



News & Views

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From the Editor

Welcome to the January 2020 issue of the NBASW Newsletter!

The NBASW has been hard at work since our last newsletter in October and we're excited to be checking back in on what's happened and what's to come this year!

As you now know, our [*Standards Regarding Conversion Therapy*](#) have been in effect since they were adopted by the Board of Directors in September. This means that all conversion therapy practices are banned for social workers in New Brunswick. While we are pleased with this first step in banning the practice in the province, we have been working hard to encourage other regulatory bodies and the federal and provincial governments to ban the practice as well.

We're also looking forward to the coming months, with lots of exciting things in the works, including Social Work Month in March, as well as our first **public promotional campaign**. See page 2 for information on both of these exciting events! We're also pleased to be welcoming back our Student Intern, Samantha Jesso.

This will be Samantha's fourth semester with us.



We'd also like to remind members that it's officially registration season! The deadline to renew your registration with the Association is March 31, 2020 at midnight. You can find more information on how to register on page 2.

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!

Social Work Month 2020

Last year we joined the CASW in celebrating the profession of social work for the entire month of March, and this year we'll be continuing on the tradition. Join us this March, 2020 for Social Work Month!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and on your emails for details on events and activities being held in March. Members can also email nbasw@nbasw-atsnb.ca if they are hosting their own events they would like us to advertise to members!

Public Promotional Campaign

We're very pleased to announce that after several months of working with the local marketing firm, m5, we will officially be launching our very first public promotional campaign in March, 2020 to align with Social Work Month.

This promotional campaign has as its goal to educate members of the public about the profession of social work. Research conducted during this project has identified what the general public thinks about social work and social workers, and the campaign seeks to address misconceptions and improve the public perception of the profession.

We're very excited to get this campaign rolling. Keep an eye on our Facebook and on your emails for updates about this project.

Registration Season 2020

Members are reminded that the deadline to renew your NBASW annual registration for the 2020-2021 year is March 31, 2020. A completed renewal includes submission of your updated registration form and full payment of dues. You can complete your registration online [here](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the NBASW office or visit [this link for step-by-step instructions](#).

Nominating Committee

Following the adoption of the [*By-Laws of the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers*](#) last year, the nomination protocol for elected members of the Board has been updated.

The current Nominating Committee consists of Carole Gallant, Claude Savoie, and Michelle Nowlan.

This year we have a vacancy in the Treasurer position on the Board for which we are seeking nominations. According to the By-laws, “the Treasurer prepares and presents the Budget to the Board and applies all financial Rules adopted by the Board” (5.2.4).

The Nominating Committee must issue a report to the Board in March with a list of nominees for Elected Office (By-laws, 7.3.0).

Members interested in being added to the Nominating Committee’s slate of officers for the Treasurer position must submit a completed [Nomination Form](#), including the signatures of ten (10) members entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting to the attention of Carole Gallant at nbasw@nbasw-atsnb.ca by February 28, 2020.

For more information on this process, please contact the NBASW office by email at nbasw@nbasw-atsnb.ca or by phone at 506-459-5595.

Save the Date: AGM, Conference & Banquet

The Fredericton Chapter is pleased to be the host of this year’s Annual General Meeting, Conference and Banquet! This year, the AGM will be held from June 12th to 13th. Keep an eye on the NBASW Facebook page and website for further details on the meeting.

AGM 2020: Amendments to the By-Laws

As stated in the [*By-Laws of the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers*](#), "the Board may receive and consider written proposals for amendments to the by-laws from any ten Members who are eligible to attend and vote for such a proposal at an Annual...Meeting of the Members. Further the Board may ratify amendments to the by-laws at any time for approval at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Members on provision of the notice provided in 7.6.1" (7.6.0).

If you would like an ammendment to the By-laws to be considered at this year's AGM, please send a completed [Proposed By-Law Change, Addition, Or Deletion Form](#) to nbasw@nbasw-atsnb.ca by March 30, 2020.

CASW & NBASW Grant Winner

The NBASW is pleased to announce that Evelyn Morrison, RSW, on behalf of the Fredericton Chapter, is the recipient of this year's CASW & NBASW Grant of \$3000. The Fredericton Chapter will be hosting an workshop free to its members, which will be titled *Caring for Ourselves: Simple Yet Profound Approaches from Salutogenic Research*.

Promote My Profession Contest

The NBASW and the Promotion of the Profession Committee are excited to be offering the Promote My Profession Contest again this year. To enter to WIN one (1) of three (3) \$100 Visa pre-paid gift cards, you must initiate an activity to promote the social work profession and present it to the public during Social Work Month (March 2020).

To find more details on how to enter and some samples you can use to get you started on some promotional activities, click [here](#).

Government Consultation

The following is a notice from the Government of New Brunswick regarding their consultation on the review of the *Family Services Act* in relation to child and youth welfare.

“Hello

The provincial government is seeking input from New Brunswickers on a review of the child and youth welfare provisions of the *Family Services Act*.

