

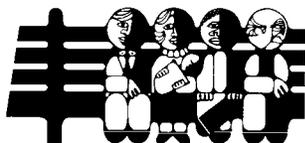
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PRESIDENT'S PEN What happened at the AASWG Board meeting in June?

On the weekend of June 23, 24, 25, the Committees and Board of AASWG met at Fordham University in New York City. I will use this opportunity to give you a synopsis of the issues discussed and decided there on your behalf. As this is our Special Action Mode Year in the interests of maintaining the life of the Association, the committees that met were limited to the Executive, Membership, Institutional Membership/Future Planning, Website Taskforce, Chapter Development, Commission on Group Work in Social Work Education, and Nominations.

Executive Committee

Since the Minneapolis Symposium last October, the Executive Committee has taken a strong lead in addressing matters related to restoring financial viability as well as tending to regular and new issues. A major change has occurred in that we said good-bye to Stacy Barrentine, *Continued on page 2, President's Pen*

SOCIAL WORKERS AND SOCIAL ACTION; TAKING A STAND: A PANEL ABOUT IMMIGRANTS

A special session, Social Workers and Social Action: A Panel about Immigrants, will take place at a Box Luncheon at the Symposium on Saturday, October 14, from 12:30 to 2. The session will include a panel of Mexican-Americans and small group break-out sessions to include all present.

The Panel will be moderated by Velma Franz-Carrio, Chair of the Session Planning Committee and Secretary of the Southern California Chapter. Other panelists include Paul and Sonia Abels, Anne Kopp Hyman, members of the Chapter Board, Ruth Howell. Mary Ann Pollack, and Maricela Rodriguez, a student at the San Diego State University School of Social Work.

Where do you stand on the issues of the government's current Immigration Policies? Come and get answers to some *Continued on page 4, Social Action*

CONGRESSWOMAN SUSAN A. DAVIS SYMPOSIUM PLENARY LUNCHEON SPEAKER On Friday, October 13

Congresswoman Susan A. Davis, who represents California's 53rd District in the US House of Representatives, will speak at the Friday Plenary Luncheon on "Groups in Congress."

Davis' interest in public affairs grew out of her experiences as a social worker, parent, youth mentor, and military spouse. In Congress she has earned a reputation as a bipartisan consensus builder. She is focusing on the issues of defense, education, environment, health *Continued on page 5, Davis*

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who served us well for four years by providing membership services and more recently taking over numerous duties of the now dormant position of General Secretary. **We welcome SallyAnn Tringali as our Administrative Support with regard to membership.** She came highly recommended by Mike Phillips. This is a part-time position as SallyAnn works full-time as the Assistant to the Associate Dean at the Graduate School of Social Services at Fordham University. She can be reached at membership@aswg.org. Please note that SallyAnn's duties do not include answering phone calls. She will monitor the AASWG line and forward messages to the appropriate member of the Board to reply. To leave a phone message, call 718-524-7304.

Thanks to Dean Peter Vaughan of the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, **AASWG's new administrative address is:**

AASWG, c/o SallyAnn Tringali, Fordham University, Graduate School of Social Service, 113 West 60th Street, Room 726, Lincoln Center Campus, New York, NY 10023-7479 USA.

We very much appreciate the support shown to us by the Fordham School and in particular by Dean Peter Vaughan.

Over the winter both a **Website Task Force** and a **Finance Committee** were formed. As well, during the Board meeting, a long-proposed Newsletter Task Force was constituted, with the purpose of keeping *Social Work with Groups Newsletter* an accessible and useful networking vehicle, likely by adding electronic circulation for those who choose to receive it via computer.

Alex Gitterman and Bob Salmon have agreed to co-edit the *Concise Encyclopedia of Group Work* to be published by Haworth Press. Bob will sit on the AASWG Board, ex officio, as the link between the Association and the **Encyclopedia** work. They will develop an editorial Board in the fall.

Treasurer's Report

Finances continue to dominate our attention. Mike Phillips presented a well-received plan to meet our current obligations, while also offering a longer-term structure for survival. Our income this year has been supplemented by over \$10,000 from newly established Institu-

tional Memberships, and a substantial profit was generated from the Minneapolis Symposium. Also, the savings achieved from switching from a Membership Service/General Secretary model to an Administrative Support position advantages us considerably. An increase in membership dues was raised as an issue for future discussion.

Membership Committee

Tim Kelly reported that membership numbers are looking rosier this year thanks to a concerted effort organized by Greg Tully and Alison Johnson to renew and recruit members who are affiliated with Chapters. A strategy to reach out to non-Chapter-affiliated people is the next initiative.

Institutional Membership Committee

Under Carolyn Knight's leadership, we have thirty-four institutional members (nineteen schools of social work in Canada and the US, and five agencies). This is a brand new concept for AASWG and has been successful to the extent it has due to the Board members who have identified prospective institutions and have followed up with their personal contacts. For 2007 the annual membership fee for large schools (fifteen-plus faculty members) and large agencies (twenty-five-plus staff members) will be \$500; and for smaller schools and agencies, \$250. Benefits of institutional membership include a one-eighth page ad in the Symposium preliminary and final programs, and a discount on larger ads; access for staff and faculty to the Members-Only section of the AASWG website which contains teaching resources, current articles on groupwork, and links to Member-to-Member Connections discussion groups; a banner ad on the AASWG website; and discounted registration fees for our annual Symposium.

Website Task Force

Tim Kelly, our webmaster, has done substantial work on the AASWG website with support from the Task Force members. We now have Member-to-Member Connections, organized by Ann Bergart; a Syllabus Exchange, facilitated by Cheryl Lee in conjunction with the Commission on Group Work in Social Work Education; and a Members-Only section.

Practice Committee - Standards

Charles Garvin announced that the *Continued on page 8, President's Pen*

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AASWG Home Page: <http://www.aswg.org>.

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The deadline editorial and advertising copy for the next issue, January 2007, is December 15, 2006. The following issues will be May 2007 with a copy deadline of April 15 and August 2007 with copy deadline of July 15.

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RENEW FOR 2007

Before the January issue of *SWwGN* and the cold breezes in the northern hemisphere it will be time to renew for 2007. Notices will go out early in December.

As noted elsewhere in this issue, you can now renew on line by using your credit or debit card. Go to www.aaswg.org and look for the online store.

The December mailing will also allow you to include your dues payment as a professional expense on your 2006 income tax return. If your dues notice is still in the pile after January 1, dig it out and send it in ASAP. AASWG lives "on the edge" just like you. The income from your dues pays for day to day operations. We just hope you will send in your dues as soon as possible. If you renew even now, it will save AASWG money in sending out the renewal notices. Just use the membership form in this issue or the AASWG web site.

Remember also to renew your subscription to *Social Work with Groups Journal*. If you have not been a subscriber, that will be a good time to start by using the AASWG discount rate available only through the AASWG Membership Service.

And it is a good time to make a contribution to one of the special AASWG funds - Operating, Annual, or Endowment. There are lines on the membership form or use the special form in this issue.

It's been a good year. There is new energy in AASWG. Publication of the Second Edition of *Standards for Practice* in both English and Spanish is a major accomplishment and contribution to improvement of practice and education.

