



GROUP NEWS - SEPTEMBER 2015

Request for Papers

We invite all presenters from the 2015 North Carolina International Symposium to submit a paper for consideration in the Proceedings for the Symposium. The submission deadline is September 30, 2015. To learn more about the submission criteria, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Illinois Chapter

2015 Symposium

Showcase

October 7, 2015

[MORE INFO](#)

Southern Cal. Chapter

Forensic Mental

Health Groups

in State Hospital System

SAVE THE DATE!

IASWG INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

In New York City, USA

June 15 - 18, 2016

A MESSAGE FROM DANA GROSSMAN LEEMAN IASWG SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE CHAIR

It is my pleasure to announce that our IASWG 2016 Symposium will be at the captivating New York University (NYU) Global Center in New York City from June 15th-18th.

Our NYC 2016 IASWG Symposium Planning Committee will be sharing more exciting details soon. Save the dates and plan your trip. We are Big Apple bound! Also, bravo and a heartfelt thank you for the hard work of the North Carolina 2015 IASWG Symposium Planning Committee: Marilyn Ghezzi, Anne Jones, and Willa Casstevens. "Creating Spaces for Different Voices" was an apt and timely symposium theme, and the attention to diversity and civil rights was prominent throughout the main events, workshops, and paper presentations.

IASWG EUROPEAN GROUP WORK CAMP

Empowering through Groups:

Honoring Your Roots, Nurturing Your Growth

Join us October 7 to 10, 2015 in Lithuania, Birstonas
Group Work Camp has become a regular event in the U.S.,

October 18, 2015

[MORE INFO](#)

NY Red Apple Chapter

Group Work Celebration

November 1, 2015

[MORE INFO](#)

NY Long Island Chapter

LGBTQ-What Every Group

Worker Needs to Know

January 8, 2016

[MORE INFO](#)

Donate to IASWG

Please help IASWG, so crucial to the life blood of social group work, to promote ethical and effective social work. Exciting opportunities to implement our mission abound, but they are set into motion only with your support!

Founded on democratic ideals, IASWG teaches people all over the world who work with groups, both in social work and outside of the field, a leadership value base and skill set that help people to comfort and support one another, to problem solve in a deep and lasting way, to appreciate their individual strengths and potential, and to deal with differences in a life-enriching way.

In short, to groups of all

bringing together professional groupworkers, educators, and students to meet and share their ideas, skills, and experiences in group work. The first time the group work camp will take place in Europe will be in the small, cozy resort town of Birstonas on the banks of the Nemunas River. Facilitated by a skilled team of practitioners and educators from all over the world, a wide array of training, workshops, and activities are available for both beginning and experienced group workers. Register now for this unique event! Learn more [here](#).

IASWG SPARC Review Cycle

Deadline is October 31, 2015!

Do you have a innovative group work project that IASWG can help spark? We review proposals twice a year for IASWG endorsement only or endorsement and funding.

[Click here for more details.](#)

IASWG and the Group Work Track at the US CSWE Conference

IASWG Members and supporters will find a many group work related opportunities at the Conference, including Exhibit Booth, IASWG Partnership Session, CSWE Group Work Track Sessions, and more.

[Click here for a schedule and description of events.](#)

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Greetings!

It has been a busy and successful 2015 summer for IASWG. Our IASWG Chapters and our IASWG Board Committees have been very productive. In addition, we joined one another for a wonderful 2015 IASWG Symposium in North Carolina in June, and many of us participated in the exciting activities of our 2015 IASWG Group Work Camp in July at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, USA. The following information will update you on recent and upcoming IASWG events/activities:

kinds and sizes, the many activities of IASWG teach the kind of leadership that helps people from all walks of life value one another better.

Make it \$10... or \$100... or \$1,000. Whatever you can afford, every single dollar helps IASWG to foster ethical and effective work with people.

Please recognize this dedication by making as generous a contribution as you can.

To make a tax-deductible* donation please [click here](#) to be taken to a secure [PayPal page](#).