To help New Brunswickers share their thoughts on the matter, the Department of Social Development has launched a discussion paper which includes guiding questions that cover key concepts to focus feedback and input from those interested in identifying what should be included in new child welfare legislation.

Those interested in participating in the consultation can choose to submit a brief or respond to the questions in the child welfare law reform Discussion Paper. The Discussion Paper is available until February 28, 2020 on the [Citizen Engagement and Consultations](#) page of the Government of New Brunswick website.

In addition, a brief online [Public Engagement Survey](#) is available until February 28, 2020.”

Horizon Community Innovation Grant

Horizon’s Community Innovation Grant (COIN-G) is a grant program for community stakeholders in partnership with Horizon to fund initiatives or projects within local communities. This grant supports Population Health related projects that focus on the Social Determinants of Health, and where possible, respond to the priorities determined through the Community Health Needs Assessments.

Funding is open to any project impacting community health. If a project is community led, it will require the sponsorship of a Horizon employee. The following

conditions make for a stronger application.

Applications for small grants (under \$1000) continue to be accepted at any time throughout the year.

Deadline for applications for large grants (\$10,000) is February 15, 2020.

Click the links below to access grant documents:

- [Mini Grant Application](#)
- [Large Grant Application](#)
- [COIN-G Guide](#)
- [Community Developer List](#) (updated December 2019)

Award, Scholarship and Bursary Deadlines

Raoul Léger Memorial Award

Deadline: February 28, 2020

The Raoul Léger Memorial Award is presented yearly to a social worker in New Brunswick who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the practice of social work and social justice in New Brunswick. This award is presented in memory of Raoul Léger, a social worker who devoted his career and gave his life for the advancement of social justice in Guatemala. [Click here for information.](#)

Debbie Nason Social Work in Health Care Award

Deadline: February 28, 2020

The Debbie Nason Social Work in Health Care Award is presented yearly to a social worker who is a current or former member of the NBASW, in memory of Debbie Nason, a social worker who devoted her career to the development and betterment of hospital social work. [Click here for information.](#)

Co-operators Bursary for Student Members

Deadlines: January 31, 2020 for students enrolled in l'Université de Moncton' School of Social Work; March 1, 2020 for students enrolled in the Mi'kmaq/Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work program; August 1, 2020 for students en-

rolled in St. Thomas University's Post Degree Program

The Cooperators home and auto insurance, in partnership with the NBASW, are pleased to offer three student bursaries, valued at \$500 each, awarded on an annual basis. Student members of the NBASW who are studying in the following Schools of Social Work are eligible to apply for a bursary: Mi'kmaq/Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work program, Université de Moncton School of Social Work, and St. Thomas University Post Degree Program. [Click here for information.](#)

NBASW Scholarship

Deadline: March 31, 2020

The NBASW Scholarship Fund, valued at \$500, is awarded annually to a registered and practicing (in New Brunswick) member of the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers for the purpose of undertaking studies leading to a higher degree in social work, or to a specialized certificate program or course related to social work. [Click here for information.](#)

Co-operators Bursary for Members

Deadline: March 31, 2020

The Cooperators Bursary Fund, valued at \$500, is awarded annually to a registered and residing in New Brunswick member(s) of the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers for the purpose of undertaking training such as conferences, workshops, seminars and webinars. [Click here for information.](#)

Continuing Education Opportunities

See below for upcoming continuing education opportunities:

Livestream: Anxiety - Practical Intervention Strategies

January 29, 2020: English language livestream. [Click here for information.](#)

Vicarious Trauma - Strategies for Resilience

January 30, 2020: English language workshop in Moncton. [Click here for information.](#)

End-Of-Life Interventions for Palliative Individuals and Their Families

February 10 to March 8, 2020: English language online course. [Click here for information.](#)

Practical Intervention Strategies

February 12, 2020: English language workshop in Fredericton. [Click here for information.](#)

Trauma Strategies for Resolving the Impact of Post-Traumatic Stress

February 25-26, 2020: English language workshop in Moncton. [Click here for information.](#)

Canadian Domestic Violence Conference 6

March 3-6, 2020: Conference in Nova Scotia. [Click here for information.](#)

Play Therapy - Tools for Helping Children and Youth

March 9-10, 2020: English language workshop in Nova Scotia. [Click here for information.](#)

Challenging Behaviours in Youth - Strategies for Intervention

April 4, 2020: English language workshop in Fredericton. [Click here for information.](#)

Self-Paced Online Social Work Courses

EdX offers a variety of self-paced social work courses through various universities and organizations. [To see their full list of offerings, click here.](#)

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
3 positions available

Practice Issues, Ethics, and Professional Standards Committee
2 positions available

Committee of Examiners
2 positions available

Complaints and Discipline Committees

The Complaints and Discipline Committees are still searching for additional members to sit on their rosters, from which members may occasionally be asked to participate in Committee Panels.

