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advocacy & action in support of group work practice, education, research, & publication

Group News September 2014 Symposium 2015 News!

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Group News is an opportunity to share the most recent IASWG news about our advocacy and activities, including news in this issue about our exciting 2015 symposium in North Carolina. Following a wonderful symposia event last June in Calgary, the North Carolina Planning Committee members are busy planning a symposium event in North Carolina that promises to be a memorable experience on the historic and beautiful campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Our IASWG origins were in North America, where we continue to thrive (many of our U.S. IASWG Chapters have strong membership numbers currently, and our chapter activity in Canada will increase soon with a new chapter there.) In addition, we have successfully spread our group work advocacy and activity beyond North America (chapter members of our European Chapter, German Chapter, and South Africa Chapter welcomed with all of us our new Lithuania Chapter, and representatives from all of these IASWG Chapters met in Calgary, and phone conferenced recently, to discuss their exciting plans for chapter activities and ongoing growth.) Many IASWG Chapters are holding exciting events this fall season to support their region's educators and practitioners. Visit our website and peruse this issue of Group News for evidence of the good work being done by our IASWG Chapters.

Each year the U.S. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) presents a Significant Lifetime Achievement in Social Work Education Award. Many of us attending the CSWE conference this October will witness our longtime IASWG member, Larry Shulman, being honored for his lifetime of achievements. In recent years, we have applauded Alex Gitterman and Charles Garvin for receiving recognition from CSWE for their lifetime

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Report to the
Membership](#)**

THANK YOU

Thank you to the 2014 Symposium Planning Committee and volunteers in Calgary, Alberta, Canada for an enriching and memorable symposium.

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achievements. Throughout the years IASWG has advocated for group work recognition and celebration at CSWE conferences, and this year we will have a major presence at CSWE with a good number of group work presentations as well as our annual IASWG-CSWE Partnership Presentation. It is important for IASWG to connect and network with other major social work organizations in the U.S. (CSWE and NASW), and internationally (several IASWG members presented on group work education and practice at the IASSW-ICSW-IFSW international conference in Melbourne, Australia.)

The Executive Committee will phone conference soon, and the IASWG Board will have representation from our many IASWG Chapter and Committee members for the annual meeting in NYC in November to address IASWG priorities/goals for 2015. The Treasurer Report in this issue of the Group News nicely illustrates we are financially healthy, and we continue to discuss new ideas for increasing revenue through sound investment strategies and creative fundraising.

Be sure to renew your 2014 membership, and encourage others to join IASWG! Communication with you will continue during 2015 through our various forms of IASWG contact: website, email, e-blast, phone, mail, Facebook, Twitter, and Group News. The IASWG focus will continue to be ensuring group work education, practice, education, field instruction, research, and publication survives and thrives in the global community.

2015 IASWG SYMPOSIUM IN NORTH CAROLINA

**Join us June 4th to June 7th, 2015
in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA**

2015 IASWG Symposium Theme Group Work: Creating Space for All Voices

With its roots in the Settlement House movement, group work has proudly embraced the tradition of creating a space for all voices. Group workers today continue to advance this tradition. With a focus on mutual aid, empowerment, respect for diversity, equal participation, inclusion, and non-judgmental acceptance, group workers deter oppression by widening the circle to create a space for all voices. Co-sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work and North

Help us build a library of IASWG Standard Resources

We need a variety of methods and approaches to teaching about the standards, both in dedicated group work courses and multi-methods courses.

Please send your course syllabi, exercises, and assignments to Mark Macgowan via email to Macgowan@fiu.edu.

Renew for Membership

[Online](#)

[Via Mail](#)

MEMBER RECOGNITION

CSWE Award Recipients

This year, the Council on Social Work Education will honor longtime IASWG member, and past IASWG Board member, Lawrence Shulman, with their Significant Lifetime Achievement in Social Work Education Award.

Past recipients for their lifetime achievements include our past IASWG presidents, Alex Gitterman and

Carolina State University Department of Social Work.

Explore the beautiful and historic symposium venue on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill in the School of Social work. [Learn More](#)

Lodging available at discounted rates at two nearby hotels.

[Learn more](#)

Look for the Call for Proposals in late October
[Tips for Presenting at a Conference](#)

Information on [Outstitues](#) is available too!

COME TO NORTH CAROLINA!

**Willia Casstevens, Marilyn Ghezzi, Anne C Jones
2015 Symposium Co-Chairs**

FEATURED CHAPTER NEWS

Long Island Chapter's Fall 2014 Programs

For more info, contact Bev at Feigelman@gmail.com

- [Challenging Issues in Group Work Supervision](#) - October 16th, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Stonybrook University School of Social Welfare
- [How to Prepare an Abstract for the Symposium in North Carolina](#) - November 7th, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Molloy College School of Social Work

Illinois Chapter Announces Several Free Fall Events

- [2014 Symposium Showcase](#) - A multi-part series, the Showcase provides a chance to participate in workshops offered by IL members at this year's symposium. Events are free and open to non-IASWG members. [Learn more](#)
- Symposium Reunion Celebration - Our annual reunion celebration for all IL Chapter 2014 symposium presenters will take place on Wed., October 8th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at Loyola University Chicago.

Southern California Chapter Updates

After a relaxing summer break and a new baby born to the Chapter chair, the Southern California IASWG Chapter is resuming it's activities with a kick off event hosted by California State University, Long Beach. Every year the University hosts

Charles Garvin.

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a back-to-school Associated Students of Social Work campus clubs event. IASWG will host a table, invite new membership, distribute chapter newsletters and advertise upcoming workshop events. October highlights will include the IASWG SoCal chapter Sunday Brunch Workshop, hosting Dr. Phillip Tan and his co-presenter Maria Gandarilla, MSW, and their presentation of "Talking Circles as a Method of Group Work". Another point of interest: SoCal IASWG created it's own local membership card, as a means to recognize local members and offer free CEUs to paid members during applicable workshops. SoCal is excited about another year of growth, education and membership with IASWG!

New York City Red Apple Chapter Updates

The most recent NYC-Red Apple event was the Third Annual "Postposium" event on Sunday, September 21st in NYC. Chapter members had the opportunity to hear from Red Apple colleagues who presented at the 2014 Symposium and reconnected with other group worker over food, drink, and conversation. The theme of this gathering was the importance of community in social group work and within the organization. Learn more about Red Apple events on [Facebook](#).

NEWS ABOUT THE GROUP WORK TRACK AT THE UPCOMING CSWE ANNUAL MEETING

The upcoming CSWE Annual Meeting in Florida, USA from October 23 to 26, 2014 promises to be an exciting and productive experience for sharing group work research, practice and educational strategies. *This year will include:*

- An expanded Group Work Track (Friday-Sunday)
- A Significant Lifetime Achievement Award for Lawrence Shulman (Thursday Evening)
- Our annual Partnership Presentation (Sunday Morning)
- IASWG materials, including information about the June 2015 Symposium in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will be available at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Exhibit Booth (Thursday-Sunday)

We hope you will attend as many group work sessions as possible, particularly on Sunday when overall conference attendance drops.

View the preliminary schedule of IASWG activities and the Group Work Track [here](#).