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Message from the Chapter President

Our NASW chapter remains committed to connecting with members, community partners, schools and the public to increase awareness of our Chapter's accomplishments and activities related to the social work profession. I welcome our new and returning Board members. For complete message click ["Message from the President"](#)

Message from the Communications Committee:

We are happy to announce that we are beginning a new and revised format for the "Currents", NASW WA State Chapter newsletter. With these changes, it is our goal to have "Currents" become a member Friendly, member driven communication tool. For complete article click ["Communications Committee Message"](#)

2009 Election Results

The NASW Washington State Chapter elections were held during the month of April 2008 and May 2008. The ballots were mailed out early April 2008, to all member of record. All ballots were to be returned postmarked by June 4, 2008, to be eligible to be counted. For complete article click ["2009 Election Results"](#)

Member Corner - Student Section

Click ["Members Corner- Student Sections"](#) to learn what some of our members have been doing and to hear from your MSW & BSW Student Representatives and other students.

Featured Article “Revitalizing Clinical Practice: Building on Tradition”

by Dr. Charlene A. Sexton, LCSW

The VA has a long history as employer of professional social workers and training site for students who develop their clinical expertise in interventions like expressive therapy. The VA pioneered this field in 1946 through a partnership with the North Shore Chicago Chapter of Theta Sigma Phi, an academic fraternity of women journalists. For complete article click [“Featured Article”](#)

NASW WA State Chapter Reports

Read what actions your Board of Directors took and reports from your Region Representatives and Committee VP's. For more information click [“Board of Directors”](#) and [“Region Representatives & Committees”](#)

2009 Committees “Become Involved”

One of the best ways to become involved in the NASW Washington State Chapter is to join a committee. By participating on a Chapter committee you unite yourself with liked minded professionals that share common interests. Your participation in a committee allows you to interact with future colleagues and peers. Your participation in a committee allows you to network with other social workers and build a foundation of collegiate spirit. For more information click [“2009 Committees “Become Involved”](#)

Psychotherapy: “Applying the Brakes”

by Babette Rothschild, MSW, LCSW

Much as we don't like to admit it publicly, it's an open secret among therapists that the road to recovery from trauma can be fraught with clinical missteps. In the past few years, I've frequently been consulted by highly competent colleagues who were dumbfounded by the speedy decline of clients contending with traumatic memories. For complete article click [“Applying the Brakes”](#). This article is posted with the permission from [Psychotherapy Network](#) and Babette Rothschild.

School Social Work and Confidentiality

Social workers have a professional obligation to maintain the confidentiality of client information they obtain in the course of providing professional services. This obligation is based in professional ethics; state licensing requirements, and federal regulations. School social workers often find that they may be subject to additional obligations and expectations regarding the privacy of student information that may conflict with ethical and social work licensing standards. This Legal Issue of the Month article reviews the contours of the confidentiality dilemmas faced by school social workers and highlights some possible strategies for resolving the legal issues and maintaining high professional standards for working with students and their families. For complete article click [“School of Social Work”](#)

Report from Executive Director

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is an association, but what actually is an association? For complete article click [“Executive Director's Report”](#)

Calendar of Events

We have listed the calendar events up to June of 2009. We will be added some more workshops throughout the year. So please continue to go to our website <http://www.nasw-wa.org> for the latest updates. For calendar information click "[Calendar of Events](#)".

Announcements

Read about NASW/American Red Cross Partnership; Washington State Department of Health information; and ASWB Seeking Exam Writers. For complete information on all of these topics click "[here](#)".