As a worker, administrator, or educator, you know that the support of AASWG within the profession is as important as the support you receive for your practice. Your membership is part of your involvement in this mutual aid relationship which is AASWG. We look forward to your continuing participation as part of the group work family throughout the world. Help keep the forward momentum going.

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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee is actively seeking candidates to consider for three member-at-large positions on the Board beginning in fall 2007.

If you are interested, or if you know of people who would be interested, please contact the Co-chairs of the Nominations Committee, Martin Birnbaum at martybirnbaum@aol.com or Ellen Sue Mesbur, esmesbur@sympatico.ca.

The Committee has defined the desired leadership qualities being sought and the responsibilities. These may be found at www.aaswg.org or in the May 2006 issue of *SWwGN*.

The members of the Nominations Committee include Mesbur, Birnbaum, Marcia Cohen, Shantih Clemans, Maeda Galinsky, Alison Johnson, and Joan Letendre.

EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Commission members invite you to look at the newly revised AASWG web site for members. We are delighted with the revisions and additions to the Teaching Resources section of the site and thank all of the contributors to the Syllabus Exchange, teaching resources ideas, and to faculty members who are willing to serve on Doctoral committees or as external reviewers. The efforts of Cheryl Lee (coordinator of the Syllabus Exchange) and Tim Kelly (Vice-president and "Webmaster-extraordinaire") have contributed enormously to the richness of the site.

The Commission will continue to focus on the Syllabus Exchange as we believe that by sharing teaching resources our Association will contribute to social work with groups through education and practice. We are also continuing to support and initiate publications and collaborations with schools of social work, the Council on Social Work Education, and the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work.

Respectfully submitted by
Ellen Sue Mesbur, Chair



TWENTY AASWG AUTHORS SELECTED TO PRESENT EVERY DAY OF SYMPOSIUM 2006

Every session of the three days of the Symposium will feature a review of one of the social work books published by our own AASWG members.

All AASWG members have been invited to propose to be one of twenty authors who will speak for fifteen minutes at the beginning of each session. These authors will also be available to autograph their books. Registration is not necessary.

These presentations will take place at the beginning of the four sessions each day in the lobby and its beautiful fireplace setting at the Kona Kai Hotel.

All authors are invited to send an e-mail proposal to the Symposium Program Committee at annehyman@sbcglobal.net. Please include name, title of book, publisher and any day you will not be present. Schedules of these presentations will be listed in the Final Program.

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of these questions and concerns regarding immigration:

1. Are undocumented immigrants law breakers or law-abiding?
2. Are documented and undocumented immigrants taking jobs away from American Citizens or needed to fill jobs Americans don't want?
3. Are undocumented immigrants overloading the welfare system?
4. Will undocumented immigrants cause America to lose its genetic and cultural heritage?
5. Are immigrants responsible for the problems of our present economy or does their presence contribute to the American economy?
6. Are undocumented immigrants terrorists?
7. Do we want an American version of the Berlin Wall?
8. Who should we blame for this problem?

Box lunches can be purchased at the time of registration.

The results of the summaries of the work of the break-out groups will be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting at 4 pm on Saturday.

We need your input!

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH SMALL GROUPS

Reprinted from the *Messenger*, University Church, Chicago, May 2006. We thought it might be of interest and use to group workers involved in developing the life of religious institutions.

The Grow the Church Ministry became interested in how the life of University Church is affected by the members' participation in small groups at church. This interest started with questions about whether the Life Circles at University Church were still fulfilling their original function. The Life Circles were designed to be small groups into which church members would be automatically placed depending upon whether their birthdays were in spring, summer, fall, or winter. These groups would be intergenerational and would allow people to work with people that they might not otherwise get to know. Each Life Circle was responsible for three months of coffee hours and working at one all-church event like the rummage sale or Advent Festival. But more importantly the groups were supposed to provide care and nurture for members of the group if they had needs and were supposed to be a social outlet so that members could do activities and get to know each other better. When they first started, each circle would have activities and potlucks throughout the year. In more recent years, however, the social network aspects of the Life Circles have fallen away, and some of the circles have just become a way to make sure someone is doing Coffee Hour. The Spring Circle has continued to plan social events and currently has a trip scheduled to the Garfield Park Conservatory.

The Grow the Church Ministry felt that it was time to take a look at other ways that small groups could enhance the life of University Church and whether we could get Coffee Hour done without doing it through the Life Circles. Coffee Hour is being done by having people sign up on the sheets on the dining room wall. Small groups are a very important way for people who are new to our church to become involved and develop deeper relationships with other members. In the adult Sunday school that Grow the Church led on April 30th on the topic it was discussed that small groups that currently operate at University Church seem

to fall into two categories: task oriented or social. People at Sunday school discussed small groups in which they had been involved and had found meaningful. These included home churches, Epiphany clusters, consciousness raising groups, choir, dance choir, knitting guilds, the Covenantal Community, the Committee Against War and Racism, the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, theater reading groups, book clubs, the Guatemala Partnership, the Angola Partnership, groups that go to plays or theater, and social clubs. People felt in general they had received numerous benefits from belonging to these small groups that had quite often produced stronger ties and friendships than just attending a weekly church service.

Grow the Church had also circulated a bulletin insert to survey members' interest in various types of groups that could be started at University Church. These groups included groups focused on teenagers, retirement, gays and lesbians, special events, infertility, retirement, aging issues, social just issues, shut-ins, how to pray, dealing with faith and doubts, and unemployment issues. Many of the categories were mentioned on several people's surveys. One of the goals of Grow the Church is to research interest in new groups that could be started at University Church that could benefit our members and strengthen the ties between us.

Anyone interested in more information about the place of small groups in University Church should contact Stephanie Weaver at wnweaver@aol.com or 773-955-3189. University Church, 5655 South University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637-1523, universitychurch@universitychurchchicago.org

Three funds are available for your contributions to AASWG - the Annual Fund, the Operating Fund, and the John and Carol Ramey Endowment Fund. Give in honor, memory, or celebration of a person, group, or event. A line has been added to your Membership Renewal forms to provide for such gifts. But, you don't need to wait for the form. Send your gift now for listing in the next issue of *SWwGN*.



CALL FOR PAPERS *Social Work with Groups* INCORPORATING EVIDENCE INTO GROUP WORK: NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Co-editors: David E. Pollio,
Mark J. Macgowan

There has been a strong recent trend towards incorporation of evidence into Social Work practice in general and into group work in particular. This trend has focused on education of students in the use of evidence, development of evidence-based interventions, and discussion of how evidence can be used to improve practice. A limitation of most of this literature is that it has been written by researchers for the consumption of practitioners, limiting the ability of evidence-based practices to be incorporated into unique community settings and with specific populations. In spite of this difficulty, implementation of evidence-based practices (including incorporating evidence-based models and systematic evaluation of groups) continues quietly in practice settings.

The Editors are soliciting papers from community practitioners and/or research/community partnerships focused on lessons learned in identifying, implementing, and/or testing evidence-based group work. These might include but would not be limited to:

- * Group work models developed and implemented that incorporate evidence in community settings;

- * Adaptations of existing evidence-based group models in community settings;

- * Conceptual pieces about the development or adoption of evidence-based practices, including practice illustrations wherever possible;

- * Examples of collaborations, organizational processes, or other issues around implementing evidence-based practices.

