

NASW-AL CHAPTER 2009 ELECTION BALLOT

The Chapter Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification (CCNLI) has approved the following candidates for open positions on the Board of the Alabama Chapter and membership on the CCNLI. Affirmative Action policies and goals were considered with regard to nominations. Each person has been contacted and agrees to serve.

Please mark your ballot and mail or fax to: NASW-Alabama Chapter 4268 Lomac Street Montgomery, AL 36106/ Fax # 334-270-8221. Ballot must be received in Chapter Office no later than **July 4, 2009**. The new members of the board will assume office on **July 15, 2009** and serve a two year term.

PLEASE VOTE FOR ALL STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

Statewide Candidates

Executive Officer (2009-2011)

President Elect

[] **Patricia Randich-Dumas, MSW, LCSW, PIP**

Patricia Randich-Dumas has a master in Clinical Social Work from Boston College and has been a social worker for nearly 15 years. She moved to Mobile, AL in 1995 to serve in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Her experience as an outreach worker for the homeless developed her interest in human rights, substance abuse, and veterans benefits. Her experiences have also included trauma recovery, hospice and bereavement care and chronic mental illness issues for patients and caregivers services. A member of NASW, she has worked for the past two years with Military Families through the Joint Family Support Assistance Program at the Vice-President of the Alabama Chapter, VistaCare Hospice and the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Vice President - Vacant Position

Please contact the NASW-AL Chapter office if you have a recommendation for this vacancy.

Secretary

[] **Ebone Watkins, BSW**

Ebone Watkins received her BSW in 2007 and MSW in 2009 from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). While at UAB she was a Dean's List and Presidential Honors scholar. A member of NASW since 2008, Ms. Watkins has been placed as an intern with agencies which provide services to children and families. She volunteers, mentors and has serviced as a camp counselor to support community initiatives. Ms. Watkins is committed to supporting the social work profession.

Members at Large Candidates (2009-2011)

Member-at-Large

[] Tony D. Walker, ACSW, LCSW

Tony Walker is a long-time NASW member, having served as Southeast Alabama Unit Chair, Montgomery Unit Chair, Alabama Chapter Vice-President, CCNLI Chair, and Interim Executive Director of the Chapter. He has been an adjunct teacher for the UA School of Social Work on-campus, distance education and in the MSW Program in Hong Kong, China. He has received the Howard B. Gundy Award (UA School of Social Work), and was inducted into the Alabama Social Work Hall of Fame (UA Social Work Society). Retired from Troy State University after 20 years of teaching in the social work department, he now continues, as needed to contribute to his profession.

MSW Student Representative

[] Lindsey H. Pitts, BSW

Lindsey Pitts received her BSW from the University of South Alabama, and is currently enrolled in the MSW program at the University of Southern Mississippi, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Her expected graduation date is December 2009. She joined NASW in 2007 and was inducted into the PHI Alpha Honor Society as a MSW student in 2009. She seeks to increase her involvement with NASW, while encouraging other students to become active participants in their community. She also values the opportunity to network with other social workers as she supports NASW.

[] Amber Wade, BA

Amber Wade is an MSW student enrolled at the University of Alabama Tuscaloosa and a member of NASW. She has a BA from Sanford University Birmingham and plans to complete her degree in 2010. Her experiences include providing care and instruction to preschoolers and working as an intern for Children's Aid Society/s Project Independence. She continues to be excited about her social work education and looks forward to working with NASW.

Ex Officio Members (2009-2011) (Select One Nominee for Delegate Assembly Position)

[] Michael Daley, PhD

Michael Daley is director of the social work program at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, AL. He has a PhD in Social Welfare from the University of Wisconsin Madison and the MSW from the University of Houston. He is currently the Chair of the NASW National Ethics Committee. He served as President and Treasurer of the Texas Chapter of NASW, and has co-chaired the West Central Coalition of NASW Delegate Assembly twice. He has also served as a member of the NASW Legal Defense Fund Board.

