



News & Views

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From the Editor

Can you believe it's almost the end of the year again? It's definitely been a busy few months at the NBASW office, but we're excited to wrap up the year and look forward to 2020!

As you now know, our new legislation officially received Royal Assent on June 14, 2019, making it the official legislation for social workers in New Brunswick. This also means that the new By-laws, which were accepted "in principle" at the 2018-2019 AGM by the membership, have been in full effect since June 15, 2019. NBASW staff have been working hard since June to operationalize these changes to legislation and By-laws. If you have any questions about the [new Act](#) or [By-laws](#), please feel free to reach out to staff at our office.

We were also pleased to announce our [Standards Regarding Conversion Therapy](#), which were accepted by the Board of Directors at their September Board Meeting. These Standards seek to clarify the NBASW's position against conversion therapy, effectively banning the practice for social workers in New Brunswick.



We look forward to the coming months, with lots of exciting things in the works. Keep an eye on communication from the Association for more details, including on the **upcoming public promotional campaign** to come in 2020!

As always, if there's anything you'd like to see added to the Newsletter, I'm always looking for new additions. Whether you'd like to share information

about a continuing education event, a chapter event, or share a great story about social workers, please feel free to email me at iagnew@nbasw-atsnb.ca. I look forward to hearing from you!

NBASW Act and By-laws

Members are reminded that as of June 14, 2019, the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers Act is in effect, and as of June 15, 2019, the NBASW By-laws are in effect. We ask that members review the new Act and By-laws. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our staff by emailing nbasw@nbasw-atsnb.ca or calling 506-459-5595 or 1-877-495-5595 (toll free).

NBASW's New Name in French

Members may have noticed that following the royal assent of the new Act in June, the NBASW has a new name in French: L'Association des travailleuses et des travailleurs sociaux du Nouveau-Brunswick (ATTSNB). This change was made to grammatically reflect the women and men who practice social work in the province.

Over the last few months, the Association has been working to update our website, letters, forms, signs, etc. to reflect this change and we will be continuing these updates gradually over the next several months as well. The logo featured below reflects this name update as well.

Members should also be aware that part of this name change will require an update to our website URL and email addresses. NBASW staff intend to make this transition gradually and will keep members up-to-date throughout the process. You can also always get in touch with us by calling 506-469-5595 or 1-877-495-5595 (toll free).



Board Banquet and Meeting

In September, the Board of Directors met for their annual Banquet and Board Meeting. Every year, the Board meets for a banquet in September to thank those whose mandates have ended, and welcome new Board members. This year the banquet was held at the Fredericton Convention Centre.

Board Member Recognition

We would like to again thank the following members who are ending their mandates for volunteering their time as Board members:

- Geneviève Bourgeois;
- Noella MacMillan; and
- Théo Saulnier

We would also like to thank Claude Savoie, who finished his mandate as President and will be continuing his work on the Board as Past President.

Finally, we would like to welcome all of the new Board members, including:

- Géraldine Poirier Baiani, President;
- André-Marc Friolet, Chapter Director for the Acadian Peninsula;
- Carole Gallant, Vice President;
- Theresa Dawn Louis, First Nations Representative (Mi'gmaq);
- Vickie Maltais, Chapter Director for Restigouche; and
- Julie Ouellette, Secretary.

We are pleased to have you all on the Board and look forward to working with you over the next few years.



NBASW Student Presentations

This summer the NBASW was fortunate to have two summer student interns. Miranda Prosser was our Canada Summer Jobs Summer Student, and Samantha Jesso was our St. Thomas University Summer Intern. Both did an amazing job on their research projects this summer and presented their findings to the Board at the Banquet in September.

Miranda worked hard to research options for improving wellness among members, and she presented her proposal of ideas. We're looking forward to implementing some of these ideas in the coming months. Miranda is graduating from the BSW program at St. Thomas University this winter.

Did you know?

There are more than 600 First Nations in Canada, according to the Assembly of First Nations, the national body representing First Nations governments and approximately one million people living on reserve and in urban and rural areas.

Samantha was able to continue the work she started during the winter semester at our office, which included hosting a film viewing event in celebration of National Indigenous Day in June, and researching cultural competencies. Samantha entered the BSW program at St. Thomas University this fall and is continuing her internship

with the NBASW this fall.

We would like to thank both Miranda and Samantha for their hard work!