Manuscripts must conform to Social Work with Groups submission guidelines that appear in the Journal or at www.haworthpress.com (search: *Social Work with Groups*).

Manuscripts are due to the Editors by February 2007. Inquiries about potential

CALL FOR NEWS FOR JANUARY 2007

Send your reviews, commentary, advertisements, practice vignettes, short book reviews, queries, reports on member activities, promotions for future Symposia (San Diego, New Jersey, Germany), etc.

The deadline is December 15. We need to get it edited, put together, and mailed by the end of January. But, if information develops after December 15, please send it along, anyway.

Please anticipate activities and concerns through the remainder of the winter and on through the Spring. The next issue is May 2007. Anticipate programs, and try to write as though January 31 has already happened.

Share with your colleagues what you have read in magazines and newspapers, and what you have seen on television or heard on the radio. We include reports from the board, committees, chapters, affiliates, organizing, and other operating units of AASWG.

If possible, send your news in the texts of e-mail messages. E-mail attachments in text or Word are second best, then fax, snail mail, or telephone. Other details are on the web or in the column on page 2. Call if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you. Help make the January 2007 issue the best issue yet.

John H. Ramey, Editor, *SWwG Newsletter*, AASWG, Inc.

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The AASWG website will soon be able to process membership and Symposia registration online. The AASWG "store" will be accessible via the website in late August.

Other AASWG items will be added soon. Go to www.aaswg.org.

We appreciate the investigation and work of Tim Kelly in making this possible.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the ten new members who have joined since June. Their participation in coming years will help build knowledge and competence in Social Work with Groups throughout the world and strengthen AASWG in fulfilling its mission.

Jessica Ambrose-Dorzek, Scarsdale, New York

Hillary M. Brotzman, Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Claudio Gatti, Garnerville, New York

Norine Gledhill, Selden, New York

John Heffernan, Hinton, Alberta

Jennifer Longo, Chicago, Illinois

Cheryl Mills, Houston, Texas

Gayle M. Stickley, North Canton, Ohio

Ann B. Sylvester, Bratenahl, Ohio

Roberta Wallace, Durham, North Carolina

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care, and veterans affairs.

Prior to her election to Congress she served on the San Diego City School Board as President and Vice President. She served three terms in the California State Assembly where she chaired the Committee on Consumer Protection, Government Efficiency and Economic Development. She was also Executive Director of the Aaron Price Fellows Program which was designed to teach multi-ethnic high school students leadership and citizenship skills.



**IN MEMORIAM
HELEN E. NORTHEN
1912 - 2006**

We all join in mourning the passing of one of our most distinguished colleagues, Helen E. Northen, who died in Seattle, Washington, on July 22. She was born in Butte, Montana, but moved with her family to Seattle in her early childhood. While growing up there she became involved with Camp Fire Girls and developed her interest in working with groups. This led to her decision to become a social worker. She received her B.A. in psychology from the University of Washington, her Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh, and her Doctorate at Bryn Mawr College. She taught at the University of Southern California School of Social Work for over thirty years and became a Distinguished Professor there. She re-

ceived their Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999. In recent years she served as a special ambassador to the President of USC to help select group advisors on matters affecting the University.

Northen was a pioneer in Social Group Work theory and was internationally recognized for her valuable contributions. The third edition of her best known textbook, *Social Work with Groups*, was published in 2004 with Roselle Kurland as her Co-editor. Others will remember *Theories of Social Work with Groups* which she co-edited with Robert W. Roberts. (Both were published by Columbia University Press.)

Northen was a regular attendee and presenter at Symposia on Social Work with Groups. She had been planning to attend the forthcoming Symposium in San Diego.

Northen was always interested in the

poor and disenfranchised populations she observed in the places she traveled and lived. She wrote a forward for a recent compilation of stories about social work with groups titled *Making Joyful Noise*, edited by Andrew Malekoff, Robert Salmon, and Dominique Steinberg, and published by The Haworth Pres, Inc.

Northen will be remembered in the walkway in the new Sculpture Park established by the Seattle Art Museum and by a scholarship in her name at the University of Southern California. And group workers everywhere remember her for her contributions and support of their work. Since her death there have been many e-mail messages on the Group Work List Serve in tribute to her. Some of these are from people who knew her well and worked with her and some from those who only knew her works or met her at meetings, workshops, and Symposia.

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IN MEMORIAM JACQUELINE EDELSON 1923 - 2006

by Paula David

Jacque Edelson was born in Toronto in 1923 and died last May. She had a long and passionate career where social work with groups was woven into the fabric of her practice her very first job. The concepts of empowerment and social justice are what attracted her to social work initially, and she devoted her professional life to working with a range of oppressed and marginalized populations.

At the age of 16, her first job was at a summer day camp under the auspices of a social agency and one of the first in the City of Toronto. It was the early 30's in post-Depression, pre-War Toronto, and a moment in history that brought together an usually diverse and talented group of employees who found themselves in non-traditional settings and responded with non-traditional methods. The job, the people, and the potential for creativity in the work led Jacque to look to the States for a Masters in Social Work.

It was the mid 40's in Post War America. Gertrude Wilson had left Case Western and was teaching social group work at the Pittsburgh School of Applied Science. Once again, Jacque found herself in the midst of a gestational period in social group work. The schools were populated with returning vets, Red Cross workers, international students and a generation of idealists all committed to "method specialization" in social group work. Jacque was learning at a time when the likes of Gisela Konopka and Celia Weisman were field instructors, and the early pioneers of social work with groups were committed to the innovative development of theory, expanding the boundaries of existing practice, and the evolution of the methodology and applications. Jacque was learning with the individuals what formulated the theory and the practice.

She spent the next twenty years in the States, living and working in Pittsburgh, New York, Newark, and Cleveland. She was employed by a variety of agencies, including the Girl Guides of Allegheny County, the YMCA, and Irene Kaufman Settlement in Pittsburgh. During that period she married, had her chil-

dren, and continued working in the field. She became an active participant in our organisation's precursor, the NASW's group work section, for those social workers who "made use of social group work methods in new settings". Jacque did just that, working in new settings in JCC's, children's centres and agencies that recognized the effectiveness of social change through social group work. She developed a lifelong expertise and commitment to social justice and change through group work.

In 1968 Jacque came back to Canada and began a new chapter in her career at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Her book, published in 1985, "Institutional Care of the Mentally Impaired Elderly", and co-authored with Walter Lyons was a ground breaking innovative text. Like a true group worker, Jacque's commitment to focus on strengths lead to international recognition in the creation of new environments in long term care for the cognitively impaired. In 1976 Jacque became the Director of the Wagman Centre, Baycrest's new community centre for older adults. Once again Jacque used her group work skills to create an innovative service for diverse groups of elderly clients, combining social action groups, process groups, psychosocial and educational groups to build a strong and vital resource. Her legacy of a client driven group work agency is still alive and flourishing today with many of Jacque's early visions an integral and lasting part of the agency mandate.

