
"Currents"

NASW Washington State Chapter Newsletter

April 2006

"Currents" Update

The "Currents", the NASW Washington State Chapter newsletter, has a new look. The "Currents" will be an electronic newsletter sent to the Chapter members each quarter. The electronic "Currents" will have short introductions to articles with a link to the expanded article on the Chapter website, www.nasw-wa.org, under the heading "Currents" Newsletter. The electronic "Currents", along with the Chapter website, and special e-mail messages about events, programs, and workshops, will be the Chapter's main communication link to the members. We encourage you to provide the Chapter with your feedback about the new format and suggestions on topics and issues you want covered. To access the April 2006 issue of "Currents" click on this link ["Currents"](#).

Legislative Report

The 2006 legislative session has ended with many success stories for social workers. The Chapter Legislative Action Committee (LAC), chaired by Lynn Carrigan and Lu Brown, did an outstanding job advocating for social workers and social worker clients. The LAC had a successful Lobby Day with approximately 200 social workers from across the state attending and speaking on our issues. The issues the LAC tracked ranged from passage of the civil rights legislation that expanded the Human Rights Commission jurisdiction to gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and trans-gender individuals, expanded access to health care, the state budget, Medicaid coverage for master's level mental health professionals, to social worker classification and protection of social workers from harm. To see the full 2006 Legislative Report click on this link ["Legislative Report"](#).

NASW and WSSCSW Deliver Joint Education Workshop

The NASW Washington State Chapter and the Washington State Society for Clinical Social Work are co-sponsoring a workshop on supervision. The workshop, "Being an Approved Supervisor: What you Need to Know", will prepare social workers who wish to be an Approved Supervisor for LICSW and LASW licensure candidates will be required to have 15 hours of coursework in supervision. To register for this workshop please click on this link ["Being and Approved Supervisor"](#).

You Answered the Call

The Washington Chapter is looking for social work members to serve in vital and important committee leadership roles. The Chapter is looking for social workers who want to identify education topics and speakers for 2007. The Chapter is also seeking members who want to advocate for policy issues important to the profession and our clients. There are eight Chapter committees you can select from to serve the Washington State Chapter and the profession of social work Click on this link ["2007 Committee Recruitment"](#) to read the committee descriptions and to complete a committee request form. The committee request form has to be returned to the Chapter office by May 30, 2006. The usual committee appointment term is two years.

Social Work Image Campaign

The School of Social Work at the University of Washington and the Washington State NASW Chapter partnered on the development and delivery of social work ads and posters recognizing Social Work Month in March. To see a copy of the ads and posters click on the ["Social Work Month"](#) link.

Time to Vote

Yes, it is that time again to vote for the 2007 leaders of the Washington State Chapter. The Chapter's Nomination and Leadership Committee, chaired by Audrey Burr, solicited and identified Chapter members to run for Board of Director and non Board of Director positions throughout the Fall of 2005 and Winter 2006. As a member, you will vote for statewide officers and local region positions. The ballots will be mailed to all NASW Washington State Chapter members of record on Monday, April 10, 2006. Your ballot must be returned to the Chapter office by May 30, 2006. For your ballot to be valid and to be counted you MUST clearly print your name, write in your membership ID number, and sign your name on the ballot. You can see a sample ballot at the following link ["NASW WA 2007Ballot"](#).

"Currents" Schedule

"Currents" will be sent to the Chapter members the first month of each yearly quarter (January, April, July, and October). The deadline for submitting materials to be included in "Currents" is the first day of the month before (December, March, June, and August) "Currents" is sent to the Chapter members.

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