

CASW Social Policy, Position Statements & Issue Response Protocol

All CASW Social Policy, Position Statements and Issue Responses are grounded in [CASW Social Policy Principles](#).

The process behind developing CASW Social Policy, Position Statements and Issue Responses are grounded in the foundational documents of the federation. CASW Bylaws and adopted Policy-Governance define roles, responsibilities and the limitations of the differing yet equally valued roles in developing CASW Social Policy, Position Statements and Issue Responses

CASW Policy-Governance is also clear that CASW Social Policy, Position Statements and Issue Responses must be congruent with the Mission of CASW and the Strategic Directions adopted by the CASW Board.

Mission Statement

CASW promotes the profession of social work in Canada and advances social justice.
Adopted October 2010

CASW Ends or Directions (Adopted by the CASW Board June 2011)

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.

CASW Issue Response ought to be grounded in adopted CASW Social Policy and Position Statements. When no CASW Social Policy or Position Statements are defined for a given issue, the CASW Executive Director is empowered by CASW Policy Governance to provide response. The CASW Executive Director is held directly accountable by the CASW Board for positions/issue responses as well for ensuring the consultation process reflects CASW Policy-Governance.

Finally, CASW will ensure there is on-going collaborative consultation with CASW Partner Organizations on Social Policy and Position Statements that impact the profession. Strategic Directions and social policy principles will be determined by the CASW federation and require prior approval of the CASW Partner Organizations.



CASW Communication Protocols

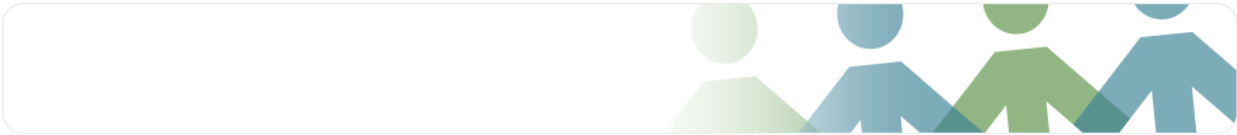
CASW Policy Governance is clear that the CASW President, Executive Director and/or their designate(s) are the only representatives empowered to speak on behalf of the CASW Federation to media and/or make commitments on behalf of the CASW Federation. The CASW President and CASW Executive Director are limited in their scope in this regard by CASW Policy-Governance.

CASW designates or representatives to national coalitions and partnerships are empowered to present the positions of CASW however are not empowered to make commitments beyond those agreed in advance.

CASW shall ensure the release of and/or distribution of all documents, publications or other written communication for external release or distribution, are in both official languages.

CASW Endorsement of Third Party Document/Position Statements

CASW does act as a national conduit of information relevant to the social work profession however the act of providing access does not constitute endorsement. CASW endorsement of a document (documents include policies, standards, guidelines, and any other document issuance by a third party) indicates that CASW agrees with, and supports, the content of such document. Such endorsement will be granted on a case by case basis, at the discretion of the CASW Board.



CASW Social Policy & Position Statement Hierarchy



CASW Issue Response Hierarchy

