees to Other Organizations		20,433
CSW Journal and CASW Bulletin		6,376
Translation		12,635
Professional Fees		10,432
Office		10,831
Telephone, Fax and Internet		7,432
Insurance		5,867
Interest Groups		1,525
Amortization		2,215
Website Initiatives		1,775
	\$	413,144
EXCESS REVENUE	\$	22,477

*This information has been extracted from the financial statements reviewed by Firas Nasser, CA, Licensed Public Accountant.
Complete financial statement is circulated to all member organizations.*

HIGHLIGHTS OF CASW 2013-14 INITIATIVES

APRIL 2013

CASW Joins National Mental Health Advisory Committee for Clara's Big Ride

CASW committed to being a member of the National Mental Health Advisory Committee for the Bell Let's Talk National Tour featuring Clara Hughes. A huge thank you to all CASW Partner organizations that provided support and committed Community Champions for this momentous tour.



**CASW Executive Director
with Clara Hughes**

CASW Submits Brief to Standing Committee on Finance

CASW provided a brief, entitled Income Inequality in Canada, to the Standing Committee on Finance for their study into the issue of income inequality.

Grace Chronister Alumni Award

CASW Executive Director received the Grace Chronister Alumni Award from Thompson Rivers University.

CASW Provides Input for 'Victims Bills of Rights

CASW attended a two day conference, organized by the Ombudsman for Victims of Crime that focussed on providing input for a proposed 'Victims Bill of Rights.'

CASW Participates in a National Dialogue on Health Care Transformation

CASW participated on a national discussion panel sponsored by the Canadian Medical Association (CMA). The National Dialogue on Health Care Transformation panel focussed specifically on the social determinants of health.

MAY-JUNE 2013

CASW Joins Mental Health Collaborative Opposed to 'Not Criminally Responsible Reform Act'

CASW joined a collaborative of 11 national health and social service organizations to actively engage the Government of Canada to withdraw or introduce amendments to Bill C-54 - Not Criminally Responsible Reform Act.

CASW Supports Harm Reduction for National Drug Strategy

CASW joined the growing chorus of health professionals strongly opposed to the Harper Government's prohibitionist approach to drug policy and released CASW Supports Harm Reduction for National Drug Strategy.

Canadian Social Work Journal

The CSW Journal Co-Editors hosted a 1-hour teleconference in partnership with NLASW on professional writing.

CASW Supports Equitable Funding for All Children

CASW joined the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) in a statement on National Aboriginal Day 2013 In Support of Aboriginal Children and Families.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CASW 2013-14 INITIATIVES (CONT'D)

JULY-AUGUST 2013

Pre-Budget Submissions

CASW coordinated the drafting of the Pre-Budget Submission for Canadian Alliance for Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH) that asks for the implementation of Canada's mental health strategy with 3 specific recommendations on additional funding to services and research.

CASW prepared and presented a Pre-Budget Submission in consultation with the Social Policy Interest Group that focussed on reducing the growing income inequality gap in Canada.

Rights of the Child

The CASW President attended the International Summer Course on the Rights of the Child in Moncton, New Brunswick.

Canadian Coalition for Public Health in the 21st Century

CASW joined a new coalition, the Canadian Coalition for Public Health in the 21st Century (CCPH21). CCPH21 is a national network of non-profit organizations, professional associations, health charities and academic researchers who share the common goal to improve and sustain the health of Canadians.

CASW Applauds Premiers for their Support for National Inquiry

CASW issued press release applauding the in Premiers for their Support of the National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Aboriginal Women.

SEPTEMBER 2013

CASW and Aon introduce On-line Renewal for Liability Insurance

Aon Group Insurance renewal went on-line in 2013 and increased coverage to \$3 million; \$1 million more in coverage than other programs offered.

Inclusion of Registered Social Worker in Third Party Health Benefit Plans – Research Project

CASW partnered with the Student Research Team from the Carleton School of Social Work on a major research project to better understand and position the profession for inclusion in third party or extended health benefit plans.

CASW endorses NWAC Statement

CASW endorsed a joint statement drafted by the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) that calls for a national inquiry into murdered and missing Aboriginal Women. The statement was read nationwide at the October 4th 2013 Sisters In Spirit Vigils.