Jacque hired me in the late 70's and committed herself to moulding a group worker. She would describe her history in the field, when "we were just about to discover what we knew... how to work in different ways and witness a new map for social work." I credit Jacque for sustaining my interest in group work and will always be grateful for her sharing her rich history. She was involved in AASWG since its inception and even through her retirement remained active until ill health confined her. In hindsight, it took a lot to confine her! While her contribution to the field was significant, her family was always her favoured group. She will be missed by her children Jeff Edelson and Lynne Watson, Miriam Edelson and Andy King, Abbe Edelson, step-children Tom Edelson and Rachel Loden, and

IN MEMORIAM ROBERT LAURETIG 1930 - 2006

Robert Lauretig of Cleveland, Ohio, died on July 20. He was active with the Education Committee of the Northeast Ohio Chapter and had worked for several years with Anna Fritz on the establishment of the Grace L. Coyle Endowment Fund at Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences in Cleveland. He had studied with Grace Coyle at MSASS. He spoke briefly as part of the program at the first Lecture by Paul Abels in November last year.

After graduation from The Ohio State University Lauretig received his Masters and Doctoral Degrees from Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences in Cleveland. He practiced social work for fifty-four years in Cleveland including in private practice where he specialized in treatment for individuals and families with issues related to addiction. His family will forever be grateful for his legacy of always working for personal growth and development. His personal passions were traveling and outdoors. He visited too many National Parks to mention. At one time he invited the Education Committee to a retreat at his cabin in southeast Ohio.

We appreciate his dedication and contributions to social work and particularly to group work over these many years. We join with the many who mourn his passing and celebrate his life.

Please share information with *SWwGN* about what is going on in your communities, agencies, or schools, etc., that is relevant to group work. Help keep us and your colleagues informed. Send your comments or articles to *SWwGN*.

grandchildren Kaitlyn, Sarah, the late Jake, Emma, and Claire. She will be remembered and honoured by a host of social group workers whose practice was influenced by her leadership and vision.



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Revised Standards for Social Work Practice with Groups are now available. John Ramey added that the Standards have been translated into Spanish. The question was asked whether we need the Standards also in other languages.

Chapter Development Committee

The centrality of chapters within AASWG was affirmed. Committee Chair, Alison Johnson, and Greg Tully, Chapter Liaison, have put much time and thought into communicating with chapters. Two motions were approved: the first one that chapter support payments be reinstated; and the second that \$1000 be budgeted for chapter support. This funding is meant for promoting membership activities (25% of full memberships and 10% of discounted memberships with a cap per chapter of \$300/year).

Symposium Committee

A full report on last fall's Symposium in Minneapolis was received by Carol Kuechler representing the Minnesota Chapter and the Minneapolis Symposium planning group. The final tally is not yet available but profits look to be more than \$30,000. Carol is working diligently on the proceedings, planning to have a manuscript ready for Haworth by the end of the summer. Other proceedings in the works are Detroit, Boston, and New York.

The planning for this year's Symposium in San Diego, California, is well under way. Over one hundred abstracts have been accepted. The hotel is the Kona Kai Resort, attractive and less costly than some have been, and airport transportation is convenient. The planning group was represented by Albert Schafer and Velma Carrio, who updated us with much enthusiasm.

Tim Kelly, the Committee Chair, reported that next year there will be a change with regard to the dates of our annual Symposium. Due to the Council on Social Work Education's moving its annual meetings to October, we have decided to move our Symposium to June beginning next year, 2007, in New Jersey. The dates will be June 28 to July 1. The New Jersey planning group was represented by Susanne Palombo, Maureen Hagan, and Kathy Sweeney, who have made an excellent beginning in their preparations for June. Please note that all

the usual dates will be different as of the 2007 Symposium, e.g., the deadline for submitting abstracts is November 15 this fall!

In June of 2008 (specific dates to be determined), our annual Symposium will be for the first time outside North America in Cologne, Germany. Our German colleagues are eager to host the Symposium and will do so in collaboration with the European Group Work Conference folks. On the question of costs to attend the Symposium in Germany, we know already that a room may cost only \$60.US per night. Moving our annual Symposium time to June may result in much reduced costs for attenders since meeting space and accommodation may be available on university campuses. The Symposium Committee is exploring this and many other options for future years.

Commission on Group Work in Social Work Education

Ellen Sue Mesbur, Chairperson, highlighted a number of focuses of the Commission. The Syllabus Exchange is in operation, with course outlines invited for undergraduate, masters, and doctoral level courses. Teaching resources of all kinds are welcome including assignments, learning activities, and exams. The need for supports for doctoral students was raised, as well as a list of people who are qualified and willing to serve as committee members or examiners on groupwork dissertations. Also mentioned were needs for process recording formats and groupwork supervision in field placements.

Nominations and Elections Committee

Ellen Sue Mesbur and Martin Birnbaum, Committee Co-chairs, presented the slate for this year's election of three at-large Board members. The ballot is in this *Newsletter*, for your convenience. Please be sure to vote!

We had a good discussion about criteria for Board membership and, as always, the dire importance of diversity among Board members.

Future Planning Committee

Alex Gitterman, the Committee Chair, noted that numerous recommendations made a year and a half ago have been implemented, and that AASWG appears to have regained a measure of financial viability. Possible options for future survival of AASWG had been con-

sidered by the Executive Committee and were considered at this meeting by the Board, but each would require us to make fundamental changes that were deemed unacceptable (for example, to become a US organization exclusively or to give up our autonomy in hosting an annual Symposium). The Committee will remain in existence for the purpose of exploring alternative forms for AASWG if at some point we find ourselves unable to continue as we are.

Discussion of Board Composition and Functions

The Sunday morning session of the Board concluded with an open discussion on Board size and composition, expectations of the Board, expectations of Board Members especially between the two meetings each year, role of the Executive Committee vis a vis the Board as a whole, changes in operations now with an Administrative Support position, possible bylaw changes, and an action plan.

For now, it was decided that the Board composition and, therefore, size will remain as is. Many suggestions were made to facilitate greater efficiency and involvement of Board members year-round, such as early orientation of new Board members and assignment to committees. In particular, the desirability of having each Chapter represented was emphasized.

Active participation by all Board members tends to be a perennial issue and was raised here again. Not unlike other volunteer organizations, the work tends to be done by certain few people. Several urgings were made around the table for everyone to remain active on their committees (each Board member sits on two). The role of the Executive Committee was reiterated, in that the By-laws provide for it to act on behalf of the full Board when circumstances warrant. At the last Board meeting in Minneapolis, due to the worrisome financial situation, the authority of the Executive Committee was affirmed to make decisions related to AASWG's survival. An agreement was made that following each Executive Committee meeting, a summary will be distributed to all Board members.

I hope you can see and appreciate the care, thoroughness, and passion that your Board members brought to this meeting. *Continued on page 9, President's Pen*



CHAPTERS LIAISON REPORT

The Chapters were well represented at the Board meeting in New York City in June by either their Chairs or designated representatives. This resulted in a great experience for everyone as the various Chapter folks enjoyed seeing one another and sharing both information and ideas accumulated since the Symposium in Minnesota.

The general feedback was that 2006 has so far seen a good deal of activity within the Chapters, including mini-conferences, guest speaker workshops, Chapter meetings, practice-related discussion groups, and other events supporting group work internationally.

