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President's Pen

Greetings! I continue to enjoy working alongside the dynamic group of IASWG members who on a daily basis address our IASWG mission to promote excellence in group work practice, education, research, publication, and field instruction in the global community. In addition, I continue to enjoy being a part of the continuous communication and interaction among all IASWG members as we dedicate our time to various IASWG efforts within our chapters, committees, and lives as group workers.

The 2013 Boston Symposium Planning Committee has prepared a very creative and exciting symposium for us to attend in Boston. I hope many of you are planning to be there. In addition, the IASWG Social Work Camp will be held this summer, and already many IASWG members (students and the rest of us) are making plans to attend this lovely event.

Our hardworking Board members (and Committee members) have been actively and productively engaged in identifying and addressing the salient issues of our organization; all Board members will be meeting in three weeks at the Boston Symposium to strategize and plan for the future. In late May all of our 2013 members will vote by electronic ballot to elect three new members to the IASWG Board. Check your email during the end of May for voting information. We are nearing our 2013 membership number goals as a result of our 2013 e-blasting, mailing, and other outreach efforts. The efforts of our Membership Committee (along with the efforts of our new Recruitment and Retention Committee to recruit/retain new members) are succeeding.

Everyone is enjoying the new look of our IASWG website (www.iaswg.org). We continue to call upon members to submit site content (committee news/reports, member

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news, chapter updates, and information on IASWG events/projects) to our website administrator, Emily Wilk, and our Website Committee members. We want to keep the site updated and active each week. We will continue to add content and features in the coming months to make the site worthwhile for anyone interested in our IASWG activities or resources. Be sure to utilize the site, and use the online membership renewal feature to renew your IASWG membership for 2013 if you have not already renewed.

Some of our IASWG members in the northeast region of the U.S. are still recovering from the impact of Hurricane Sandy, and our IASWG members in Boston are only now beginning to return to normal routines after the sad events in their beautiful city last month. These events have been difficult for many, and we must continue to express our support for their recovery.

Recently all the leaders of the various IASWG Chapters joined with one another by phone conference to share ideas. It was a wonderful experience, and produced stronger connections among the leaders as well as some productive ideas for their chapters to consider. Many of our IASWG chapters have been holding meetings and events to keep their members engaged on the regional level. I attended a wonderful weekend event in Germany filled with scholarly presentations and social activities hosted by the German Chapter. While in Germany I also visited with the members of the new Western Europe Chapter, and I was pleased to see their progress as a forming IASWG Chapter. Our new chapter in North Carolina continues to move forward with their emerging goals, and our longstanding chapter in Long Island held a very successful event recently with many of their chapter members (others of us joined them) participating in a wonderful session facilitated by Andy Malekoff. The IASWG Southern California Chapter has been expanding participation in their chapter, and new chapter leaders are employing innovative strategies like creating a chapter newsletter. We should all appreciate that our IASWG chapter leaders and members are planning events and activities to keep the mission of IASWG alive in their local areas.

We are a strong organization right now, and I am very optimistic we can continue to ensure that group work practice, education, research, publication, and field instruction survive and thrive in upcoming years. IASWG continues to successfully support and foster group work internationally. As always, thank you to all of you, our

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active IASWG members throughout the world, for furthering the IASWG mission to support and strengthen the cause of social group work. I will continue to communicate with all of you, and I look forward to celebrating group work with many of you very soon at our 2013 IASWG Symposium in Boston.

All the best- Greg Tully, IASWG President