



# News & Views

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# A Message to Members: Thank You & Updates

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Since the last Newsletter, the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic has rolled into the province and caused a higher than normal number of cases.

With the reality that some areas hold more cases than others, we want to remind everyone to stay safe no matter where you are in New Brunswick by following [the directives of the Chief Medical Officer of Health](#). These directives are updated regularly and by collectively following them, we are able to lower the spread of COVID-19.

In continuing to navigate through this “new normal” state for several months now, it is important to stay healthy in mind and body. As a social worker, you will often put the needs of others ahead of your own and while we owe a huge thanks to the membership for greatly supporting our communities, please remember to take care of yourselves. By practicing self-care physically, mentally and emotionally, you are better equipped to face your daily tasks and challenges.

The NBASW Board, staff and I want to thank you immensely for your ongoing contribution to the social work profession, the communities you impact, and your remarkable resilience through these uncertain times.



Géraldine Poirier Baiani, RSW  
NBASW President

# COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

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As the second wave of the pandemic strikes New Brunswick, we would like to remind you that our frequently asked questions page is still accessible on our website, which you can access by [clicking here](#). If you do not see your question on the FAQ page, please do not hesitate to contact our office. We will do our best to answer your questions as quickly as possible.

## Events

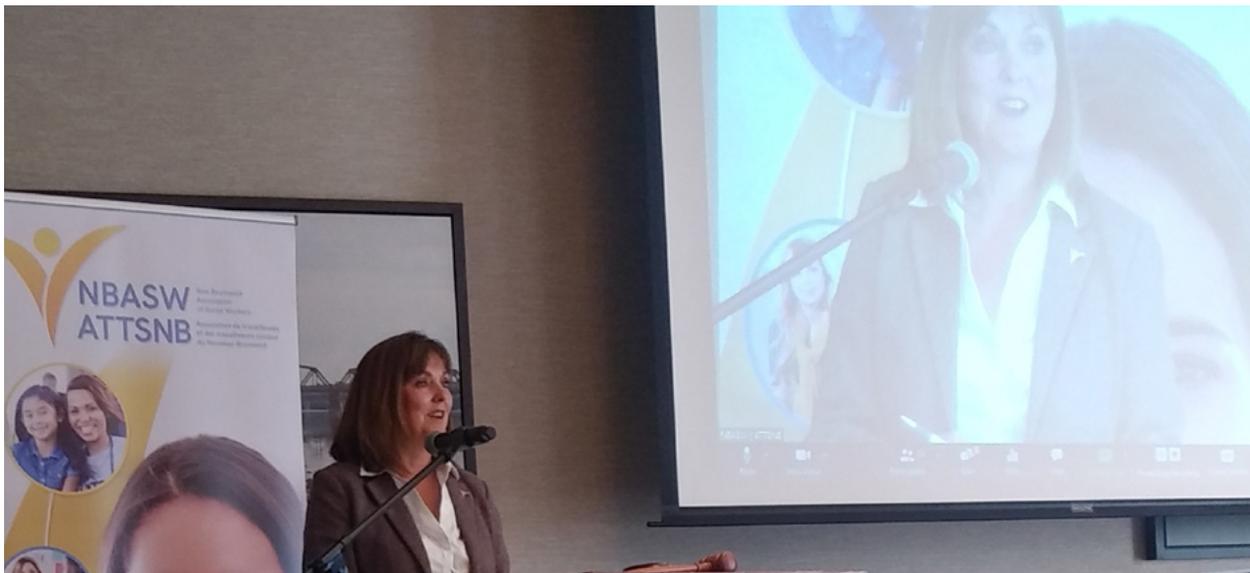
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### 2019-2020 Annual General Meeting

If you didn't join us on September 19th, let us fill you in on what you missed during this year's Annual General Meeting:

- The motion to modify **By-Law 3.2.0** was passed
- The motion to modify **By-Law 5.2.2** was passed
- The motion to adopt **By-Law 6.1.6** was passed
- The motion to modify **By-Law 7.3.0** was passed
- The motion to modify **By-Law 7.3.1** was passed
- The motion to adopt **By-Law 7.3.3** was passed

The updated NBASW By-Laws can be found [here](#).



*NBASW President, Géraldine Poirier Baiani at the 2019-2020 AGM*

We are pleased to announce that the Annual Report was adopted as submitted. You can find the 2019-2020 Annual report, by [clicking here](#).

Additionally, we would like to present to you your 2020-2021 Board of Directors:

- President, **Géraldine Poirier Baiani**
- Vice-President, **Carole Gallant**
- Treasurer, **Luc Poitras**
- Secretary, **Julie Ouellette**
- Miramichi Chapter Director, **Mylène Morris**
- Sussex Chapter Director, **Sheena MacDonald**
- Acadian Peninsula Chapter Director, **André-Marc Friolet**
- Edmundston/Grand Falls Chapter Director, **Karine Levesque**
- Fredericton Chapter Director, **Susan Gavin**
- Moncton Chapter Director, **Jenny Haché**
- Restigouche Chapter Director, **Vickie Maltais**
- Saint John Chapter Director, **Ian Rice**
- CASW Representative, **Barb Whitenect**
- Mi'gmaq First Nations Representative, **Theresa Dawn Louis**
- Wolastoqey First Nations Representative, **Michelle Sacobie**
- Public Representative, **Candice Pollack**

## Treasurer Election

This year, the NBASW's first ever online election took place from August 24th to September 7th, for the position of Treasurer on the Association's Board of Directors. The NBASW had a record-breaking number of 287 votes and we would like to thank all the members who voted.