Chapter leadership also reported that, after accomplishing various membership outreach strategies, there has been a good amount of membership renewal among existing Chapter members and, in some

It takes more work to keep policies and programs in place than it did to create them in the first place. Remember this when working in good group work programs and in AASWG.

WELCOME BACK

Since June four former members have rejoined after inactive periods of one or more years. Join in welcoming them back as we work to build AASWG.

Elaine T. Jurkowski, Carbondale, Illinois

Nancy Boyd Webb, Amesbury, Massachusetts

Roberta L. Shall, Munroe Falls, Ohio

Margaret J. Hazelton, Trenton, Michigan

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My quick notes barely do it justice. Please know that we are working earnestly to maintain AASWG as a special group of people, unique in the world. Feel free to contact me or any of us with your comments, questions, concerns, and yes, even your criticisms. This organization is worth our efforts.

Sincerely,

Nancy Sullivan, President

St. John's, Newfoundland/Labrador

July 24, 2006

Chapters, a significant number of new members. This positive membership news was confirmed when the Membership Committee reported at the meeting that the number of AASWG Chapter members at this point in 2006 is greater than at this same time in 2005. The Chapters are maintaining membership and growing!

One point that was raised was that "student" members are not always heavily pursued by individual Chapters yet bring great energy and the possibility of a long-term membership commitment! Everyone agreed that we should continue to generate ideas for attracting new student members.

Additional feedback from Chapter folks included Chapter leaders reporting that they were enjoying and benefiting from the recent increases in communication that have been occurring both across the Chapters and also between the AASWG leadership and the Chapters. Phoning and e-mailing communication is increasing and everyone is appreciating the support it is bringing. There was a lot of discussion about how to add to this communication and several ideas were shared about using the AASWG web site more effectively and more often. New AASWG web site innovations have begun to increase communication, and all agreed that in the near future AASWG needs to pursue many more creative ways to utilize the web site. In addition to a more active web site, other ideas for improving the "product" that AASWG gives to chapter members were discussed. The Chapter Development Committee vowed to pursue these ideas recognizing that staying focused on the goal of improving the overall "product" delivered to each AASWG member is important.

All of the Chapters applauded the fine job our Minnesota Chapter did in running a stimulating and successful Symposium last year. In addition, each Chapter voiced excitement that the San Diego Symposium is already looking so exciting and promising. Chapter leadership is committed to fully supporting our Southern California Chapter folks as they continue their herculean efforts to host this year's certain to be successful big event!

Greg Tully, Chapters Liaison
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Chapters, Affiliates and Organizing Units

CONNECTICUT

The Chapter has forty-plus members now, and the University of Connecticut School of Social Work has become an institutional member of AASWG!

Joan Letendre, group work professor, is an At-Large board member of AASWG. Michael Westfall is our Chapter chair.

Michael, Joan, and Julianne Wayne, University of Connecticut group work professor, have been conversing about how to revive the slumbering chapter to its former vibrancy. Ideas include hosting a fall event and convening a group of interested members to brainstorm ideas for regular meetings that would respond to the current needs of group workers in the field.

We have been successful at recruiting students to the organization, and they show enthusiasm about the revival of the Chapter. We need even more member to help. Please contact us.

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FLORIDA

The Chapter has scheduled its 22nd Annual AASWG Group Work Conference for November 17 at Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida. The board met August 9 to plan for this event as well as for the Spring Educational Group Work Series. This series is always free to our members and includes a continental breakfast. This past spring these workshops were well attended, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. We will continue our brainstorming sessions regarding workshops and presenters and invite and encourage members to attend and participate in these planning sessions. Why not make a difference and become a part of our active organization? Group
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workers are enlightened, educated, and informed. Mark your calendar and make the commitment to attend our Fall Conference in November and Spring Educational Group Work Series.

We are continuing with our efforts in contacting former members of the past five years, encouraging them to renew. Regarding membership, I wish to quote Toby Berman-Ross. "Each of us must own the effort to sustain and generate new membership. We must think of AASWG as 'our group' and very personally take on its survival. While the Board can work on membership benefits and strategies, the task of recruiting members is a very personal one. Members join because of affectional ties and/or because they are committed to the Association's mission. These affectional ties come face-to-face, one on one, call by call. For you, our members and greatest recruiters are needed. Your efforts must continue against great odds."

We wish to thank the International Board for their support, the Florida Chapter Board for their tireless efforts and contributions to keeping our chapter afloat, and finally, Barry University School of Social Work for their ongoing support of our Chapter.

For further information about the Florida Chapter please contact Laura Farley at lfarley@aol.com or log onto the website: www.AASWGFlorida.org.

ILLINOIS

The Chapter's effort to stimulate increased participation is reflected in the tremendous turnout of presenters for the Symposium in San Diego.

Thirteen chapter members will be presenting ten different topics including: using interpreters in group work, reducing and preventing childhood obesity, group work approaches for defiant adolescent clients, virtual leadership, development of student branches within AASWG, leading groups within a family medicine residency program, what works in teaching, technology in group work, fostering mutual aid between professional organizations and students/new membership, and Group Work with Latinos.

Presenters include: Ann M. Bergart, Pamela Leonhardt and Germain Murray, Shirley Simon, Joyce Webster, Kathy

Stauber, Emily Blanchard, Kay Goler Levin, Carlean Gilbert, Justin Krause, Norma Velasco, and Rebecca Burwell. We are pleased to introduce five new member presenters to the 2006 Symposium.

Ann Bergart, Shirley Simon, Kathy Stauber, Kay Goler Levin and Carlean Gilbert's initiative to encourage continued student involvement has drastically increased our chapter's presence from the previous year.

Our chapter is also exploring the role technology can play in providing support to our membership - Ann Bergart, Shirley Simon, and Kathy Stauber are serving as consultants to co-leaders of a virtual support group for doctoral students offered through AASWG.

We would like to thank Ann Bergart for representing our chapter at the AASWG Board Meeting in June.

The Illinois Chapter invites you to join us at the 2006 AASWG Symposium. For further information about the Illinois Chapter please contact Carlean Gilbert, Chapter President at ccgilbe2@luc.edu.

INDIA

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON "SOCIAL GROUP WORK AND ITS CONTRIBUTION IN HEALTH SECTOR"

SEPTEMBER 22-24 AT MANGALORE

The India Affiliate will be organizing a National Seminar on "Social Group Work and Its Contribution in Health Sector" this September 22-24 at Mangalore, South India, at the Mangalore School of Social Work. Persons who wish to participate and contribute papers should write to Dr.(Ms.) D'Souza before September 16, 2006, and tell her whether you want to participate. Send a copy of the papers to us. Our telephones are Res. 2220155, 2248421 or 2244663 (office), Mobile 937199375.

Those wishing to participate in the seminar should get in touch with Indian Affiliate AASWG by contacting John Ramey, *SWwGN* Editor, who will be able to give you the information on our National Conference.

Mangalore City is located in the southern part of the country. Those who are likely to touch Delhi or Bombay could also reach Mangalore by Air or by Train. From Chennai also one can reach

Mangalore.