CASW Opposes Bill C-65, the ``Respect for Communities Act``

CASW endorsed an open letter to the Minister of Health that opposed Bill C-65 and called for the Minister to stand up for people's lives and take leadership to ensure that supervised consumption services become a part of the continuum of care for people who use drugs in Canada.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CASW 2013-14 INITIATIVES (CONT'D)

OCTOBER 2013

CASW/CASWE Joint Conference 2014 Announced

CASW announced the CASW/CASWE Joint Conference 2014 and launched the poster. CASW Joint National Committee met on October 10. Next step is Call for Submissions and confirming Keynotes.

Mental Illness Awareness Week

CASW participated (October 7-9) in the Mental Illness Awareness Week including meetings with Minister Tony Clement, President of the Treasury Board. CASW and MIRSW partnered to celebrate a Manitoba Social Worker, Marli Brown, who was chosen as a 2013 Face of Mental Illness.



CAMIMH meeting with Minister Clement

National Conference on Ending Homelessness

CASW attended Canada's first National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Ottawa.

2013 Speech from the Throne

CASW provided an immediate response to the 2013 Speech from the Throne in consultation with the CASW Social Policy Interest Group.

CCPH21, of which CASW is now a member, released a response to the Throne Speech that CASW supported.

CASW Endorsed Canada's Top 5 in 5 final report

CASW officially endorsed the Canadian Nurses Association's five priority goals outlined in Canada's Top 5 in 5 final report.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2013

Not-for-profit Corporations Act

CASW and the Canadian Social Work Foundation successfully transitioned into the new Not-for-profit Corporations Act through Industry Canada.

Affordable Housing is Harm Reduction

On National Housing Day, CASW issued Affordable Housing is Harm Reduction, calling on the Government of Canada to consult with all levels of government as well as the private sector to develop and implement a comprehensive national long-term affordable housing plan that will reduce health and social inequities across Canada.

Ugandan Parliament

CASW issued a request to Minister Baird to continue opposition to the newly passed anti-homosexual act passed by the Ugandan Parliament. The CASW President was instrumental in having the International Federation of Social Workers issue a statement in opposition to the law.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CASW 2013-14 INITIATIVES (CONT'D)

JANUARY 2014

Social Media Guidelines

The CASW Children's Interest Group developed Social Media Use and Social Work Practice guidelines to support practitioners with the ethics of social media.

IFSW Global Observatory

CASW provided a submission to the IFSW Global Observatory that focussed on CASW's efforts to establish accountability for the Canadian Social Transfer that include addressing the social determinants of health.

Intersectoral Collaboration

Inter-Sectoral Dialogue with the CASW, the Canadian Council of Social Work Regulators (CCSWR) and the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASWE) to establish a three pillar panel on the future of social work at the CASW/CASWE Joint National Conference (May 26-29).

Centre of Health Promotion

CASW partner with the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), meeting to begin work with the with the Centre of Health Promotion to support for the Government of Canada's public commitment to renew efforts in ending family violence in Canada within the health portfolio.

Social Media Use
and Social Work Practice



Canadian
Association of
Social Workers

FEBRUARY 2014

Budget 2014

- CASW, in consultation with the CASW Social Policy Interest Group, issued an immediate response to Budget 2014 that strongly recommended the Government of Canada continue working with the provinces and territories to develop national plans to end homelessness and reduce poverty that complements adopted provincial and territorial poverty reduction plans and mental health strategies.
- CASW coordinated the Canadian Alliance for Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH) response to Budget 2014 that conveyed collective disappointment for the lack of commitment for increased, sustained, and dedicated funding to meet the mental health needs of our veterans and military families.

Equal Rights for All

CASW endorsed an open letter to members of Canada's Senate Statement in Support of Bill C-279: An Act to Amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code (Gender Identity) issued by Amnesty Canada.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CASW 2013-14 INITIATIVES (CONT'D)

FEBRUARY 2014 (CONT'D)

Bill C-54 Not Criminally Responsible (NCR) Reform Act Re-introduced in Senate as Bill C-14

The Government of Canada re-introduced, in a new session of Parliament, Bill C-54 as Bill C-14 in the Senate of Canada. CASW continued, with a coalition of 10 national organizations, to oppose the Bill and met with the Senators on the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Senate Committee to address concerns and propose amendments to reduce harm done by Bill C-14.

