

NASW-NYS Invites You to Become Part of Our Leadership Team

Call for Nominations: 2011 Chapter Election

Our Chapter is filled with social workers from various parts of the state, who work in a variety of capacities and bring with them different talents, interests, values and cultural backgrounds. What unites us is being a member of the social work profession. As the professional association for such a diverse profession, our leadership must be as robust and diverse as our membership to represent the issues and engage in the activities that are important to each of you.

Annually, the chapter holds an election to fill the leadership roles that will become vacant later that year. The available opportunities for the 2011 election are outlined below. The Chapter's Committee on Nominations & Leadership Identification (CNLI) encourages you to review these opportunities and consider running for one that fits your skills and interests. You may nominate yourself, or a friend or colleague who is also a member of NASW-NYS. The members of our CNLI committee as well as our CNLI chairperson and staff liaison are all available to discuss the various opportunities with you and help you decide which role suits you best.

Leadership Positions for the 2011 Chapter Election

(Term Begins July 1, 2011)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS

- President-Elect (3 yr term)
- Secretary (2 yr term)
- Board Member-at-Large (2 yr term)
- MSW Student Representative (1 yr term)
- BSW Student Representative (1 yr term)

DIVISION DIRECTOR & REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS *(2 yr term)*

Divisions: Hudson Valley • Mohawk Valley • Nassau • Southern Tier • Suffolk

DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP IDENTIFICATION *(2 yr term)*

Divisions: Central • Genesee Valley • Northeast • Westchester • Western

Nominations Must Be Received by the Chapter Office By: November 5, 2010

DESCRIPTION OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN 2011

President

The first year is spent as President-Elect in learning the position of President and accepting assignments from the President. The last two years are spent as President of the Chapter. The President must have demonstrated leadership ability and experience in Chapter affairs to assure that the goals of the Chapter are attained, within the framework of national and Chapter policies. This person is ex-officio member of all committees, makes assignments to the officers and Board members, appoints members to all Chapter committees, chairs the Executive Committee and Board meetings, reviews work of the Executive Director, and serves as first Delegate for Delegate Assembly.

Secretary

Attends all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee and takes minutes of the proceedings and sees that all non-fiscal records of the Chapter are kept in order. This person conducts the business of the Chapter in accordance with Chapter by-laws and participates in the decision-making process to fulfill the mission of the Chapter.

Member of the Board of Directors

(Applies to Division Directors, Board Members-at-Large, MSW and BSW Student Representatives)

Board members are expected to attend all Board of Directors meetings, fulfill their job description, and conduct the business of the Chapter in accordance with Chapter By-Laws, participate in decision-making process to fulfill the mission of the Chapter, serve on other committees as requested by the President, and interpret Board policies and decisions to Chapter membership.

The Division Directors represent their respective Divisions, while MSW and BSW Student Board members represent students statewide. These Board members must be able to identify issues and concerns of their respective constituencies and advocate on their behalf. Division Directors are also responsible for the implementation of Chapter goals and local program activity in their respective divisions. They serve as chairpersons of their local division steering committees.

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification (CNLI)

Committee members participate in annually developing at least a double slate of candidates for chapter elections that reflect the Association's Diversity Plan, inform all candidates and appointees of the duties and responsibilities of office and are available to meet (via conference call or in person) as often as necessary to assure a sound nomination and election process. They work closely with their Division Director and sit on the division's steering committee.

THE NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominees must be a member in good standing of the New York State Chapter of NASW. You may self-nominate or nominate a friend or colleague who you think is an ideal candidate for a position of leadership. Simply complete the *Nomination Form for Elective Office* and submit to the Chapter office or your division's CNLI representative. Nominees will be asked to complete a biographical fact sheet to provide the CNLI with additional information about the prospective candidate. In November the CNLI will meet to review all nominations received and develop a slate of candidates that will be submitted for approval by the Chapter's Board of Directors at their December meeting. Slated candidates will have the opportunity to submit election materials to be included in the election ballot. The election is held in the spring of 2011.

For additional information regarding leadership opportunities, please contact the CNLI Representative for your division or Denise Krause, Chair of the Chapter CNLI. You may also contact the chapter staff liaison to the CNLI, Celisia Street at: Celisia_Street@naswnys.org or (800) 724-6279, ext. 22.

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