The seminar will be held at the School of Social Work, Roshani Nilaya, Mangalore 575002, Mangalore State, Karnataka, sswroshni@vasnet.co.in

Respectfully submitted,

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LONG ISLAND

The Chapter is busy planning programs for the coming year and has held several steering committee meetings during the summer at Molloy College in Rockville Center.

Our first program is already confirmed:

Martin Birnbaum, charter member of AASWG, Life Member of the AASWG Board and faculty (retired) Yeshiva University Wurzweiler School of Social Work, will present "Group Work and Purposeful Sessional Endings" on October 26. This program will be co-hosted by Adelphi University School of Social Work, Field Education Department, and will be open to field instructors as well as group workers and students throughout the community.

The Chapter will be awarding student scholarships again this year as this program was very successful last year and will also continue to provide CEU credits whenever possible for our programs.

Several members of our Chapter will be heading to San Diego in October to present papers at the 28th Annual International Symposium. We encourage everyone to submit abstracts to be considered for the 29th Annual Symposium, to be held locally, in New Jersey, in June 2007 (just across the river- no" expensive air travel" for us).

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Feigelman, Chair
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MASSACHUSETTS

The Massachusetts Chapter held its annual conference and annual meeting on May 12, co-sponsored with Wheelock College Division of Social Work. This *Continued on page 11, Chapters*



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year's conference "Group Work in Turbulent Times: Hope and Healing through Group Work" was a huge success!! Lois Levinsky delivered the keynote address. Many group work practitioners and educators participated together in a lively discussion with a panel of experts from the field of social group work moderated by the Massachusetts Chapter Vice President, Hope Haslam Straughan. We were fortunate to have with us on the panel Nina Aronoff, Michael Carter, Luz Lopez, and Diane Zipoli. Each spoke with eloquence about poignant group work issues in the field.

During the Annual Meeting portion of the day, new board officers and members were introduced. Frances Colon and Patty Underwood have joined the Massachusetts board. Yeah! We are fortunate to have many continuing and committed members of the board for the coming year as well: Meg MacPherson, outgoing Chapter President, Hope Haslam Straughan, new Vice President, Jen Wittlin, Secretary, Susan Hooper, new Treasurer, Micaela Cohen, Mary Lisbon, Elisa Rivera, and Donna McLaughlin, New Chapter President.

The Chapter is looking forward to the coming fall. Board members will meet in September for the annual retreat to strategize and plan for the year. Once again membership growth and renewal will be a high priority as well as thinking creatively about partnering with our colleagues practicing and supervising in the field.

We are looking forward to San Diego and the Symposium and hope to see many of you there!

Submitted by Donna McLaughlin
President, dmmclaugh@bu.edu

NORTHEAST OHIO

The great sadness of the summer season for the Chapter is the death of Robert Laurentig on July 20. He was active on the Education Committee and had worked for several years with Anna Fritz on the establishment of the Grace L. Coyle Endowment Fund at Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences in Cleveland. A longer recounting of Bob's life and work is elsewhere in this issue. We will miss his solid commitment to group work and support of AASWG.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee was held on July 10 for the purpose of selecting a slate of candidates for election to the Executive Committee for the next two years.

Tracy Hagan has agreed to take responsibility for finding a location and making other technical and program arrangements for the Annual Meeting which will be held on Friday, September, 15 at noon. Save the date!

The June 9 workshop sponsored by the Education Committee and held at Regina Health Care Center in Richfield was highly successful. We appreciated all the care, understanding, and preparation that Andy Malekoff put into making this the highlight and climax of our program year. Members of the Executive Committee were able to meet with Andy over dinner the evening before the workshop. Andy's "Strengths-Based Group Work with Children and Adolescents" is a workshop which we highly recommend.

The Chapter has scheduled several workshops on "Understanding and Using the new *Standards for the Practice of Social Work with Groups*. The first will be held in Akron on the morning of Friday, September 22, from 8:30 to 12. The second will be at the Annual Conference of the Ohio Chapter Conference of the National Association of Social Workers on October 19 and 20 in Columbus. The third will be at the Region II Ohio NASW meeting on Wednesday, January 24, in Akron. Another will be scheduled for the Cleveland area. Work continues on planning the workshops on "The Ethics of Group Work" for the coming season.

The next student meeting will be Friday, September 8, at 5:30 at the Cracker Barrel on Route 18 just east of the Fairlawn exit off I-77. Linda McArdle is working with the students to develop their programs and activities. The program of selecting students from the various area schools for awards of AASWG memberships will begin its third season with the beginning of the fall semester in a few weeks.

The August issue of the Chapter's "Occasional Notes" is being prepared for distribution by e-mail. Members are asked to send information to be included.

Meetings of the Executive Committee, held on the second Monday of each

month at noon, have been moved to Applewood on East 22nd Street at I-77 in Cleveland.

For information about the Chapter contact Jay Toth, Chair, 4400-286-4490, jtoth@netzero.net.

Respectfully submitted,
John H. Ramey, Secretary

TORONTO (TRGN)

Ontario was pleased to have two presentations by Mark Macgowan, a long-term supporter of AASWG and Associate Professor at Florida International University School of Social Work. He spoke on the topic of "Evidence-Based Group Work".

On May 25 the School of Social Work, Renison College, University of Waterloo, and KW Counselling Services hosted Mark in Kitchener, Ontario. Practitioners and social work students were in attendance.

The Department of Social Work, the Hospital for Sick Children, and the Toronto Region Groupworkers Network (TRGN) hosted Mark's presentation on May 26 at the Hospital for Sick Children. The Toronto event drew a very large audience with many friends of the Association in attendance. The topic created a buzz in Toronto, and we hope to capitalize on the excitement and momentum generated by the events.

TRGN has attracted some new membership, and we hope to include new and long-term members in a planning process. We are hosting a meeting to plan our next year's schedule of events. A number of Toronto members will be presenters in San Diego, and we hope they will assist us in the planning process.

Several of our members teach group work at local colleges and universities where we regularly advertise AASWG. However, we are aware of the large numbers of individuals leading groups in the Toronto area who have no formal group training. One Network idea has been to set up beginner training programs in group work. We will keep you all informed of our progress.

Toronto recently lost a friend and colleague in group work. Jacqueline Edelson passed away in May. Please see submissions about Jacqueline by our colleagues in this newsletter.

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TRGN members look forward to seeing everyone in San Diego in the fall.

For information about our Chapter, TRGN, please contact Barbara Muskat at 416-486-8055, ext. 227, bmuskat@inte.gra.on.ca or muskat@home.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Muskat, Chair

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BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN SAN DIEGO

The various committees of AASWG and the Board will hold meetings before and during the Symposium in San Diego.

The Board will meet on Thursday afternoon prior to the start of the Symposium. Some committees may meet before that and others will meet during the Symposium. Check your Final Program for the schedule and locations. Contact the Committee Chairs or Nancy Sullivan, President, with any concerns or ideas you may wish to have considered. The Board agenda is prepared and distributed several weeks in advance and business of the Board must have been considered by the appropriate committees in advance. The Executive Committee holds teleconferences between Board meetings and will meet Wednesday before the Symposium.