National Oral Health Action Plan Symposium

CASW attended and provide input for a National Oral Health Action Plan Symposium organized by the Canadian Dental Association to move forward a National Oral Health Action Plan that addresses vulnerable groups in Canada.

MARCH 2014

International Women's Day

CASW issued International Women's Day: Broken Promises on March 7th supporting the call for a national inquiry into murdered and missing Aboriginal women.

National Social Work Month (NSWM)

- CASW Webcast - Pamela Jackson presented a very appreciated and timely webcast entitled, 'Vicarious Trauma and Practical Strategies to Decrease Effect.'

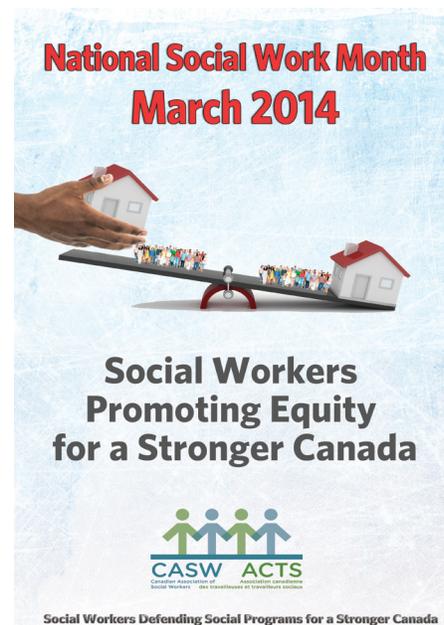
- 2014 CASW Distinguished Service Award winners announced and presented their awards by CASW Partner Organizations.
- CASW NSWM Proclamation issued and national posters unveiled and used by all CASW Partner Organizations.

Pan-Canadian Palliative and End-of-Life Care Strategy

CASW endorsed a Private Members Motion M-456 calling on the federal government to establish a Pan-Canadian palliative and end-of-life care strategy in conjunction with provinces and territories on a flexible and integrated model of palliative care. The Quality End-of-Life Care Coalition of Canada (QELCCC), of which CASW is a member, also supported this motion.

2014 Champions of Mental Health

CASW participated on a CAMIMH selection committee that reviewed over 200 submissions for the 2014 Champions of Mental Health scheduled for May 5, 2014.



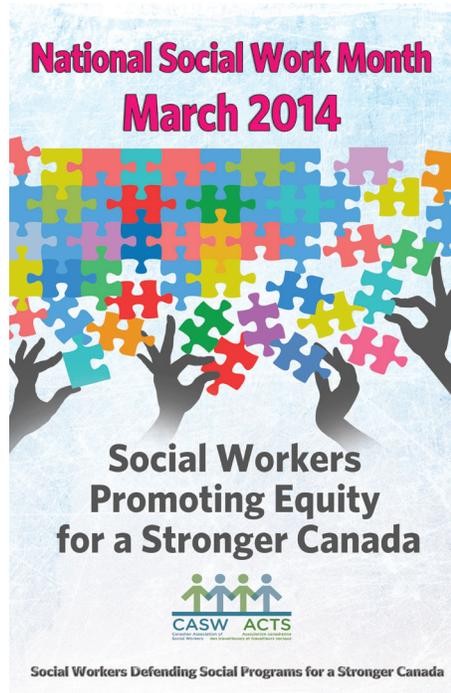
PUBLICATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

- Published the annual issue of Canadian Social Work (CSW) journal on-line.
- Published the monthly on-line publication CASW Reporter, which, along with news about CASW initiatives and activities, provides a regular opportunity to highlight resources relevant to social work.
- Circulated 15 media releases to raise awareness and provide opposition on a number of important social issues affecting the profession and people we serve.

COMMUNICATIONS/PROMOTION

- Maintained a social media presence for CASW via the CASW Facebook Group Page that is updated daily.
- Developed a national poster tailored to each Partner Organization for National Social Work Month (NSWM).
- Maintained CASW Daily Media Monitoring Service that provides members with timely information and news relevant to the social work profession.
- Delivered a free national one-hour webcast with over 350 registrants during NSWM.
- Maintained CASW Board and Partner Organizations Monthly e-updates on CASW operations, initiatives and activities.



