

News & Views

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From the Editor

Welcome to the January 2019 issue of the NBASW Newsletter! The NBASW has been busy since our last newsletter in November and we're excited to check back in on what's happened and what's to come!

In November we held our 30th Anniversary Celebration at the Four Points by Sheraton in Moncton with great success! To read more on that event, go to page 2.

We've also recently welcomed our new Social Work Consultant, Keara Grey! You may remember Keara as our Summer Student in 2018; from June-August 2018, Keara worked hard to develop a potential mentorship program and we're thrilled to have her back on our team at the NBASW office!

We're also pleased to announce that this year we are joining the Canadian Association of Social Workers in celebrating Social Work Month. For years we've

celebrated Social Work Week in the month of March and, this year, we've decided to expand our celebrations for the entire month! See page 4 for details!



NBASW 30th Anniversary Celebrations



On November 23rd, 2018 the NBASW hosted our 30th Anniversary Celebrations at the Four Points by Sheraton hotel in Moncton.

More than 100 members from around the province joined us to celebrate 30 years as a regulatory body.

We would like to thank our three keynote speakers, Dr. Michael Ungar, Ph.D., RSW, Rina Arseneault, MSW, RSW, and Sheri Coburn, MSW, RSW, who delivered fantastic presentations at the Conference portion of the event, as well as all of our special guest speakers.

Please see below for more information on their presentations, including links to the Powerpoint presentations available on our website.

Dr. Michael Ungar, Ph. D., RSW

Presentation: Resilience on the job and at home: Maintaining our capacity to cope during times of change and challenge.

To view the full presentation, click [here](#), or visit our website. *Note: Presentation available in English only.*



Rina Arseneault, MSW, RSW

Presentation: Trauma informed social work practice

To view the full presentation, click [here](#), or visit our website. *Note: Presentation available in French only.*

Sheri Coburn, MSW, RSW

Presentation: Harm reduction: To tolerate or to embrace?

To view the full presentation, click [here](#), or visit our website. *Note: Presentation available in English only.*



We would also like to thank Marcel Arseneau, one of the original founders of the NBASW, for attending the event. It was great to be able to celebrate 30 years with you, Marcel.



Left to right: NBASW Executive Director Miguel LeBlanc; NBASW Founding Member Marcel Arseneau; NBASW President Claude Savoie

Finally, we want to thank all of our members. Whether you were able to attend the celebration or not, you are a valuable part of our Association and the reason we exist.



THANK YOU!

Meet our new Social Work Consultant!

Keara Grey is the newest member to the NBASW team! Keara is a recent graduate of St. Thomas University, having completed her Bachelor of Arts in 2017 and her Bachelor of Social Work in 2019.



Keara is passionate about social work and having a positive impact in the lives of others. In her new role as Social Work Consultant, Keara is responsible for activities related to the promotion of the social work profession, member engagement and social policy. She also provides support to the Education Committee and the Social Action Committee. Keara is looking forward to working collaboratively with members to enhance the profession of social work and bring about positive change.

Keara was born in Fredericton where she now lives with her young daughter. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring outdoors and spending time with friends and family. She can be reached by calling (506) 459-2557 or emailing kgrey@nbasw-atsnb.ca.

Social Work Month 2019

We're pleased to announce that, this year, the NBASW will be joining the CASW in celebrating the profession of social work for an entire month! Join us this March, 2019 for Social Work Month!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details on the events we will be holding in March. Members can also email nbasw@nbasw-atsnb.ca to get promotional Social Work Month posters.

NATIONAL
SOCIAL WORK MONTH
MARCH 2019

Social workers make a real difference in the lives of people, families and communities across the country. Every year in March, Canada celebrates the important contributions of these social justice professionals.

**Real people.
Real impact.**

Get involved in National Social Work Month

casw-acts.ca/en/March2019

#NationalSocialWorkMonth



Meet our Student Interns!

We're pleased to announce that two St. Thomas University student interns will be joining the NBASW team for the winter term. Samantha Jesso and Andrea Perez will be working with us this semester to develop some creative promotional campaigns. Stay tuned to see what they come up with!



Samantha Jesso is a fourth year student at STU majoring in Criminology and Sociology



Andrea Perez is a third year student at STU majoring in Criminology and Human Rights

Registration Season 2019

Members are reminded that the deadline to renew your NBASW annual registration for the 2019-2020 year is March 31st, 2019. A completed renewal includes the submission of your updated registration form and full payment dues. You can complete your registration online [here](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the NBASW office or visit the following link for step-by-step instructions: <https://bit.ly/2HxSXOi>

Scholarships and Awards

Members are reminded of the following [scholarships](#) deadlines:

CASW & NBASW Grant

Application deadline: extended to February 19, 2019.

