



**Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Inc.  
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advocacy & action in support of group work practice, education, research, & publication

## **AASWG GROUP NEWS MAY 2012**

### **MAY 2012 NEWSROOM**



## **Passion for Group Work: An International Conversation**

**XXXIV Annual  
International  
Symposium  
Long Island, New  
York June 14th -  
17th, 2012**

[Click here for flyer  
and registration info](#)

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **SPEAKERS BUREAU**

### **BOARD UPDATE**

Our June 2012 Symposium at Adelphi University in Long Island, NY, USA, promises to be a wonderful event. The Symposium Committee and the Long Island Planning Committee have been working very hard to make it a success. They received an overwhelming number of abstract submissions, and many group workers from all over the world will be presenting in Long Island. The 2011 Symposium in Long Beach was a financial and organizational success, and we are expecting similar success in Long Island. Information about registration/housing for Long Island is available. The Symposium site will offer several housing options at various rates. Consider arriving a day or two early to Long Island to attend the International Clinical Supervision Conference at Adelphi which is linked with AASWG at Adelphi.

The AASWG Commission on Group Work in Social Work Education is finalizing a protocol to allow members to request funding from AASWG for special projects; AASWG wants members to initiate projects supporting the AASWG group work mission to promote and strengthen group work. This past year AASWG offered support to a project to train youth workers in NYC and San Francisco. The project has been an enormous success, and it provides a wonderful model for other endeavors. In addition, the Commission is actively engaged in supporting/completing group work research and writing projects, including Symposium Proceedings, and other publishing projects. The New Jersey Proceedings will be ready very soon; the Chicago and Montreal Proceedings are near completion; two AASWG books published by CSWE are progressing to second editions; and Mark Macgowan's research articles related to the AASWG Standards will be published soon.

Because the AASWG Board approved an increase in annual chapter support payments (as well as approving a distribution of funds to chapters generated through our Organizational Membership income), our chapters will receive significant income support this year. The Chapter Development Committee is distributing these chapter support funds. AASWG continues to appreciate the enormous contributions made by our chapters across the world. Many of our chapters have held exciting events for their local members in the past few months.

The Membership Committee just completed a large mailing to reach out for 2012 renewals from 2011 members not yet renewed for 2012, and 2010 members who failed to renew in 2011. Renewals and new memberships for 2012 have been arriving steadily, and 2012 membership

Through its Speakers Bureau the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Inc. provides highly professional training and consultation in group work curriculum design, private and organizational group-services design, group-based policy and program development, program and practice evaluation, and direct facilitation of large and small groups of all kinds from the playroom to the board room.

For Information  
Contact [Steve Kraft](#),  
AASWG President

**I have a comment  
or suggestion  
about AASWG**

numbers are on course to match or exceed 2011 numbers.

Election season has arrived, and the Nominations and Elections Committee is actively involved in the process of preparing a strong slate. The process started months ago, and it will culminate with a membership vote in May.

The new website design is progressing nicely. Within a few weeks the Board should be able to view an initial version of the future site. Once comments are received from the Board on the initial version, the website design team will make improvements for a final version.

The Executive Committee has increased its phone conference communication in the past year to one call each month. In addition, phone conference calls with some of our individual committees have been initiated. In the near future the hope is to increase even further the phone communication with Board committees/members between Board meetings. This will be a topic for discussion at the June Board meetings.

The Marketing Committee continues to organize projects to promote AASWG. We will have a full-page ad in the New Jersey NASW Conference to recognize a Lifetime Achievement Award for Katy Papell. AASWG will have a promotional table at the NASW Conference in Washington, D.C, this July. Also this summer, we will be represented by an AASWG table at the international IASSW/IFSW/ICSW Conference to be held in Stockholm, Sweden. Other promotional opportunities are already planned or are in the planning stage.

Hope to see you in Long Island in June!

Steve Kraft (President) and Greg Tully (Vice President)

## **AASWG Founders Award for Emerging Leadership**

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

You are invited to nominate an outstanding MSW student or new practitioner (first 5 years of post-MSW practice)

#### **CRITERIA**

**\*an exceptional understanding of social work practice with groups**

**\*explicit interest in advancing the mission of AASWG**

**•demonstrated capacity to make a significant contribution to the scholarship of social work practice with groups**

**Two awards will be presented  
at each symposium**

(Each recipient will be presented with  
a certificate of recognition and \$250)

**SUBMIT YOUR 1-2 PP  
NOMINATION BY MAY 31  
as a Word document by email to  
[stevenkraft@optonline.net](mailto:stevenkraft@optonline.net)**

Please contribute to a healthy and  
happy future by nominating  
someone who fits the bill!

**The AASWG Board of Directors Executive Committee**

*Double-blind review by AASWG board members*

**AASWG MEMBERSHIP**

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**GROUP WORK PUBLICATIONS**

**OFFICIAL PUBLISHERS FOR AASWG, INC.**

**[Whiting & Birch](#)**

(Journal: *Groupwork*)  
(AASWG Symposia Proceedings)

**[Taylor & Francis-Routledge](#)**

(Journal: *Social Work with Groups*)