CASW COALITIONS, MEMBERSHIPS & CONNECTIONS

INTERNATIONAL

- International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) and member countries
- International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW)
- International Social Services

MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL COALITIONS

CASW has been active on many social policy and social action fronts, thanks to its affiliation as an organizational member to several national coalitions.

These include:

- Ad Hoc Coalition for Women's Equality and Human Rights
- Adoption Council of Canada
- Campaign 2000
- Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health
- Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange
- Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
- Canadian Coalition for Public Health in the 21st Century
- Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children
- Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health
- Canadian Collaborative Mental Health Initiative
- Canadian Council on Social Development
- Canadian Primary Health Care Research Network
- Canadian Public Health Association - National Literacy and Health Program
- Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada
- Child Rights Education Professionals
- Coalition on Community Safety, Health and Well-being
- Dignity for All: The Campaign for a Poverty-Free Canada
- Egale Canada
- Group of 7 Health Professions
- Health Action Lobby
- Mental Health Support Network of Canada
- Mental Health Table for Regulated Health Professionals
- National Alliance for Children and Youth
- National Coalition on Housing and Homelessness
- National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly (A National Centre of Excellence)
- Partners for Mental Health
- Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network (PREVNet)
- Quality End-of-Life Care Coalition



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

The next General meeting of IFSW member countries is scheduled from July 6 to 8 in Melbourne, Australia. There are currently over one hundred member countries in IFSW and we will be reviewing applications for new members in Melbourne. I have had the privilege of working on a committee reviewing the membership process and questionnaire over the past year and our committee will be presenting this new process for adoption by the general assembly.



We have a full Agenda for these meetings. I want to report on a few resolutions that will be brought forward for consideration and adoption at the general assembly.

- Proposed Global Definition of the Social Work Profession

Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people. Principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work. Underpinned by theories of social work, social sciences, humanities and indigenous knowledge, social work engages people and structures to address life challenges and enhance wellbeing.

- A draft policy relating to Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression
- A draft policy entitled Guiding Principles for Social Workers Working with Others to Identify and Protect Children From all Forms of Sexual Abuse
- The Global Agenda Coordinating Group has completed the global analysis for Global Agenda Observatory 2014 and will be presenting their report at the general meeting. The Global Agenda Observatory is the mechanism for monitoring and reporting on the implementation of The Global Agenda Commitments. The purpose is to gather evidence about the activities of social workers, educators and social development practitioners, who support the implementation of the Global Agenda around the world. It is deemed important to give visibility and credibility to these concrete initiatives and thus promote further action. The reporting will be structured around the four themes of The Global Agenda, starting with Promoting Social and Economic Equalities in 2014. CASW has made a submission to the Global Observatory as part of the North American Report. We will be reporting on the Canada Social Transfer and the Social Determinants of Health. The Global Observatory report will be published as a supplement to the International Social Work journal and launched at the Melbourne world conference.
- Election of officers and members of the Executive committee :

We will be electing a new president and new treasurer as the terms of office of Gary Bailey and Fiona Robertson are up. Other positions on the committee are also open for nominations. My term as member-at-large, representing North America ends at the general meeting, at which time I will be assuming the position of President for the North American Region for a term of two years.

INTERNATIONAL (CONT'D)

The annual general meeting will be followed up with the Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social development 2014. The theme for the Conference which runs from July 9 to July 12 is Promoting Social and Economic Equality. I will be attending this conference which brings together thousands of social workers from across the globe. This is a joint conference organized by three organisations (International Association of Schools of Social Work, International Council on Social Welfare, and the International Federation of Social Workers) .

Finally, I wish to invite everyone reading this report to visit our IFSW website where you will learn more about the important work and contribution of social work and social development in building a 'society for all' in which every individual has an active role to play within a fair and just world. For general enquiries to IFSW you can e-mail at global@ifsw.org .

I would also encourage everyone to join IFSW Connect which is the largest online community of social workers offering its members the ability to share, discover and learn all from one website. This site enables social workers to create professional networks with your peers, form discussion groups, engage with networks and share resources with colleagues from around the world.

Morel Caissie

Member-at-large for North America
IFSW Executive Committee



CASW INTEREST GROUPS

The purpose of CASW interest groups is to provide a forum to advocate for interests of social work practice and to advise the national association on issues pertaining to policy, practice, education and research. Groups are composed of one representative for each CASW provincial/territorial Partner organization, the CASW Executive Director or alternate, and a CASW Board Liaison.

