

NACASSW Report of Activities to IASSW Board

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The North American and Caribbean Association of Schools of Social Work (NACASSW) held a regional meeting at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) in Denver, Colorado in October, 2015.

The activities and discussions from July until December, 2015, are as follows:

Administration

- Formal by-laws and an updated constitution have been drafted

- Development of a NACASSW brand/logo

- The importance of increasing membership in the Region and especially in the Caribbean to allow full representation on the IASSW Board

- NACASSW held a partnership presentation at the CSWE conference in Denver

Action Taken

- Contact with the NACASSW Executive Committee in Denver resulted in support to move the by-laws/constitution forward for review by NACASSW members. Discussion did concentrate on the concept of initiating a fee for annual membership. Plans for the new year include email the NACASSW members and asking for input/suggestions on the document and the proposed fee structure.

- The six logos under review were considered in both the Executive Committee meeting as well as the general membership meeting held in Denver. In the new year (January/February, 2016) the logos and a ballot will be sent to the NACASSW listserv so that voting can occur. The new logo will be unveiled at the Joint Congress meeting in Seoul.

- Discussions have occurred with CSWE, ACSWE and the CASWE to advocate for increased school (and individual) membership within the region. Special outreach has occurred from all three of the Social Work Education organizations in our region to promote NACASSW membership.

- The session focused on common concerns/issues within the region. Presenters came from Canada, the Caribbean and the U.S. The presentations focused on gerontology, regional development and international exchanges.

- Regional collaboration on the 2nd pillar document of the global agenda

- Succession planning (4 year leadership rotation)

- With CSWE taking a point position on this project, numerous attempts were made across the region to solicit submission or examples of practice, publications, projects, classes or work that focused on the worth and dignity of individuals. The date to receive all materials has just ended and NACASSW is working with CSWE in developing the material submitted into a final report. Material was submitted from Canada, the Caribbean and the USA.

- Succession planning for the next President was discussed at all of the Educational Association meetings (Canada, Caribbean, and the U.S.). The Caribbean schools were tasked with developing a ballot and putting forth candidates for the June 2016 Seoul, Korea meeting.

Upcoming Events

- IASSW/IFSW/ICSW Joint Congress, June 2016, Seoul
- Election of new NACASSW President, June 2016-2020