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advocacy & action in support of group work practice,
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Group News January 2013

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BOSTON JUNE 6-9
THIS YEAR!**

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President's Pen

IASWG is in very good shape organizationally and financially, and we continue to celebrate our many exciting changes of the past year: new name, new mailing address, new logo, and new website. Recent exciting news includes the welcoming of our newest chapter in North Carolina and an invitation from our German Chapter members to all IASWG members to join them as they celebrate in March their many years as a thriving chapter of IASWG. In addition, everyone in the IASWG organization is anticipating our 35th Annual Symposium, to be held in Boston in June. The Boston Symposium Planning Committee is busy planning what is expected to be a successful and stimulating experience for all of us, and they are hoping many of us will be submitting proposals to present and/or making plans to attend.

A salute to Charles Garvin: Charles was honored at the recent 2012 U.S. Council on Social Work Education conference in Washington, D.C. He was given the award for Significant Lifetime Achievement in Social Work. Over one thousand people were in the auditorium to witness the presentation of the award to Charles, and to hear him speak briefly about his life and career, including his ongoing commitment to group work research, education, and practice.

The northeast region of the U.S. is still recovering from the impact of Hurricane Sandy, and many of our IASWG colleagues are still experiencing recovery struggles. We have made a relief donation on behalf of IASWG, and you are encouraged to go to our IASWG website for information on providing an individual relief donation.

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Speakers Bureau

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Our new IASWG website (www.iaswg.org) has replaced our old site, and we have had very positive feedback about it so far. We will continue to add content and features in the coming months to make the site worthwhile for anyone interested in our IASWG activities or resources. Be sure to utilize the site; use the online membership feature to renew your IASWG membership for 2013 if you have not already renewed.

Our hardworking Board committees have been actively and productively engaged in identifying and addressing the salient issues of our organization; all Board members will be meeting next June in Boston to strategize and plan for the future. In addition to Board activity, our IASWG chapters have been holding meetings and events to keep their members engaged on the regional level. If you have time to devote to the work of IASWG, you could serve in several ways: submit your name as a candidate in our upcoming IASWG election for one of three available at-large Board member positions; volunteer to serve on a Board committee; or participate in a regional chapter activity or project.

As always, thank you to all of you, our active IASWG members throughout the world, for furthering the IASWG mission to support and strengthen the cause of social group work. I will continue to communicate with all of you in upcoming months, and I look forward to celebrating group work with many of you very soon at our 2013 IASWG Symposium in Boston.

All the best- Greg Tully, IASWG President

**COMMENTS OR
SUGGESTIONS**

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(All 2012 memberships
now have expired!)

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IASWG'S SPARC Project Begins!

The IASWG has launched the SPARC Program to "spark" IASWG members' projects through small grants and/or endorsements. Please read the IASWG [protocol for SPARC projects](#) for information on submitting a proposal. Decisions on submissions are made biannually, in June (submit by April 30) and November (submit by September 30). For additional information or to submit a proposal, please contact IASWG Commission Committee Co-Chair, Carol Cohen at [**cohen5@adelphi.edu**](mailto:cohen5@adelphi.edu).