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Listed in the following pages are the purpose and membership for each CASW Interest Group. As well, CASW has included the year end reports that it received from Chairs of CASW Interest Groups.

CASW HEALTH INTEREST GROUP

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- To identify issues and to advise CASW on matters pertaining to health policy, practice, education and research.
- To lead projects of strategic importance, identified by the CASW Board and the Interest Group, of interest to social work in health care.

GROUP MEMBERS

- Alan Corbeil (Saskatchewan)
- Pam Robb (Manitoba)
- Stefan Mildenerger (New Brunswick)
- TBA (Nova Scotia)
- Tracey Steele (Newfoundland & Labrador)
- Catharine Cooke (Prince Edward Island)
- Dana Jennejohn (Northern Canada)
- Andrea Zimmerman (Northern Canada)
- Archie MacKinnon, CASW Board Liaison
- Morel Caissie, CASW President (ex-officio)
- Fred Phelps, CASW Executive Director (ex-officio)

CASW INTEREST GROUPS (CONT'D)

CASW CHILDREN'S ISSUES INTEREST GROUP

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- To lead projects of strategic importance, identified by the CASW Board and the Interest Group, of interest to social work in child welfare and children's issues.
- To identify issues and to advise CASW on matters pertaining to policy, practice, education and research in child welfare and children's issues.

GROUP MEMBERS

- Claude Savoie, Group Chair (New Brunswick)
- Carol Ross (British Columbia)
- Connie Zacharias (Alberta)
- Noela Crowe-Salazer (Saskatchewan)
- Pat Zacharias (Manitoba)
- Andrea Munro (Nova Scotia)
- Annette Johns (Newfoundland & Labrador)
- Donna MacIntyre (Prince Edward Island)
- Lori Morina (Northern Canada)
- Janice Christianson-Wood, CASW Board Liaison
- Morel Caissie, CASW President (ex-officio)
- Fred Phelps, CASW Executive Director (ex-officio)

CASW ABORIGINAL SOCIAL WORKERS INTEREST GROUP

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- To lead projects of strategic importance, identified by the CASW Board and the Interest Group.
- To identify issues and to advise CASW on matters pertaining to the Aboriginal reality regarding policy, practice, education, research and the CASW strategic directions/plan.

GROUP MEMBERS

- Janine Cunningham (British Columbia)
- Hazel Berg (Saskatchewan)
- Glenda Peebles (Manitoba)
- Cristine J. Rego (Ontario)
- Lorise Simmons (New Brunswick)
- Joan Glode (Nova Scotia)
- Wendy Groves (Newfoundland and Labrador)
- TBA (Prince Edward Island)
- Anne Gill (Northwest Territories)
- Jayla Rousseau-Thomas (Yukon)
- Bonnie Nungnik (Nunavut)
- Lynn Sparks, CASW Board Liaison
- Morel Caissie, CASW President (ex-officio)
- Fred Phelps, CASW Executive Director (ex-officio)

CASW INTEREST GROUPS (CONT'D)

CASW SOCIAL POLICY INTEREST GROUP

Purpose and Scope

- To lead projects of strategic importance, identified by the CASW Board and the Interest Group, of interest to social work in issues related to social policy.
- To identify issues and to advise CASW on matters pertaining to policy, practice, education, and research.
- To promote the social work profession through social policy analysis.
- Provide the CASW Board with social policy positions and /or recommendations for consideration of adoption.

Group Members

- Annette Johns, Group Chair (Newfoundland & Labrador)
- Merri-Lee Hanson (New Brunswick)
- Michael Crawford (British Columbia)
- Jim Mulvale (Manitoba)
- Michelle Rabeau (Northern Canada)
- Ray Pekrul, CASW Board Liaison
- Morel Caissie, CASW President (ex-officio)
- Fred Phelps, CASW Executive Director (ex-officio)

Chairs Report

The CASW Social Policy Interest Group continues to meet on a regular basis to discuss and bring awareness to social policy issues impacting on the well-being of Canadians. The committee met four times by teleconference and corresponded by e-mail where appropriate.

The following are some of our 2013-2014 activities:

- Provided input into the CASW's Pre-Budget submission to inform the 2014 Federal budget.
- Provided feedback to inform CASW's response to the Federal Budget and assisted in preparing the press release which was distributed following the delivery of the Federal budget.
- Provided input into the development of the CASW Equity Paper (draft document).
- Provided review of the CASW Social Investment Paper (draft document).

