



# News & Views

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# From the Editor

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Happy spring!

The past several months have been very busy at the NBASW office between registration season from January to March and Social Work Week being expanded to Social Work Month. We've been on the move all winter!

We want to say thank you to all members who helped celebrate Social Work Month this year by hosting chapter events, sharing promotional posters and social media posts, and participating in the Promotion of the Profession Committee's Promote my Profession Contest. We had fun celebrating your passion and hard work in March, and we look forward to continuing to promote the profession in the months to come.

Looking forward, we're excited to be joining the Acadian Peninsula Chapter for the 2018-2019 NBASW Conference, Banquet & AGM. We're also looking forward



to planning more continuing education events and webinars this summer, as well as hosting some more student positions in our office.

As always, keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for updates on projects the Association is working on, and if you have any questions or feedback, feel free to contact me at [iagnew@nbasw-atsnb.ca](mailto:iagnew@nbasw-atsnb.ca)!

# NBASW Conference, Banquet & AGM

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## Registration Forms Now Available

The 2018-2019 NBASW Conference, Banquet & AGM is just one month away!

The Acadian Peninsula Chapter is excited to be hosting this year's event on May 31st and June 1st and has arranged an amazing educational conference with speaker Monique Savoie on self-care and activities you can perform to reduce stress and maintain your health and well-being in the short and long terms.

Event details and the registration form can be found on the [NBASW website here](#). The registration deadline this year is May 10, 2019.

## Appointing a Proxy

Not able to attend this year's AGM but still want to ensure your voice is heard when it comes to important decisions about the NBASW? Voting members can appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf at the AGM.

To appoint a proxy, members must complete [this form](#) and send it to the NBASW. All forms must be received at the Association by Friday May 31st. Forms can be submitted by mail, scan/email to [nbasw@nbasw-atsnb.ca](mailto:nbasw@nbasw-atsnb.ca), fax, or dropped off in person. The appointed proxy must be a voting member, and no person can hold more than one proxy.

## Board of Directors Nominees

To view the nominations for positions on the Board of Directors, click [here](#).

## NBASW By-laws

To view the proposed new NBASW By-laws to be voted on at the AGM, click [here](#).

## Silent Auction

Each year during the NBASW Banquet, the hosting chapter organizes a silent auction with items collected by the local chapter and donations from other chapters around the province. The funds raised during the silent auction support the NBASW Scholarship Fund. Feel free to stop by the silent auction and make a bid!

# Social Work Month 2019

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This year the NBASW was pleased to join the CASW is celebrating the profession of social work for an entire month! The NBASW hosted a number of events, and we were excited to see our members join in and host their own promotional events as part of the Promotion of the Profession Committee's Promote my Profession Contest!

## Webinars and Events

The NBASW was thrilled to co-host several webinars during Social Work Month with the CASW. Our Social Work Consultant, Keara, worked hard with presenters Christian Whalen, Dr. Sarah Gander, Jenna Roddick, and Emily Kerry to deliver some fantastic webinars that were very well-attended.



The NBASW office staff were also busy organizing events around New Brunswick all month long, including our public event at the Fredericton Public Library, as well as our public showing of the short film titled "Social Proof," which focused on cyberviolence. We were happy to see everyone!

## Promote my Profession Contest

NEW this year, the Promotion of the Profession Committee organized a brand new annual Social Work Month contest called the Promote my Profession Contest. Members who wished to enter were asked to host an event or activity for members of the public that would promote the profession of social work. This could include anything from a radio spot, to an interdisciplinary team meeting, etc.

We are pleased to announce the winners of the contest are:

- Gaila Friars;
- Mélanie Friolet Guitard; and

-Karine Levesque.

Thank you to everyone who entered!

We hope you all had a fabulous Social Work Month! If you have any ideas or suggestions for future Social Work Month events and activities, please feel free to let us know at [nbasw@nbasw-atsnb.ca](mailto:nbasw@nbasw-atsnb.ca)!

