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## **CASW Reporter Information - Communication – Action**

### **Strengthening and Promoting the Profession**

#### **CASW Media Monitoring - Membership Benefit**

CASW provides a daily media monitoring service of national news relative to the social work profession. If you would like to have your e-mail address added to the distribution list, please e-mail [casw-secretary@casw-acts.ca](mailto:casw-secretary@casw-acts.ca) with your interest.

#### **CNIB Diabetes and Vision Loss Education Project**

Florence Flynn from BCASW has committed to representing CASW on the CNIB Diabetes and Vision Loss Education Project. Thank you Florence and check back here for progress on this project.

#### **CASW Book Draw**

CASW is pleased to announce that Jody Plett (MIRSW), Fiona Bradford- BCASW), Mary Miller-BCASW, Stephanie Callaghan (BCASW), and Mona Romaine Elliott (NLASW) as Book Draw winners. Don't forget to visit the [Members' website](#) to enter your name for the book of your choice for the next draw.

#### **CASW offers Individual Memberships to Alberta, Ontario and Québec**

CASW now offers individual memberships to social workers in Canada that do not have organizational representation in the national federation (Alberta, Ontario and Québec only). Please [click here](#) to access the Membership application package

#### **Welcome new CASW Board Member**

The CASW is pleased to welcome Karine Levesque, Tsi-RSW to the Board as the new representative for NBASW. Welcome Karine!

## Pursuit of Social Justice

### **Mental Illness Awareness Week**

CASW is encouraging social workers to champion *Mental Illness Awareness Week* (October 2-8, 2011). The *Mental Illness Awareness Week* campaign includes the [Faces of Mental Illness and Champions of Mental Health Awards](#). As well, for those who chose to involve themselves in promoting MIAW, downloadable campaign materials including MIAW posters and bookmarks are available by [clicking here](#).

Just in case you missed it, a Mental Health Table Forum report was released earlier this summer. [Click here](#) to access “*Which Doors Lead to Where? How to Enhance Access to Mental Health Service: Barriers, Facilitators and Opportunities for Canadians’ Mental Health.*”

### **CASW Selected for Pre-Budget Consultations**

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance has accepted CASW’s pre-budget brief entitled ‘Giving Priority to Low and Moderate Income Women’ that calls for strengthening of Old Age Security, the Guaranteed Income Supplement, Canada Pension Plan and Employment Insurance. CASW will have opportunity to present to the committee in Saskatoon in late October. [Click here](#) to read CASW’s submission.

### **CASW endorsed *Ghosts of Violence***

CASW provided the Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada with a national endorsement for [Ghosts of Violence](#), a production that brings the issue of domestic violence against women into the spotlight. CASW applauds for the Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada for raising the consciousness of our nation and encourages social workers to support the production. Please [click here](#) to access the touring schedule for *Ghosts of Violence*.

### **CASW Joined the Walk for Justice**

CASW joined the final leg of the extraordinary and powerful *Walk4Justice* campaign, a 4000 kilometre, 91 day walk from Vancouver to Ottawa to raise awareness and demand action for missing and murdered Aboriginal women. The journey ended with procession of cardboard coffins, one for each province and territory in Canada. The [Walk4Justice campaign](#) seeks justice, closure, equality and accountability, and a full national public inquiry into this terrible epidemic in our country.

### **CASW Supports Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Network (BTS)**

CASW granted \$500 in sponsorship support to NSASW member, Debbie Dove, to attend a two-week volunteer term with the Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Network (BTS). BTS was founded in 1992 and grew out of Oxfam’s efforts to develop support for Central America struggles. BTS addresses issues relating to poverty, equality, human rights and social justice.

## Relevant Resources

### **Call for Proposals - Women Living in Rural and Remote Communities and Small Urban Centres**

Status of Women Canada is soliciting funding applications for projects that promote equality, and support the advancement of women and girls living in rural and remote communities and small urban centres in two priority areas: economic security and prosperity; and ending violence against women and girls. The deadline for application to this Call for Proposals is **November 4, 2011**. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **Return on Investment: Mental Health Promotion and Mental Illness Prevention**

The Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI) of the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) commissioned the Canadian Policy Network at the University of Western Ontario to complete a scoping study that examines the return on investment and cost effectiveness of mental health promotion. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **La Mèche**

La Mèche is an on-line portal for French speaking social workers focussed on sharing ideas, information and links. [Click here](#) to visit **La Mèche**.

### **Diabetes Care Community**

Diabetes Care Community is Canada's first social network and resource for families of those living with someone with diabetes. Visit [www.diabetescarecommunity.ca](http://www.diabetescarecommunity.ca) to learn more.

### **The Social Worker – A novel**

Dr. Michael Ungar is well known in Canada for his work as a clinician and researcher in the area of resilience and social work practice. Dr. Ungar recently released his first novel, *The Social Worker*, dubbed an insider's perspective on the profession. [Click here](#) to learn more.