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Johns MSW, RSW

CASW INTEREST GROUPS (CONT'D)

CASW PRIVATE PRACTICE INTEREST GROUP

Purpose and Scope

- To identify and to advise CASW on matters pertaining to private practice;
- To identify and lead projects of strategic importance in meeting the ends of CASW as established jointly by the CASW Board and Partner Organizations;
- To raise awareness of private practice issues that both strengthen and promotes the profession;
- To support CASW in building its capacity to be a resource for private practice social workers;
- Provide the CASW Board with private practice positions and/or recommendations for consideration of adoption.

Group Members:

- Barb Wilkins, Group Chair (New Brunswick)
- Susan Hogman (British Columbia)
- Jill Rodgers (Saskatchewan)
- Nelda Armour (Nova Scotia)
- Ruth Parsons (NL)
- Ian Shortall, CASW Board Liaison
- Morel Caissie, CASW President (Ex-Officio)
- Fred Phelps, CASW Executive Director (Ex-Officio)

Chair's Report:

The CASW Private Practice Interest Group, established in 2013 in order to develop a comprehensive document of all known and existing links and research that promotes and supports social work private practitioners. Social work counselling services are often not included in the coverage of individual insurance plans or a group benefits plans even though the services rendered are considered equal and often superior to the services provided by differing health professionals. CASW would like to discover why individual businesses and/or group benefits plans do not list professional social workers on their insurance policies.

The following are some of our 2013 activities:

- Literature Review
- Web review including Canada, US, IFSW resources
- Review of differing health professional resources that may be applicable to Social Work
- CASW will seek researchers to conduct a survey of the insurance industry, employers (large and small) and labour organizations to better gain an understanding of their perceptions of the social work profession.
- Private Practice Interest Group members to do an inventory of known personal and professional resources that support Private Practitioners to develop and promote their practice. The inventory will serve as the basis for developing the next step toward an on-line resource.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Wilkins, MSW/RSW
Chairperson

CANADIAN SOCIAL WORK JOURNAL

GOALS

- To provide a national forum in which Canadian social workers can share practice knowledge, research and skills, and debate contemporary social work concerns.
- To stimulate discussion of national and regional social policy issues.
- To promote exchange between social workers in different regions and language groups in Canada, the CASW and its Member Organizations, and Canadian and international social work communities.
- To share information about social work educational resources—books, films, videos, conferences and workshops.

EDITORIAL BOARD

- Karen Schwartz & Elizabeth Sheppard Hewitt, Co-Editors
- Michael Crawford (British Columbia)
- Caroline Corbin (Saskatchewan/Manitoba)
- Ian Rice (New Brunswick/Nova Scotia)
- Donna Ronan (Newfoundland and Labrador/Prince Edward Island)
- Isabel Lanteigne, Francophone Representative
- Morel Caissie, CASW President (ex-officio)
- Fred Phelps, CASW Executive Director (ex-officio)

EDITOR'S REPORT

It has been another successful year for Canadian Social Work, the CASW Journal. This year we were delighted to develop a journal full of thought provoking, and at times boundary pushing articles that stimulated discussion in our readership.

We have been working within the new Co-Editor format for one year with Karen bringing her academic expertise to the journal while I bring my own strong clinical background. Karen has graciously agreed to stay on as Co-Editor and I have valued and enjoyed greatly our collaborations to date. Different perspectives, with shared vision have allowed us to embrace new ideas while being respectful of the components of this publication that have stood the test of time. It is an exciting time to be part of this journal.

In June 2013, Karen and I partnered with CASW and NLASW to host a provincial teleconference on professional writing from the NLASW office in St. John's, NL. Our hope was to de-mystify the process of writing for a journal and to encourage social workers to write about the work they are doing. We firmly believe there is a tremendous amount of ground breaking work happening throughout this country that should be shared. We encourage anyone considering writing for this journal to review the standards for publication on the CASW website.

Our number of submissions continues to grow and to meet this demand the Editorial Board is embarking on a pilot May 1, 2014 to re-organize the review and publication process. It is hoped that doing so can assist in streamlining the pathway to publication for authors and editors alike.