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. [Application form available here.](#)

Co-Operators Bursary for Student Members Enrolled in l'Université de Moncton's School of Social Work

Application deadline: January 31, 2019

The Cooperators home and auto insurance, in partnership with the NBASW, are pleased to offer three student bursaries 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. [Application form available here.](#)

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Application deadline: March 1, 2019

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gram, Université de Moncton School of Social Work, and St. Thomas University Post Degree Program. [Application form available here.](#)

NBASW Scholarship

Application deadline: March 31, 2019

The NBASW Scholarship Fund 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. [Application form available here.](#)

Co-Operators Bursary for Members

Application deadline: March 31, 2019

The Cooperators Bursary Fund 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. [Application form available here.](#)

Members are reminded of the following [awards](#) deadlines:

CASW Distinguished Service Award

Application deadline: extended to February 19, 2019

The CASW Distinguished Service Award is given yearly by the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) during Social Work Week, 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. [Nomination form available here.](#)

Debbie Nason Social Work in Health Care Award

Application deadline: February 28, 2019

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. [Nomination form available here.](#)

Raoul Léger Memorial Award

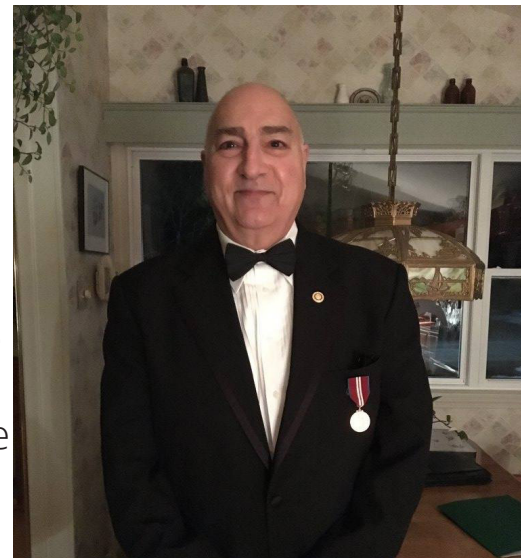
Application deadline: February 28, 2019

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. [Nomination form available here.](#)

Congratulations!

Gregory Z. Zed was honoured at a sold out gala dinner recently for his forty-one years plus as a social worker and member of NBASW. The Gala was hosted by Hestia House, a shelter dedicated to serving victims of domestic violence in southern New Brunswick.

Raising close to \$25,000, Zed thanked the audience citing that his devotion to social work was largely due in part to his family values from his parents, the staff he was honoured to work. During his introduction it was noted that Zed will continue his journey to supporting his community through his private practice and the fact he is a life honorary member of The Elizabeth Fry Organization, and a life honorary member of the Schizophrenia Society of New Brunswick.



The Link Program

The Link Program is a great initiative that helps link a companion with those experiencing difficult situations. With the support of a Link Companion, individuals have an opportunity to talk about their concerns and, if needed, to access support services to help solve their challenges before they lead to more serious situations.

For details, click [here](#).

Research Study Recruitment

A research study is being conducted by a group of university researchers who have partnered with community practitioners and law enforcement to examine how men report incidents of intimate partner violence.

The researchers, led by Dr. David Delay (University of Manitoba) are interested in talking to social work professionals who work/have worked as probation officers or who conduct/have conducted Court-ordered assessments with men related to intimate partner violence.

For details on how to participate, please contact Dr. Delay at his office 204-474-6669 or by email david.delay@umanitoba.ca

Continuing Education

See below for upcoming continuing education opportunities:

Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick Enhancing Care Conference

Wednesday, April 3, 2019: A day focused on long-term care and acute care leadership/clinical staff.

Thursday, April 4, 2019: A day focused toward direct care staff in home care, adult day programs, special care homes, and nursing homes.

The NBASW will be announcing more upcoming webinars in the next couple months. Keep an eye out on our Facebook and website to find out more!

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 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

1 position available

Committee of Examiners

3 positions available

Discipline Committee

2 positions available

Practice Issues, Ethics, and Professional Standards Committee

3 positions available

Promotion of the Profession Committee

1 position available

Notice from the Discipline Committee

A Social Worker by virtue of working in an office became aware of an individual's consideration of adoption services. The Social Worker subsequently contacted the individual who was not a client, regarding private adoption.

The individual was known to the Social Worker through community contact and external family relations.

A complaint to the Regulator, of amongst other things, alleged conflict of interest. The Social Worker admitted her actions were harmful to the professional standards for Social Workers.

Importantly, however, it was also accepted that her actions were not with malice and did not include for example clandestine review of confidential records.

Upon acceptance of responsibility and commitment to conclude education regarding ethics and boundaries, the Discipline committee accepted a Voluntary resolution wherein a reprimand would be placed in the Member's file.

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 with all relevant details!



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