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REPORTS

Claude Savoie - President

Since the past meeting, I attended the CASW meeting in Winnipeg and had the pleasure of seeing the excellent work being done by our national organization.

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Miguel LeBlanc - Executive Director

The NBASW continues to build relationships with government departments which help to promote the Social Work profession and our Scope of Practice in delivery of service to the most vulnerable people in New Brunswick. The Executive Director attended the all-day stakeholder consultation on the Community Treatment Orders organized by the Department of Health.

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Martine Paquet - Registrar

The White Ribbon Campaign Fredericton

I continue to represent the NBASW on the White Ribbon Committee. Meetings were held on May 20 July 22, and September 9, 2016.

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Julia Phillips - Project Coordinator

As the end date for the cyberviolence project is quickly approaching, much of my time has been dedicated to planning, coordinating, and implementing strategies to prevent and eliminate cyberviolence.

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DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

A hearing of the Discipline Committee of the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers was scheduled to hear and determine a Complaint against a Member alleging professional misconduct. Specifically, the Member was alleged to have entered into an inappropriate intimate relationship with a client.

The facts of the matter centered on afterhours “On-Call” work by the Member, which witnessed the Member securing emergency care for a minor child in emergency housing. Subsequent to the emergency encounter, the child and family were assigned to a different Social Worker for on-going clinical evaluation and care the following business day. Specifically, the Member had no further involvement in the file as there was some familiarity with the family that posed a conflict of interest in the eyes of the Member.

Approximately 3 months later, the Member entered into a consensual intimate relationship with the child’s guardian, which was subsequently identified by a colleague as an ethical breach of professional standards. The Member had not realized that “client” included any client of the Organization and not just a “client” assigned to her workload.

The Member self-reported the breach of professional standards to the Employer and after discipline was imposed, the Employer complained to the Association.

The Member voluntarily admitted professional misconduct to the Discipline Committee and concurred that disciplinary sanction was appropriate.

Following a determination that the Member was guilty of professional misconduct, the Discipline Committee imposed the following discipline:

1. Course of Studies prescribed by the Discipline Committee with respect to professional ethics and personal boundaries;
2. Third-Party Independent Professional Counseling;
3. Supervision by a Member of the Association for a period of 24 months wherein ethical matters and personal boundaries are reviewed, including any such supervision prior to the Order;
4. Restriction of practice to preclude “On-Call” work until satisfaction of the above conditions;
5. Written reprimand to be placed in the Member’s file;
6. Summary and publication of the proceeding without names and without identification of the location of the complaint for the education of the membership; and
7. No costs or fines are ordered on account of the Member’s Voluntary Submission to the Committee and history of taking responsibility for the facts pertaining to this Complaint.

CHAPTER TOUR SCHEDULE / REOPENING OF THE ACT

The Reopening of the Act project is in its final stage. As you may recall, the Association had a three phase project with the goal to maximize the full potential of our legislation and identify areas that needs to be modernized. The Association is planning to have a provincial tour to chapters in October/November 2016. This will be an opportunity to have a dialogue about the changes to modernize the NBASW Legislation.

Chapter Tour Schedule

Location	Date and Details
Restigouche	October 11th, 2016 at noon 6 Arran Street, Campbellton, NB First Floor, Mental Health Building
Grand-Falls	TBD
Edmundston	TBD
Chaleur	October 13th, 2016 at 6:30 pm 275 Main Street, Bathurst, NB First floor, Baie des Chaleurs room - Harbourview building
Woodstock	October 19th, 2016 at noon Location TBD
Fredericton	October 19th, 2016 at 6:30 pm Fredericton, NB Brian Mulroney Hall – St. Thomas University
Miramichi	TBD
Acadian Peninsula	TBD
Sussex	October 24th, 2016 at noon 30 Moffet Avenue, Sussex, Board Room
Moncton	October 24th, 2016 at 6:30 pm Taillon Room 136 – Université de Moncton
Saint-John	October 25th, 2016 at noon 1 Peel Plaza Community room – Saint –John Police Departement
Charlotte County	TBD

For your information, the board of Directors adopted the draft legislation in principle during the May 2016 meeting. The target is to present the final revised legislation to the members during the 2017 AGM and if accepted, to the legislature during the 2017 fall session.

To see the draft legislation, ([click here](#))

To see the legal document for the reopening of the act, ([click here](#))

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Director of the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers held a meeting on September 16 and 17 2016. During the banquet, the president, Mr. Claude Savoie, presented a plaque to Lorise Simon and Carole Poitras. The plaque was presented to them in recognition of their dedication as a member of the Board of Director.



Mr. Claude Savoie & Carole Poitras



Mr. Claude Savoie & Lorise Simon

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