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER AWAKENS, WILL HOST THE 2007 SYMPOSIUM

June is New Jersey - New Jersey is East Coast. It is time to think about the 2007 Symposium, the first time our annual Symposium will be held in the month of June.

From June 28 through July 1, 2007, we will convene at the beautiful Hyatt Regency in Jersey City with stunning views of the Hudson River that offer a continuously-changing color postcard of the river, the Statue of Liberty, and the New York City skyline.

Our theme will be "Groups: Gateways to Growth". The surroundings help us to reflect on the theme as we will be in such close proximity to what was once considered the Gateway to the New World.

All around the hotel and extending up and down the river is a scenic walkway, which offers great views, cafes, shops, and a connection to a "light-rail system" and water taxis.

Within driving distance are the several nature/recreation areas that are part of "Gateway National Park", with locations in both New York and New Jersey.

For persons more interested in the exciting urban attractions, New York City is just minutes away via the PATH trains that run under the river and are

WELCOME TO AASWG MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD!!

We look forward to welcoming our members who join us from all over the world.

We have learned to say Bienvenue to our Canadian members, Willkommen to our largest chapter in Germany, Bien Venida to all of our Spanish speaking chapters, Bruchim Habaim to our Israeli members and to the rest of you who will teach us how to express our WELCOME to you. We are still discussing whether we should say Yokoso or Ish----- to our members from Japan.

We look forward to the presence of our India affiliates as well as those from Ghana.

A hearty welcome to our 28th Symposium to all of you all over the world!

now equipped with the newest technology in security systems. The entrance to the trains is at the front door of the hotel.

Newark has an amazing variety of ethnic cultures, food and festivals and is also within a short PATH train ride. Jersey City itself offers the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the beautifully restored Central Railroad Terminal, Liberty State Park, Liberty Science Center and Museum, and Hudson River boat rides.

The "Spirit of New Jersey" is one such boat and we know you'll be captivated when you climb on board and see for yourself the beautiful blend of new and old, urban and seashore, historic and high tech. Many other cultural and historic venues are within minutes by public transportation.

Acknowledging how group has served as a gateway for countless group members to move to new places of growth and how group-work itself has opened up new venues for workers, it is fitting to be holding the 2007 Symposium in such an auspicious location where thousands poured into the gateway to begin a new era in history.

The organizing committee has begun its work, and we are eagerly awaiting your response to the Call for Papers. We're excited about hosting all of you in this fabulous setting. Hope you are too.

We hope to hear from you soon if you would also like to be a part of the planning for the 29th Symposium in Jersey City. Contact Kathy Sweeney at ksweeney@kean.edu, Susanne Palombo at palombos@sjhmc.org, or Maureen Hagan at MSH213@hotmail.com for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and often! Follow the twenty-one lighthouses of New Jersey to "The Statue". We're all waiting with open arms.

"Give us your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to
breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming
shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-
tossed to me.
I lift my lamp beside the golden door."



Call for Papers

29th International Symposium on Social Work with Groups

Jersey City, New Jersey

June 28, 2007 – July 1, 2007

Groups: Gateways to Growth

A gateway is an opening, something that serves as an entrance or provides access. A group can be a gateway, helping people experiencing stressful life events or conditions move towards health, well-being, social inclusion, and empowerment. This symposium will celebrate the ways in which groups facilitate growth for people by opening gates, removing barriers, providing resources, and providing safe spaces. Come to the Garden State and share in the rejuvenating power of groups with group workers from around the world. As group work mentors serve as gateways for new professionals. Practitioners and Educators are encouraged to present with a student.

Papers directly related to the theme are encouraged but not required. Some areas sought include:

- Facilitating growth for vulnerable populations
- Planting the seeds in group work education
- Social justice: Opening doors and removing barriers through the use of groups
- Accessing and making sense of best practices and evidence-based research
- Tending to the garden of diversity in group work practice
- Opening connections with professionals from other disciplines
- Transitions from beginnings, middles and endings
- Activities/ dance/ art/ drama/music as gateways to growth
- The role of group work mentors serving as gateways for new group workers

TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS

Papers are 45-minute didactic and discussion-orientation presentations.

Workshops are experiential and last up to 90 minutes.

ABSTRACTS: Proposals should be submitted online at www.aaswg.org and should include a 500-word abstract of the proposal presentation. Workshop proposals should describe the objectives, structure, and presentation method. If you are unable to submit electronically, please call AASWG at 718-524-7304.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS: November 15, 2006. **NOTIFICATION:** January 15, 2007.

FINAL PAPERS FOR PUBLICATION IN PROCEEDINGS: Submit four (4) copies of the final paper and a computer diskette for consideration for inclusion in the Symposium proceedings. Deadline: July 1, 2007

ALL PRESENTERS MUST BE MEMBERS OF AASWG FOR THE YEAR 2007 BY March 1, 2007, AND REGISTER FOR THE SYMPOSIUM

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ABSTRACTS OR THE SYMPOSIUM CONTACT: Susanne Palombo at palombos@sjhmc.org or (973) 754-8611 or Kathy Sweeney at ksweeney@cougar.kean.edu or (908) 737-4068.

The Symposium is being held at Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson. Visit www.jerseycity.hyatt.com to see this stunning symposium location.



WORK MEETINGS DOUBLE

The August issue of *National Geographic* carried a brief article reporting on changes in the state of meetings in the workplace in the USA.

"The number of meetings that American workers attend more than doubled in the last half of the 20th century.

"A study published in the *Journal of Applied Psychology* found that poorly run meetings strain workers' health, especially that of those who dislike meetings. The study also found that, while many people complain about meetings, a large number secretly enjoy the confabs and derive a sense of well-being from the interaction."

Information from this study should be of interest and use to group workers in work places. Certainly we should be able to offer consultation and service to those who run workplace groups to overcome the poorly run aspects of the groups which contribute to strain and other dysfunctions. (NG, Vol. 21, #2, August 2006, page 26.)

SAN DIEGO SYMPOSIUM'S INVITATIONAL PRESENTERS

Invitational presenters from many of the AASWG chapters will present their latest research and knowledge from their long careers in social group work at the 28th Annual Symposium in San Diego.

The following presenters' subjects will be outlined in the forthcoming Preliminary Program. Registration is not necessary for these sessions which will be held on Friday, October 13, through Sunday morning, October 15.

Al Alissi

Sherry Fairchild

Beverly Feigelman

Maeda Galinsky, "Evidence-based Art of Group Work Practice"

Lynda Gaynor, Moderator, "Four Community Agencies with a Common Purpose: Empowering Clientele, their Service Recipients. Co-Presenters: Morris Casuto, David Engstrom, Janine Schooley, and Gael Strack

Anne Kopp Hyman

Ray F. Liles

Flavio Francisco Marsiglia

John McQuaid, "Using the Cognitive Behavioral Approach to Treat Depression."

Mary Lee Moser

Catherine P. Papell

CSWE MEETINGS IN 2007

The Council on Social Work Education has announced the following information regarding upcoming meetings.

The dates for the 2007 APM have been changed to October 27-30, 2007. The APM will be held at the Hilton San Francisco, San Francisco, California.