Awards and Bursaries

Members are reminded of the following upcoming deadlines for awards and scholarships:

CASW Distinguished Service Award

The CASW Distinguished Service Award is given yearly by the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) during Social Work Month to an individual or group of individuals selected from their membership by each provincial association. This award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of social welfare and to the profession of social work in Canada.

The nomination deadline for this award is December 1st. [Click here for details and the nomination form.](#)

CASW & NBASW Grant

The Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW), in partnership with the NBASW, are pleased to offer a grant to assist in the delivery of continuing education to New Brunswick social workers. The grant may be accessed by a single member or a group of members wishing to host a continuing education opportunity for New Brunswick social workers. Funding for this grant is made possible by BMS, the broker for the CASW liability insurance program.

The nomination deadline for this award is December 31st. [Click here for details and the nomination form.](#)

Public Promotional Campaign

The NBASW staff and the Promotion of the Profession Committee are happy to announce that a public promotional campaign is currently in the works. Members should keep their eye out in the new year for further details on a complete campaign launch as we seek to promote the profession of social work to the general public.

Did you know?

There are currently more than 2000 NBASW members in the province.

Call for Applications

The Canadian Hemophilia Society (CHS) is proud to put out its call for applications for its [research programs](#) for the 2020-2021 grant period. The deadline to submit applications for all the programs is November 15, 2019. The eligibility criteria and conditions for all research programs have been revised and updated. The research must be conducted in Canada by researchers affiliated with Canadian universities and not-for-profit-related organizations.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Michel Long at the CHS National Office at 1-800-668-2686 or at mlong@hemophilia.ca.

Continuing Education Opportunities

See below for upcoming continuing education opportunities:

Trauma-Informed Social Work Practice

November 18, 2019: English language workshop in Nova Scotia. [Click here for information.](#)

Addictions and Mental Illness: Working with Co-Occurring Disorders

November 19, 2019: English language workshop in Fredericton. [Click here for information.](#)

Living, Learning and Loving Through Dementia Together

November 21, 2019: English language workshop in Nova Scotia. [Click here for information.](#)

Livestream: Journée conférence sur les jeunes et la santé mentale

December 2, 2019: French language livestream. [Click here for information.](#)

De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations

December 3, 2019: English language workshop in Fredericton. [Click here for information.](#)

Ethical Dilemma Café

December 13, 2019: English language workshop in Nova Scotia. [Click here for information.](#)

Trauma-Informed Care: Building a Culture of Strength

December 17, 2019: English language workshop in Moncton. [Click here for information.](#)

Vicarious Trauma: Strategies for Resilience

January 30, 2019: English languages workshop in Moncton. [Click here for information.](#)

Call for Papers

The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) and the Child Welfare League of Canada (CWLC) are pleased to announce a call for papers for a special issue of *Child Welfare* journal dedicated to examining the relationship between poverty and child welfare system involvement.

Prospective authors should submit abstracts of up to 750 words to managing editor Rachel Adams at radams@cwla.org by **December 20, 2019**. Abstracts should clearly identify the topic, methods (including data sources for empirical papers), expected or preliminary findings and practice and policy implications. Invitations to submit a full article will be extended by March 20. Initial drafts of the selected papers are due by September 15, and final papers are expected by March of 2021. Publication of the special issue is targets for Spring 2021.

[Click here for more information.](#)

NBASW Committee Vacancies

Are you looking for ways to get involved in your professional Association? The NBASW has a variety of committees in search of new members! If you would like to join a committee, please send a copy of your resume to nbasw@nbasw-atsnb.ca indicating the committee of interest.

Committee members will be appointed by the NBASW Board of Directors. We look forward to hearing from you!

Social Action Committee

1 position available

Education Committee

2 positions available

Practice Issues, Ethics, and Professional Standards Committee

1 position available

CASW National Scope of Practice

The CASW is seeking your input to help update and modernize the current CASW Scope of Practice.

Please [click here](#) to complete a short 10-minute survey that will guide the development of an updated Scope of Practice that will support the profession into the future.

[To read the current CASW National Social Work Scope of Practice, click here.](#)

ASWB Annual Meeting

The NBASW would like to wish Karine Levesque luck as she runs for the position of Director at Large on the Association of Social Work Boards' (ASWB) Board of Directors. The election takes place in November, 2019 at their Annual Meeting in Orlando Florida.

Good luck Karine!