CANADIAN SOCIAL WORK JOURNAL (CONT'D)

We are also in the process of re-organizing our list of reviewers, and are actively seeking social workers from all areas of practice, able to review in French. A special thank you goes out to our Francophone board member Isabel Lanteigne has worked exceptionally hard this past year to meet the demand.

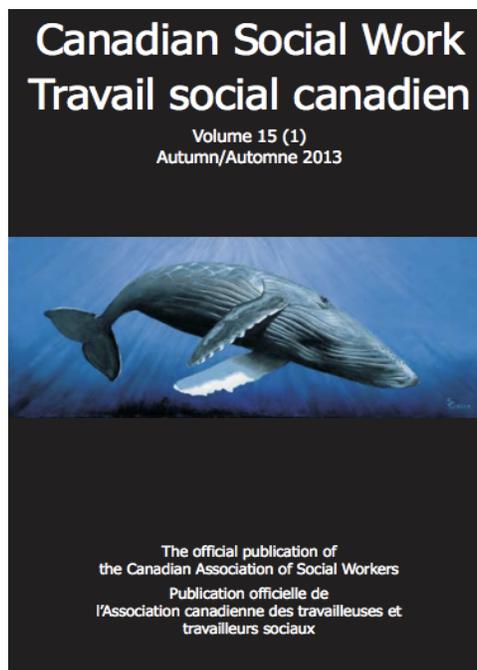
The high quality of this journal reflects the expertise of the members of the Editorial Board, the reviewers from across the country; our authors, the copy editors Paul Sales (English) and Gaston St- Jean (French) and France Audet who is Project Manager for the Journal and the person whom we rely on. Thank you also to Sandra Veilleux who stepped into France's shoes and kept us on track while she was away.

I would also like to formally welcome Caroline Corbin (Saskatchewan/Manitoba) and thank her for her humor and expertise. Other members of the Editorial Board include Donna Ronan (NLASW, PEIASW), Michael Crawford (BCASW), Isabel Lanteigne (Francophone Representative) and Morel Caissie (CASW President).

In addition, heart-felt thanks go to Fred Phelps for his assistance in problem solving and being a supportive listener as Executive Director.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sheppard Hewitt MSW, RSW
Co-Editor CSW



NATIONAL AWARDS

NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

Under the theme “Social Workers Promoting Equity for a Stronger Canada.” CASW celebrated National Social Work Month 2014 in March.

Each year a number of colleagues receive the CASW National Social Work Month Distinguished Service Award, given by CASW to an individual or group of individuals selected by each CASW member organization from its membership, based on criteria for nominations established by the organizations. Even though nomination for the award is a yearly event, some member organizations may choose to submit nominations less frequently.

2014 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS



Albert Gauvin
New Brunswick



Charles Alexander Fraser
British Columbia



Diane Molloy
Newfoundland and Labrador

NATIONAL AWARDS (CONT'D)



Barb Nimco
Northern Canada



Jill Hannah-Kayes
Manitoba



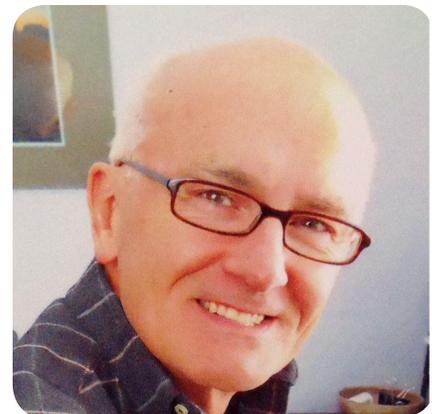
Sharon Murphy
Nova Scotia



Phil Matusiewisz
Prince Edward Island



Margaret Kennedy
Prince Edward Island



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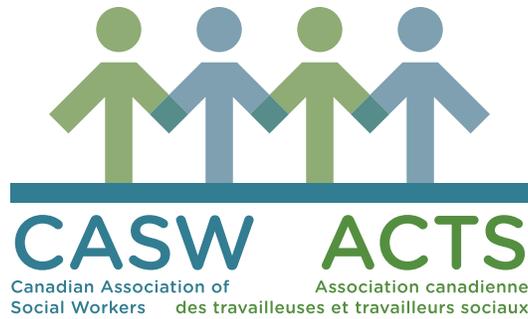


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