CSWE will begin accepting abstracts for the 2007 APM on January 8, 2007. More information will be forthcoming over the next several months.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS--CSWE Leadership Seminars, "Building Leaders in Social Work Education: Pathways to Success", A Two-Day Seminar presented by CSWE, February 3-4, 2007, at the Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina, and February 10-11, 2007, Phoenix Marriott Mesa, Mesa, Arizona.

The CSWE Council on Conferences and Faculty Development and the Council on Leadership Development invite you to submit a proposal for presentation at one of the upcoming CSWE Leadership Seminars, "Building Leaders in Social Work Education: Pathways to Success".

All presentation proposals should follow the theme of leadership development within social work education. CSWE particularly encourages proposals that will provide tangible learning experiences to meeting participants. We are especially interested in receiving proposals from individuals who have held leadership positions at any level and those who can share their demonstrated expertise to our audience. These could include best practices, case studies, and hands-on workshop formats.

All proposals will be reviewed by a group of volunteers from CSWE's Council on Leadership Development and Council on Conferences and Faculty Development.

To submit a proposal, please review the full submission guidelines at cswe.org/annualmeeting/07_calls.htm. Then, visit the online submission site survey.monkey.com/s.asp?u=547512074758.

All proposals should be submitted online. No paper submissions will be accepted. Submission is open until September 15, 2006. Please visit www.cswe.org for more information or

2007 CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS for 2007 Gero-Ed Forum

"Infusing Gerontology Across the Classroom and Field: Planning, Implementing and Resourcing", February 2-4, 2007 - Francis Marion Hotel - Charleston, South Carolina.

The Council on Social Work Education Gero-Ed Center and its 2007 Gero-Ed Forum Planning Committee invite you to submit a proposal for presentation in a Showcase format at the upcoming 2007 Gero-Ed Forum.

The 2007 Forum will feature a new format with intensive workshop sessions, three general sessions, and a Showcase. It will be smaller, more condensed and less expensive than past meetings and will focus solely on providing all faculty with the opportunity to be part of the national movement to "gerontologize" social work education.

The Showcase event will provide the opportunity for presentation and dissemination of gero infusion best practices. Faculty and doctoral students, including those who have not yet been part of the Hartford Geriatric Social Work Initiative, are encouraged to submit presentation proposals to showcase their curricular innovations.

For more information about the 2007 Gero-Ed Forum and how to submit a presentation proposal, please visit the Gero-Ed Center Web site at www.gero-edcenter.org or contact gero-edcenter@cswe.org. The deadline for submissions is September 15, 2006.

contact CSWE Conferences and Faculty Development staff at meetings@cswe.org.

Important Dates to Remember: September 8, 2006; Registration Opens; September 15; Call for Proposals Deadline; October 13: Proposal Notifications Issued; January 5, 2007: Early Bird Registration Deadline; January 26: Pre-Registration.

Please note that this Call for Proposals does not apply to the Gero-Ed Forum taking place at the Charleston meeting. However, leadership content related to gerontology will be considered. Please visit www.gero-edcenter.org for more information about that event.



STANDARDS NOW AVAILABLE IN SPANISH

Standards for the Practice of Social Work with Groups, Second Edition, is now available in Spanish as *Estándares para la Práctica del Trabajo Social con Grupos, Segunda edición. Versión en español*.

We are greatly indebted to Andrés Arias Astray of Madrid, Spain, for the translation. This is the first publication from AASWG translated into Spanish. We believe it will be most valuable for the many group workers who live and work in Spanish speaking areas of the world.

For some publications we would send copies to all members. In this case we will reserve copies for those who order them.

Single copies are available free. Multiple copies are US\$1 each plus shipping and handling. Send payment including an estimated postage for two ounces each plus \$.25.

Order copies from Astray for Europe and nearby areas. Order from AASWG for all other areas. The cost is the same. Astray states that, in euros, 0,80 should be sufficient for each copy for bulk orders.

Contact AASWG at membership@aswg.org, or mail to AASWG, c/o Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, 113 West 60th Street, New York NY 11023-7479. Voice mail messages may be left at 718-524-7304.

Contact Andrés Arias Astray. E.U. de Trabajo Social. Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Campus de Somosaguas. Pozuelo de Alarcón sn. Madrid. 28223. España. Tel +34913942683. Fax +34913942722. email aarias@trs.ucm.es.

Now, of course, is the time to order copies for classes, workshops, staff training, and your own use for this late summer and fall season.

The English version of *Standards* may also be ordered at the same time but only from the AASWG office.

The Second Edition was just published in January and it already is in the second printing.

Tell your friends and colleagues about the availability of *Standards* in Spanish.

The Spanish version should be available on the AASWG web site soon - www.aswg.org.

CALL FOR PAPERS: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON GROUP WORK

The Editor of the journal *Social Work with Groups* invites submissions for a special issue of the journal entitled "Social Group Work: International Perspectives." The Editors of the special issue are Ronald W. Toseland, University at Albany, Petrus NG, Hong Kong Baptist University, and Tim Kelly, Glasgow Caledonian University.

The Editors invite submissions about group work practice in international settings. The main themes that are sought are as follows:

- * Group work education and group work practice around the world

- * Relationship between social group work in a particular country and global influences (e.g. social group work in the USA and what is happening in Asia or the influence of immigration and asylum seeking on group work practice in the UK)

Of particular interest are articles describing social group work practice in first and third world countries, research articles, theory-based articles with clear practice application, and social group work practice case studies from an international perspective.

Theoretical/conceptual articles should demonstrate interaction among and between group members and group workers. Articles that are group work case studies must be rooted in theory. All articles should include social work with groups literature.

For additional information please contact Ronald W. Toseland, School of Social Welfare, University at Albany, 135 Western Avenue, Albany, NY, USA 12222, 011 518-442-5353, fax: 011-518-

"We live our lives in details."

Rita Dove, former Poet Laureate of the USA, on C-Span2 Television May 7, 2006, from a program at Duke University on March 22, 2006.

We note that the name of our organization is translated as "Asociación para el Fomento del Trabajo Social con Grupos, S. A., Una Organización Profesional Internacional."

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Please submit one original copy of the manuscript to toseland@albany.edu.

Submissions should conform to the style and publication guidelines established in The Haworth Press, Inc. Online. Articles should be 15 to 20 pages double spaced inclusive of references. For more information, please refer to the *Social Work with Groups Journal* submission guidelines at the following Web site: <http://www.haworthpressinc.com/AuthorEditor/Journals/IFA.asp?type=auth>

All submissions for this special issue must be identified as such in the cover letter.

The submission deadline is February 1, 2007. Manuscripts must be received by this date.

This special issue will also be published as a book so accepted articles will also become chapters in the book. Other ideas pertaining to international social group work practice are welcome. These may include, for example, descriptions of different forms of group work practice in countries where social work is a new or emerging discipline, articles describing adaptations of group work for local contexts, and local practices such as herbal or folk medicine that can be used in conjunction with or as a part of successful social group work practice.

Anyone considering submitting an article for this special issue is encouraged to contact Professor Toseland or either of the other two editors at the previously mentioned addresses. This will facilitate planning for sufficient space for the special issue and at the same time, the editors can provide guidance on the submission so that chances of having a submission accepted for publication are maximized.

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