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## CASW Reporter Information - Communication – Action

### Strengthening the Profession

#### 2011 CASW AGM and Related Meetings

CASW held its annual Joint meetings of the CASW Board and Presidents of Member Organizations June 2-5, 2011 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. CASW thanks the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers for hosting the meetings and providing the positive environment necessary to tackle many critical issues impacting the future of CASW. Please take the opportunity to get to know the new [CASW President and Executive](#) as well as the [2011-12 CASW Board of Directors](#). Also, please [click here](#) to access an update of CASW's Action Plan.

#### CASW to offer Individual Memberships

At the recent Joint meetings CASW adopted two classes of individual membership that will soon be made available to social workers in provinces that currently do not have Organizational Membership in the CASW federation. (Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec)

CASW adopted individual membership categories to maintain a national mandate due to the recent decisions of the Council and Board of the Alberta College of Social Workers (ACSW) and the Ontario Association of Social Workers (OASW) to depart the national federation. The individual membership categories will be made available for one year only in order to accommodate OASW's stated one year 'suspension' and evaluation of CASW's operations. CASW will review individual membership categories at the 2012 Joint Annual meetings that are scheduled to be held in Newfoundland.

Please spread the word to Social Workers in Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec that may be interested in supporting the work of CASW by becoming individual members. Interested Social Workers are encouraged to contact CASW ([casw@casw-acts.ca](mailto:casw@casw-acts.ca)) to let their interest be known. More information on how to become an individual membership will be made available in the near future.

#### 2011 CASW Annual Report Available On-Line

Get caught up on the work of your national organization through the *2011 CASW Annual Report* by [clicking here](#).

## **Farewell and Welcome to CASW Board Members**

The CASW Board presented outgoing Vice-President, Elaine Campbell, with a framed certificate for her dedication and passion to the social work profession and commitment to our national organization at the recent Joint meetings in Fredericton. CASW is fortunate that Elaine will remain connected to CASW through her work on the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health. As her Board replacement, CASW welcomes Archie MacKinnon as the Nova Scotia representative.

The CASW Board also presented Darlene MacDonald with a plaque to honour her term as CASW President. CASW is honoured to maintain Darlene's strong leadership on the Executive in the position of Past-President. Darlene was recently appointed the [Children's Advocate](#) for the province of Manitoba.

## **Promoting the Profession**

### ***Name that Theme* - CASW Offers \$500 Sponsorship**

CASW is offering up to \$500 to be applied to the continuing education of the social worker(s) that are successful in having their *Name that Theme* submission chosen for the 2012 National celebrations of National Social Work Month in March. To learn more about this fantastic opportunity, please [click here](#).

## **Pursuit of Social Justice**

### ***CASW Speaks Up***

CASW continues to ensure the perspective of the social work profession is presented in many arenas. During the month of June, representatives for CASW participated in the following consultations and assessments:

- CASW thanks Elaine Campbell for her participation in the review of the draft Mental Health Strategy for Canada developed by the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC). The strategy document proposes six strategic directions on how to achieve the vision and goals as set out in the 2009 with the release of [Toward Recovery and Well-Being: A Framework for a Mental Health Strategy for Canada](#).
- Karine Levesque (New Brunswick) provided input to the Consortium national de formation en santé (CNFS) (*National Health Training Consortium*) whom is conducting an environmental scan of the factors which could influence health training and research, in French, in Canada until 2020.

## International

### **Family Caregivers of Older Adults**

A new resource has been made available by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) that sets NASW Standards for Social Work Practice with Family Caregivers of Older Adults. [Click here](#) to access this resource.

### **UN Commission on the Status of Women Report Now Available**

The report of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is now available. It includes the agreed conclusions on access and participation of women and girls in education, training and science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work, the report of the Working Group on Communications concerning the Status of Women and the resolutions adopted by the Commission. To access the report [click here](#).

## Relevant Resources

### **Profiles in Social Work - Interesting – Informative – Inspiring**

The podcast series by the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work and Alumni Association provides valuable insight into the field of social work for prospective and current students, professionals and anyone interested in social workers and what they do. [Profiles in Social Work](#) are short digestible audio episodes designed to educate and stimulate thinking about the social work field through the first-person narratives of actual social workers. To learn more [click here](#).