## CASW Distinguished Service Award

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The NBASW was pleased to present this year's CASW Distinguished Service Award to Valerie DeLong, RSW during the Fredericton Chapter's Social Work Month Conference in March. Congratulations Valerie!



## Continuing Education

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See below for upcoming continuing education opportunities:

### **Webinar: The Right to Education and Inclusion in a School Setting**

**May 3, 2019:** French and English webinars available. [Click here for details.](#)

### **Not Just PTSD: New Developments in the Treatment of Complex Trauma with Dr. John Briere**

**May 9 and 10, 2019:** This session will delve into the current empirically informed treatments for more complex posttraumatic presentations. [Click here for details.](#)

### **Webinar: Understanding Parental Sharing and Caregiving Benefits**

**May 14, 2019:** The Vanier Institute of the Family is hosting a public webinar for on recent changes to shared parental and caregiving benefits in Canada. [Click here](#)

[for details.](#)

## **Making Connections Knowledge Sharing Session**

**May 28, 2019:** Join FSAC to hear how they are working with service providers in the Fredericton region toward trauma-informed workplaces to support survivors of complex sexual trauma. [Click here for details.](#)

## **Workshop: Trauma - Strategies for Resolving the Impact of Post-Traumatic Stress**

**May 28 and 29, 2019:** This workshop provides an overview of the way trauma affects a person through the brain and nervous system. [Click here for details.](#)

## **Workshop: Mediation - Facilitating Conflict Resolution**

**June 5 and 6, 2019:** Mediation is an essential skill for anyone who works in situations where they are responsible for helping others with interpersonal tension. [Click here for details.](#)

## **Atlantic Attachment Network Conference**

**June 7 to 9, 2019:** This weekend is open to everyone and will be relevant to social workers, therapists, medical professionals, and more. [Click here for details.](#)

## **Responding to Domestic Violence: Working with Individuals and Families Professional Development Conference**

**June 12, 13, and 14, 2019:** Join us for this exciting 3-day conference in Fredericton with renowned experts, Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell, Lundy Bancroft, and Gary Direnfield. [Click here for details.](#)

## **Recovery Capital Conference of Canada - Halifax, NS**

**September 24, 2019:** This is a one-day conference about evidence-based recovery systems of care. Last year the conference sold out, with this year's line up and last year's positive evaluations, we are sure to sell out in 2019. [Register today!](#)

# Social Work in the Canadian Province of New Brunswick: Family Group Conference Coordinator

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The NBASW is pleased to share an article written by John Rapaport, Geraldine Poirier Baiani, and Jill Manthorpe and recently published in *Practice: Social Work in Action*. You can read the abstract and get access to the full article below.

## Abstract

The Family Group Conference (FGC) service in New Brunswick has considerably reduced the numbers of children being taken into state care. The initiative has also had a positive impact on social work caseloads and practitioner self-esteem. This descriptive account seeks to explain why New Brunswick opted to introduce the FGC, how the initiative was implemented and what outcomes were achieved. Implications for research and future development with reference to a recent English initiative are also considered.

[Click here for the full article.](#)

## Summer Student Intern

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We're excited to be welcoming back our St. Thomas University Student Intern, Samantha Jesso. Originally from Newfoundland, Sam is a recent graduate of the St. Thomas University Bachelor of Arts program and will be entering the Bachelor of Social Work program in the fall. Sam did a lot of fantastic work for us organizing Social Work Month events this past semester and we're excited to have her back for the summer!





# 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! Keep reading for information about the work of each committee and available volunteer positions. If you would like to join a committee, please send a copy of your resume to [nbasw@nbasw-atsnb.ca](mailto: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

## **Committee of Examiners**

2 positions available

## **Promotion of the Profession Committee**

1 position available

## **Practice Issues, Ethics, and**

## **Professional Standards Committee**

2 positions available

**Do you have an event or story you'd like to share in the NBASW quarterly newsletter? The NBASW is always looking for new ways to highlight the great work being done by social workers. Please contact Isabelle at [iagneu@nbasw-atsnb.ca](mailto:iagneu@nbasw-atsnb.ca) with all relevant details!**

