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CALGARY
Alberta, Canada**

June 5 - 8, 2014

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FROM THE TREASURY

In the interest of
increasing transparency
and connection, I am
delighted to share with
you, the IASWG
membership, a summary
of the [Treasurer's
Report](#) to the Board of
Directors at last
November's meeting.

Best wishes and a happy
new year to all of you.
Dominique Moyses

Dear IASWG Member,

President's Pen

This is our first Group News of the 2014 year, and it is an opportunity for all of us to share our exciting plans for keeping IASWG healthy and thriving in 2014. Most important: make your plans to attend our Calgary Symposium (it is going to be a great event!), and be sure to renew your 2014 membership! Communication with you will continue during 2014 through our various forms of IASWG contact: website, email, e-blast, phone, mail, Facebook, Twitter, and Group News. The recent IASWG Board meeting was engaging and productive. We had full representation from our many chapters and committees, and the result was an active and productive meeting. The Committee Chairs/Co-chairs have already begun working with their Committee members on various activities for the 2014 year. In addition, the Chapter folks have announced upcoming chapter events or are planning them actively. A number of important priorities/goals for 2014 have emerged across all chapters and committees:

IASWG Chapters: Each of our chapters had a representative at the Board meeting: South Africa, Germany, North Carolina, Northeast Ohio, European, Southern California, Central Florida, Toronto, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Florida, Long Island, Illinois, NYC, and Pennsylvania. Everyone was impressed with the reports by the Chapter Representatives on Saturday morning detailing each of their chapter's accomplishments. Many of us are aware of the laudable efforts of the chapters during the past year. Many chapter members created/held a lot of successful events to support their region's educators and practitioners. The work of our chapters is vital to the success and growth of IASWG, and it was great to have every chapter represented at the Board meeting. Visit our website and you will see some evidence of the good work being done by chapter

Treasurer, IASWG, Inc.

CHAPTER NEWS

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members.

Calgary Symposium Planning: The IASWG Symposium Committee and the Calgary Planning Committee folks are working very hard right now on the planning activities for the Calgary Symposium. The entire event is going to be an exciting and memorable experience for everyone attending. The Calgary Planning Committee gave us an informative presentation in NYC about their progress. Our website is providing exciting content to entice presenters and attendees. It is going to be a lovely symposium; members should submit (and encourage others to submit) proposals for presentations, as well as make plans (and encourage others to make plans) to attend in June.

Membership Renewal: The Membership Committee folks already have organized two e-blasts to garner 2014 membership renewals. In upcoming months they will also coordinate mailings. Members have been joining or renewing as "2014 IASWG members" for months now. The Membership Committee worked hard in the past year to maintain our healthy membership numbers, and they will be challenging all of us to work with them in 2014 to grow the membership base.

Public relations and Marketing: The Marketing Committee met for many hours at the IASWG Board meeting to brainstorm about existing and new ways to promote IASWG. Their continued work to maintain our presence at conferences throughout the world, and their increased attention to marketing us internationally by using the internet and social media, are vitally important to our success as an organization.

Chapter Growth and Support: The Chapter Development Committee held a meeting on Saturday afternoon attended by many Board members, and many chapter representatives participated in discussing salient chapter issues. We are adding chapters each year, and our existing chapters are working hard to provide activities and events for their region's IASWG members.

Board Elections: The Nominations and Elections Committee members shared some new plans with the Board related to IASWG Board recruitment. They plan to begin their work soon. Look for information from them in the upcoming month.

Commission and Practice Committees: These two Committees joined each other for 4 hours on Saturday afternoon at the NYC Board weekend to strategize about the many areas of IASWG work and accomplishments that they oversee. The Commission has been very active with promoting and advancing social group work education

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NEW BOOK

Dear Friends and
Colleagues,

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the publication of the
third edition of my
textbook on mutual aid!
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you're interested you
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discount using the
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edition! It's filled with
lots of new content in
each chapter plus has a
brand-new chapter on
worker-based obstacles
to catalyzing mutual
aid... and it also offers
numerous classroom
exercises. Here's
wishing you all a happy,
healthy, and productive
2014.

Dominique Moyse
Steinberg

issues, and will continue to maintain this impressive focus in 2014. The Practice Committee is prioritizing a review of the IASWG Standards during the 2014 year.

Group Work Projects: The SPARC Committee continues to develop into a major source of support and innovation for IASWG members. At the Board meeting in NYC the SPARC Committee members reported very positive news about the projects IASWG has chosen to support or endorse through SPARC funds.

Member Retention: The Ad-hoc IASWG Retention Committee has been supporting the membership renewal effort by reaching out to our most recent members to encourage them to renew. Each year a lot of work goes into the recruitment and retention of members, and the efforts of the Ad-hoc Retention Committee have aided the cause significantly. All of these efforts have resulted in a steady/strong membership number for IASWG each year. As you renew your membership for 2014 this month, please make an effort to encourage your chapter colleagues to renew, and reach out to other group workers you know to encourage them to join.

Global Development: Leadership and goals are beginning to emerge for the International Issues Sub-Committee. In recent months, the Sub-Committee has been forming, and the members soon will be formulating goals to explore.

IASWG Economic Development: A 2013 Treasurer Report in this issue of the Group News nicely illustrates we are financially healthy heading into the 2014 year. However, Board members interested in the work of the Economic Development Sub-Committee met in NYC for a productive hour to establish initial economic development ideas for IASWG to explore and pursue in 2014. It is vital that we maintain a focus in this area during 2014.

Katy Papell Memorial- There was a wonderful turnout for the Katy Papell Memorial at Adelphi University in December. The event was very nicely arranged, and the sharing of memories and impressions of Katy's life by many of her family members and friends/colleagues was thoughtful and inspiring. Throughout her life Katy remained a tireless advocate for many causes, including the mission of group work and IASWG. The example of her life of advocacy motivates all of us.

I hope the recent holiday season was a happy one for each of you. As we head into the 2014 year, all of us will be working hard to further the mission of group work through our IASWG activity and advocacy.

All the best- Greg Tully, IASWG President

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