Alt. Delegate Assembly Delegate (Select One Nominee for Alt. Delegate Assembly Position)

[] Laurie French Haas, MSW, LCSW, ACSW

Laurie Haas continues to be an active member of NASW. She has serviced the profession as a member of the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners, and Executive Director of the Alabama Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. A graduate of the Tulane University's School of Social Work's class of 1990, she is also licensed to practice social work in Alabama, and Texas. Currently the Social Work Field Instruction Coordinator for the University of South Alabama Social Work Program, Ms Haas experiences includes clinical and administrative social work in both inpatient and outpatient psychiatric settings.

Or

[] Jennifer Venerable-Humphrey, LCSW, PIP

Jennifer Venerable-Humphrey has been a member of NASW since 1996, when she earned her MSW from the University of Alabama. She has served as Co-Chair of the Montgomery Unit since 2007. She is a clinical social worker who has worked with various agencies and as a private practitioner. Jennifer also serves on several boards and community organizations.

PLEASE VOTE ONLY FOR YOUR UNIT'S CANDIDATES

UNIT SPECIFIC CANDIDATE LIST

Unit Chair Candidates (2009-2011)

Birmingham Unit

[] **Cathy Prellwitz, LCSW, PIP**

Cathy Prellwitz the program coordinator of the Outpatient Substance Abuse Clinic at Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Center has been an active member of NASW since 1996. A graduate of Simmons College in Boston, MA in 2000, she is a strong supporter of the NASW Code of Ethics, as well as the core values of “service, social justice, dignity and worth of the son, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence”. She looks forward to being of service to the Alabama NASW Chapter as well as playing an intrigue part in discussions on issues that affect all social workers.

[] **Stuart “Stu” J. Jaffe, MSW, MCP**

Stu Jaffe has a commitment to the social work profession, the people needing services and his professional development. He is a recent graduate of the University of Alabama’s MSW program. He also has a Masters of Community Planning from the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Community Planning. Stu has received many awards such as his induction into the PHI Alpha Honor Society and as a Masters Scholar at the University of Alabama. His internships included experiences with Gateway and the Collat Jewish Family Services in Birmingham, AL. His interest in working to support the Birmingham Unit and his contributions to the University of Alabama MSW Field Placement and MSW Program Committees are examples of his willingness and motivation to support NASW the profession.

Huntsville Unit

[] **Esophia Clayborn, LCSW, PIP**

Esophia Clayborn received her MSW and joined NASW in 2001. She has continued to be an active member of NASW, serving as NASW Huntsville Secretary, Unite Representative and CCNLI Chair. Esophia experiences include medical social worker, social work manager, psychotherapist/clinical supervisor and social work consultant. She is currently a Social Work Specialist for the Alabama A& M University, Department of Social Work’s graduate and undergraduate programs. She has an opportunity to work with the current and future social work community. This connection with students and the general community can serve as an additional avenue for encouraging NASW participation across the Huntsville Unit area.

[] **Erica Hochberger, MSW, LCSW**

Erica Hochberger is a NASW member and earned her Masters in Social Work, Mental Health Concentration from Alabama A&M University in 2004. She is currently a social work therapist for the Crisis Services of North Alabama, where she provides individual and group therapy sessions for children who have witnessed domestic violence. Ms. Hochberger career has focused on providing counseling and support services for individuals and families.

Tennessee Valley Unit

[] Michele Rivard, MSW

Michele Rivard has been a member and supporter of NASW for 25 years. She has an MSW from the University of Kansas and MS from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her areas of practice have included providing services as a school social worker, supervision of social workers for licensure, university teaching, hospice, mental health with youth, adults and geriatrics, eating disorders, substance abuse, and medical social work. She has serviced as the unit chair for the Tennessee Valley Unit and would like again to support NASW in the north western section of Alabama.

Montgomery Unit (Shared Chair Responsibilities)

[] Harriet Johnson, MSW AND Beverly Lesyea, MSW

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Harriet Johnson a member of NASW received her MSW from the University of Alabama in 2003. She was a case worker and social worker for the Alabama Department of Human Resources for nine years. Ms Johnson is currently employed as an Intervention Specialist with the Family Advocacy Program at Maxwell Air Force Base. She is also the founder and coordinator of the Volunteer Pharmaceutical Patient Assistance Program in Greenville, AL. This all volunteer program assists individuals without prescription drug insurance to apply for medications which as provided by various pharmaceutical companies.