Calling all IASWG Supporters

Membership News

If you have not yet renewed your IASWG membership for 2015, please do so today by visiting our [Membership Application](#). When you visit our website, you will find a wealth of membership benefits including information about local chapter activities and international group work projects. In addition, we have recently added a convenient

IASWG North Carolina 2015 Symposium

The 2015 Symposium, held at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and co-sponsored by North Carolina State University, included lots of wonderfully informative group work presentations as well as many opportunities for socializing and celebrating. Much appreciation to our three IASWG 2015 North Carolina Symposium Committee Co-Chairs (Marilyn Ghezzi, Willa Casstevens, and Ann Jones), and the many students who volunteered (all of them are now new IASWG members.) Once again, Dana Leeman (IASWG Symposium Planning Committee Co-Chair), and our IASWG Symposium Planning Committee, ensured a successful IASWG symposium.

IASWG Group Work Camp In Wisconsin, USA

Jen Clements, John Genke, and Ann Bergart successfully led the way in organizing an exciting IASWG Group Work Camp this past August. As usual, Ann Bergart provided much support with her impressive fundraising for 50 student attendees (all are now new IASWG members!) Many IASWG members joined the students for educational presentations, activity sessions, meals, and collegial networking by the shore of Lake Geneva in Wisconsin.

IASWG Group Work Camp In Birstonas, Lithuania

Following up on the success of the IASWG Group Work Camp at Lake Geneva over the past several years, Chairperson of the IASWG Lithuania Chapter, Jorune Vysniauskyte-Rimkiene, and several other IASWG members, have made arrangements for many IASWG members to gather in Lithuania in October for an IASWG Group Work Camp in Europe. Educational presentations, exciting activities, and lovely amenities are planned for all attendees.

IASWG New York 2016 Symposium

We are making very good progress with readying our IASWG New York Symposium scheduled for next June, 2016. We are on track for a great symposium experience in New York, USA next year.

IASWG Chapter Activity

We have heard news from many of our IASWG Chapter folks that they have been holding meetings and events during the past 6 months (or will hold events soon during the fall months.) Leaders of many of our 16 IASWG chapters participated in an international group conference call recently to discuss important chapter themes/issues with Patty Underwood and Tanja

auto-renewal membership option that can be selected [here](#). Never forget to renew again!

If you renew now, you also become eligible, as a member, to vote in the upcoming September election for IASWG President, Vice President, and three at-large Board member positions.

IASWG remains the only international professional organization in the world dedicated to the advancement of social group work education, practice, and research. Please continue your participation in our IASWG mission by renewing your membership today!

If you have questions about the status of your membership for 2015, please e-mail us at membership@iaswg.org.

Scmitz-Remberg (Co-Chairs of the Chapter Development Committee.)

IASWG Board News

Our November IASWG Board meeting in NYC this year will be on November 7th and 8th. All of our IASWG Board Committees are working on various tasks while starting to plan for our NYC meeting in November. A few examples: the Nominations and Elections Committee is ready to carry out a successful IASWG election during the next few weeks, and our three new elected member-at-large Board members will join us for their first Board meeting in November; the Chapter Development Committee has been cheering on the local chapters planning/holding meetings/events, as well as actively assisting with the development of new chapters; the IASWG Executive Committee communicated by phone conference recently to discuss details vital to the organization's life, and to strategize about new ideas to improve and enhance our work; the Membership Committee has been doing e-blasts and mailings, and celebrating all the individual and organizational members renewing and joining for 2015; the Commission on Group Work in Social Work Education has been continuing to promote our educational presence, resources, and publications, most recently working with partners to generate a successful number of presenters to participate in the upcoming CSWE Conference in Denver, Colorado, USA; the Practice Committee continues to focus on practice-related topics such as mutual aid, and to move forward with the development of a grant related to mutual aid; the Marketing Committee is readying for IASWG representation at the CSWE Conference in Denver, Colorado, USA, as well as connecting us to other global organizations; and the SPARC Committee is overseeing each of the projects selected for our IASWG support in 2015, while actively preparing to evaluate a new round of project proposals in the upcoming months.

IASWG Website

The [IASWG website](#) continues to provide information and resources for group workers across the globe. We call upon everyone to submit website content (committee news/reports, member news, chapter updates, and information on IASWG events/projects) to our website. We strive to keep the website updated and active.

Thank you

Continued appreciation to all IASWG members for your support of the IASWG mission. We are successfully supporting group workers across the globe, and we are also working hard to sustain and promote group work education, practice, and research. We must continue to move forward productively with our goals for IASWG and group work internationally.

All the best,

Greg Tully
IASWG President