A big congratulations is in order for the NBASW's new treasurer: **Luc Poitras!**



*Newly Elected Treasurer,  
Luc Poitras*

## Orange Shirt Day

On September 30th, the NBASW staff partook in Orange Shirt Day, an annually recognized day that aims to spread awareness of the impact residential schools had on roughly 150,000 Indigenous children and their communities. These residential schools intended to take Indigenous children from their parents at a young age, strip them of their heritage and culture, and force cultural assimilation. With the objective of honoring the children that were forced to attend and educating the

general public on the horrors that these children were subjected to, we proudly wore our orange shirts. We invite everyone to spread awareness by participating in future Orange Shirt Days.

How can you participate? Wear an orange shirt that you own or purchase it from [www.orangeshirtday.org](http://www.orangeshirtday.org) where the proceeds go to the Orange Shirt Day Society, incorporate the hashtag #orangeshirtday on media platforms to sensitize as many people as the hashtag can reach, and of course talk about it.



*NBASW President,  
Géraldine Poirier Bainani*



*NBASW Executive Director,  
Miguel LeBlanc*



*NBASW Registrar,  
Martine Paquet*



*NBASW Social Work  
Consultant, Keara Grey*



*NBASW Administrative  
Assistant, Shae McCarthy*



*NBASW Communications  
Officer, Laure Piccetto*



*NBASW Student Intern,  
Valarie Spencer*

## Email Changeover

You may have noticed that the NBASW email addresses look slightly different as of recently. On Thursday, October 8th, 2020, the NBASW updated its email addresses to reflect the Association's French acronym: ATTSNB. Previously, the NBASW's French acronym was ATSNB but a T was added to include 'Travailleuses' to "Association des Travailleurs Sociaux du Nouveau-Brunswick" so that both words would be included. This results in the Association's staff, interns & Chapter email addresses to end with "@nbasw-attsnb.ca".

This change was already made to the Association's name and logo, but this final step brought the NBASW to a further step of inclusion, to recognize the totality of social workers in New Brunswick, all genders included. We are proud to include more diverse terms in our terminology and hope you are as excited about this change as we are!

If you are unsure what email address to send your correspondences to, please refer to the contact us page on our website.

# Meet Our Recruits

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As of September, the NBASW has welcomed two interns.

Lisa, who worked with us this past summer, is a Post-Deegree Bachelor of Social Work student at St. Thomas University. She is currently furthering her research on Masters of Social Work programs to continue the work of operationalizing the new Advanced Practice Registered Social Work category of registration. Lisa has previously developed and will be implementing member feedback to the Standards Regarding Telehealth Services, the Use of Technology and Social Work Practice.

Valarie is completing a direct placement with the NBASW for her final placement at St-Thomas University. She is reviewing legislation and different policies for the province of New Brunswick, as well as across the country to compare, contrast, and recommend. She is also reviewing and making recommendations to existing guidelines to ensure their accuracy and up-to-datedness to promote excellence in the profession.

Keep up the great work ladies!



*Student Intern, Lisa Hanke*



*Student Intern, Valarie Spencer*



*Co-Operators Bursary for  
St-Thomas University Students:  
Valérie Godin*

# Bursary Winner

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The NBASW is pleased to announce the winner of the following bursary:

**-Co-operators Bursary for St. Thomas University Students:** Valérie Godin.

# Raoul Léger Memorial Award

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The Raoul Léger Memorial Award is presented annually to a social worker in New Brunswick who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the practice of social work. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 celebrations will be held next year, however, the recipient of the award was selected for this year and we would like to congratulate **Carla Gregan-Burns** for her ongoing contribution to the social work profession.

Carla started as a graduate from the first Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) class of St Thomas University in 1982. She started her journey as a front-line social worker in child protection in Miramichi working with children, youth, their families and foster families. In 1988, she furthered her knowledge by obtaining her Master's



*Recipient of the Raoul Léger  
Memorial Award,  
Carla Gregan-Burns*

in social work (MSW) and soon became an expert in the area of sexual abuse and spent many years in Miramichi and Saint John as a SW 3, building a specialized team, providing treatment and training throughout the province. In addition to front-line social work Carla also had various roles as a Supervisor, worked as a clinician with Community Mental Health, as an outpatient counsellor with Ridgewood Addiction Services and had her own private practice as a clinician. Carla has an abundance of hands-on social work experiences and a strong belief in valuing relationships and people.