AND

Beverly Lesyea, MSW

Beverly Lesyea a member of NASW received her MSW in 1989 from Tulane University in LA. She is currently a Family Advocacy Officer at Maxwell Air Force Base. Ms Lesyea has worked as a medical social worker, psychiatric social worker and the Army's out-patient Drug and Alcohol Treatment program. She is a member of the University of Alabama Social Society Board and is ready to share the Montgomery Unit Chair position, with Ms Johnson, as she continues to support the social work profession.

Unit Representative Candidates (2009- 2011)

Birmingham Unit

[] Christen S. Craig, MSW

Christen Craig a member of NASW, is a recent graduate of the University of Alabama. She was inducted into the Phi Alpha Social Work and the National Honor Society at the University of Alabama in 2008. She exhibited outstanding leadership skills as an intern while in placement at Cooper Green Mercy Hospital and Gateway. Her creativity was noted in the creation of an intake and community resource worker system which improved the care for Latino patients seeking diabetes and dialysis information and care. Ms Craig's contribution to patient care was noted by the hospital staff.

Huntsville Unit

[] **Donna Harris, LCSW, PIP**

Donna Harris is a member of NASW and received her MSW from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1995. She has received many awards and honors such as her induction into the Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society, and Chi Iota Chapter. She also received the Graduate Student Merit Award from NASW-MS Chapter in 1995. Ms. Harris is a Continuing Education Provider for the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners. As the MSW Program Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Graduate Social Work for the Alabama A & M University's master of social work program, she is able to participate in the growth of young social workers. With a history of a variety of teaching positions in several states, Donna is very interested in preparing students for careers in social work.

[] **Judy Prince, LCSW, PIP**

Judy Prince is a member of NASW and a 1969 graduate of the University of Tennessee's MSSW program. She has received many honors which include Birmingham Unit Social Worker of the Year Award in 1996 and the Public Service Award from the Alabama Conference of Social Work in 1978. She has developed and provided social justice program, planned and presented continuing education human service policy makers and health care educational workshops. Currently Ms Prince is a social worker at Cooper Green Mercy Hospital. She also has a private clinical social work practice, which includes services to individuals, couples, groups, families and administrative casework and community organizations. Ms. Prince served as a member of the NASW-AL PACE Committee and is interested in continuing her support of NASW.

Chapter Committee on Nominations & Leadership Identification (CCNLI) (2009-2011)

Coosa Valley Unit

[] **Paula Clark, LBSW**

Paula Clark is a member of NASW and a graduate of the University of Alabama's BSW program. Since 2002 she has been a regional coordinator for the Children's Health Insurance program (ALL Kids). With a history of working to provide medical services and information to families within the public health target area, Ms Clark is aware of the needs and services of Alabama. As a recent member of the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners, she worked to protect the public, and represent the needs of the licensed social works across the state. She is an active and involved member of the social work profession and looks forward to representing the people of the Coosa Valley Unit, as a member of the CCNLI.

Huntsville Unit - Vacant Position

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Mobile Unit

[] Jean Maguire, MSW, LCSW

Jean Maguire is a member of NASW and a 2003 Tulane University graduate. She is a Medical Social Worker at Fresenius Medical Care in Mobile, AL. Ms Maguire has also works as a Psychotherapist and Medical Social Worker, as well as worked as a psychotherapist with trauma survivors. She supports social work education by providing field placement opportunities for Tulane students.

Montgomery Unit

[] Deborah “Debby” W. Wood

Debby Wood is a member of NASW and a graduate of the University of South Carolina. Ms Wood has worked for the Alabama Department of Human Resources for over 34 years. She has held a variety of positions including social worker, supervisor, volunteer coordinator, staff trainer, and program manager. She has been in her current position as assistant director of the Family Assistance Division since May, 2007. She also serves on the Board for the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, and the Council on Violence Against Women. Ms Wood is an Adjunct Faculty member at Auburn University Montgomery, where she teaches Social Welfare Policies and Services. She has served in several NASW positions, which include the Montgomery Unit Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and President.

South East Alabama Unit -Vacant Position

Please contact the NASW-AL Chapter office if you have a recommendation for this vacancy.

Tennessee Valley Unit - Vacant Position

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Thank you for voting!

If you have nay questions regarding the election process, please contact the NASW-AL Chapter Office at 334-270-2220 or e-mail: Alabama@naswal.net.