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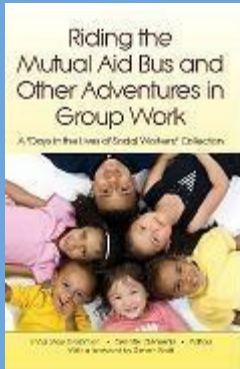
advocacy & action in support of group work practice, education, research, & publication

Group News September 2012

Announcements

**WE HAVE A
NEW ADDRESS!
(SEE ABOVE)**

**WE HAVE A
NEW BOOK!**



Membership Report

from the
Executive Committee
June 2012

Updates

On behalf of the IASWG Symposium Planning Committee we are happy to send you this year's September newsletter. We hope you will find it informative, and if you have questions or suggestions please note the "suggestion" corner below.

Dominique Moyses Steinberg and Dana Grossman Leeman
Co-Chairs

President's Pen

Greetings!

Having been elected in June for a three-year term as President of our recently renamed *International Association for Social Work with Groups* (IASWG), I look forward to serving and am pleased to work with the dynamic group of individuals who, on a daily basis, address our mission to promote excellence in group work practice, education, research, publication, and field instruction in the global community. Each of us has a strong commitment to group work in the international community, and I look forward to working on behalf of each of you. It would be wonderful if our numbers grow across the world in the coming years, especially among students and new practitioners. I hope we can all maintain communication and interaction as we dedicate our time to our chapters, committees, and lives as group workers.

In the past months IASWG committees have been productive. The *Executive Committee* has met regularly through telephone conference and email, overseeing many details vital to IASWG's life and strategizing to improve and enhance our work. Our Board is meeting in November in New York City and promises to be very productive as our many committees discuss the issues and motions brought forth this year.

The IASWG *Symposium* and *Long Island Planning Committees* delivered a great symposium, and the 2013 planning group has shared lots of ideas with what sounds like a very creative and exciting symposium in the works! Thanks to the *Commission, Practice, and Marketing Committees*, IASWG is enjoying a large global presence through appearances at conferences around the world, increased presentations and publications, and the development of media materials. For example, our booth at the IFSW/IASSW/ICSW World Conference in Sweden was a big success; a good number of group work proposals were accepted for the Annual Program Meeting of CSWE (US) this November (including a special *Partnership Presentation*); and new promotional videos were previewed at our June board meeting. The *Membership Committee* reports that we are nearing our 2012 membership goal: all their e-blasting, mailing, and other outreach are bringing results; and efforts to recruit/retain student members are showing promise. The *Chapter Development Committee* is assisting with growth by creating new chapters (a big welcome to our new North Carolina Chapter). We should all appreciate that our chapter leaders constantly plan events and activities that keep our mission alive.

Our new website has been under review by many of us. We are excited about our new look and will soon move to a launch! Once we do that we will call for lots of more site content so that we can keep our website actively updated.

We are a strong organization today, with stable membership and significant financial stability. In the coming years I am very optimistic we can ensure that group work practice, education, research, publication, and field instruction survive and thrive and through our new website, dedicated members, and current stability as an organization, that we continue to successfully support and foster group work internationally.

Greg Tully

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Journal News

Social Work with Groups will be going live on ScholarOne in the coming months. This will offer authors and editorial advisory board and consultants a new system for submitting and reviewing manuscripts. If you are not already familiar with ScholarOne, to get the facts [click here](#).

Volume 36(1) of the journal will include a special feature, *Remembering Norma*, in memory and tribute to Norma Lang. The tribute was authored by the "Toronto Five:" Nancy E. Sullivan, Ellen Sue Mesbur, Lynne Mitchell, Patricia Moffat, and Barbara Muskat.

Volume 36(2/3) will be presenting a special issue on *Standards for Social Work Practice with Groups*, guest edited by IASWG members: Carol S. Cohen, Charles Garvin, Mark J. Macgowan, and Barbara Muskat. This special issue will focus on the development and use of standards for social work practice with groups. The *Standards for Social Work Practice with Groups* were developed by the Practice Committee of the Board of the International Association for Social Work with Groups with the First Edition adopted in 1998 (revised in 1999) and the Second Edition adopted in 2005. The *Standards* represent the perspectives of IASWG on the value, knowledge, and skill base essential for professionally sound and effective social work practice with groups. They are intended to serve as a guide to social group work practice.

Andrew Malekoff

Editor-in-Chief