Carla impacted change at every level including the role as Provincial Project Manager for the Department of Social Development in 2006 when she led "New Directions in Child Protection". Carla was instrumental in ensuring children and families had a voice and could participate in decision-making in their life. Under Carla's leadership, collaborative responses were introduced (Family Group Conference, CP Mediation, and Immediate Response Conference). These significant long-term positive impacts also saw the addition of legal administrative staff to support social workers. In the last decade of her career, Carla was a Regional Director in both Miramichi and Fredericton. Carla was well known for not only improving program areas but also for being intentional in supporting staff. Before her retirement in July of 2020, Carla was the lead for "Moving the So-

cial Development Experience Forward.” She was committed to ensuring that policies and organizational structure were designed for the future while prioritizing the client and employee experience.

Throughout an already full career, Carla taught social work courses at St Thomas University, volunteered in community fundraising for shelters, food banks, and hospitals among other settings and was involved in community groups like Take back the night, Atlantic Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network and the Miramichi Literacy Committee. Her career came full circle in January 2020 when she gave the inaugural dedicated Convocation Address to STU Social Work graduates.

Through the countless roles held in her 38 years of service, whether in a work or volunteer setting, Carla has time and again demonstrated what excellence in the social work profession looks like and influenced everyone around her from clients to peers to colleagues. It would take more than a page to sum up the accomplishments and contributions of Carla Gregan-Burns, but we want to say thank you for your ongoing involvement and to share how honored we are to present you with the Raoul Leger Memorial Award.

## **NBASW Committee Vacancies**

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The Promotion of the Profession Committee would like to inform members that there are currently 3 vacancies. This committee mainly focuses on improving image, bettering education, and building partnerships. If you are interested in joining the Promotion of the Profession Committee, please contact Laure Piccetto at [laure.piccetto@nbasw-attsnb.ca](mailto:laure.piccetto@nbasw-attsnb.ca).

## **Continuing Education Opportunities**

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As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the State of Emergency in New Brunswick, most continuing education workshops and events are cancelled, postponed, or moved online. We regularly update our calendar of events, however we recommend checking directly with the event organizers if you are unsure about an upcoming event’s status. To find out what continuing education opportunities are available in the coming weeks and months, please visit our calendar of events by [clicking here](#).

## **Resources**

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## Mental Health Tribunal Vacancies

There are vacancies for appointment on the Mental Health Tribunals in all zones of New Brunswick. Specifically, "Mental Health Act Tribunals are appointed under section 7.5 of the Mental Health Act. Its purpose is to review:

- requests for involuntary admission to a psychiatric unit; and
- authorizations for giving routine clinical medical treatment without consent in a psychiatric unit."

To get more information on the positions and how to apply, [click here](#).

## Heads Up Guys

[www.headsupguys.org](http://www.headsupguys.org) is a website you can subscribe to that focuses on helping men with depression. Whether you'd like to provide services as a therapist experienced in treating men with depression or seek a resource for your well-being, this website is worth exploring.

## The CODE

Bring the Code to your community

Dentsu Aegis Network wants to make sure everyone feels prepared and optimistic about their future. That's why we're equipping the next generation of talent with the skills to thrive in the digital economy, through our digital literacy program, The Code. This initiative fosters Creativity, identifies Opportunities for future talent, encourages Diversity and promotes Empowerment by getting high school and post-secondary students career-ready through immersive workshops, mentoring, work experience opportunities and apprenticeships.

The Code opens the doors of the advertising industry to students from diverse backgrounds, through immersive workshops, giving them technical, craft and strategic soft skills required to succeed in the digital marketing industry. They also work on cutting edge marketing briefs from some of our biggest clients which focus on their biggest sustainability challenges and opportunities.

Last year, Dentsu employees educated and broadened the career horizons of over 1,400 students, and we want to reach even more young people this year. While we can't meet in person this school year, we are offering virtual program-

ming. If you want to help bring The Code to schools in your community, please send an email to [Leah.Wilson@dentsuaegis.com](mailto:Leah.Wilson@dentsuaegis.com) and [Ray.Lam@dentsuaegis.com](mailto:Ray.Lam@dentsuaegis.com).

## ASWB Applications

The Association of Social Work Boards is looking for social workers with different specialties and categories of licensure to draft 30 multiple choice questions for the licensing exams used in Canada and the U.S. Applicants would go through the respective application process by December 31st, 2020, if selected go through online training in the summer of 2021, then craft said questions within 6 to 8 months of the mandatory training. For more information and the application process, [click here](#).

## PPE & Safety Supplies

Taking precautions during uncertain times is a step on the safe side.

If you're looking for personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety supplies such as masks, hand sanitizer, safety barriers, and more, the Canadian Association of Social Workers may have the products you're looking for.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## Stay Social

To stay informed on news, events, surveys and more, follow us on **Facebook!**



Our English page:

New Brunswick Association of Social Workers - [@NBASW](#)



Our French page:

Association des Travailleuses et des Travailleurs sociaux du Nouveau-Brunswick [@ATTSNB](#)

Have something you'd like to see in the NBASW Newsletter? We're always looking for stories about social workers, events, and more to add. If you've got something you'd like us to include, please email [info@nbasw-attsnb.ca](mailto:info@nbasw-attsnb.ca) with the subject line "Newsletter."