

NACASSW Report of Activities to IASSW Board

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The North America and Caribbean Association of Schools of Social Work (NACASSW) held two meetings during 2014. The first meeting was held in conjunction with the Joint World Conference in Melbourne, Australia in July and the second meeting was held during the 2014 Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting (APM) in Tampa, Florida (USA).

The activities and discussions for 2014 are as follows:

Administration	Action Taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More members from each region (Caribbean, Canada, and USA) are needed to strengthen the organization and serve on the executive board. The current executive committee consists of: Mark Rodgers (USA), Dixon Sookraj (Canada), Peta-Anne Baker (Caribbean), and James Sherer (USA).• Formal bylaws and/or a constitution is needed.• Importance of incorporating NACASSW membership into the IASSW application process.• Need for a NACASSW website, branding and a logo.• Importance of increasing the membership of Caribbean programs so they can have representation on the IASSW board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue membership drive to increase IASSW/NACASSW membership as well as NACASSW Executive Committee members.• Executive Committee will complete in 2015.• Information supplied by three area educational associations, CASWE, CSWE, and ACSWE to their members.• Executive Committee will address this in the coming year.• NACASSW President will contact Peta-Ann Baker, ACSWE to assist in increasing memberships in Caribbean
Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of Canadian survey for international activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A more recent attempt was made to initiate a joint initiative with colleagues in the US and Caribbean through the NACASSW Executive Committee. The aim of the initiative was to develop a searchable inventory of international (teaching, research/scholarship and practice) activities of colleagues in the region. The initiative will help to foster sharing, networking and collaboration among

- NACASSW gave a partnership presentation at the 2014 APM addressing the Global Agenda and the construction of social work with the following representatives: Mark Rodgers (USA), Dixon Sookraj (Canada), and Akilah Riley (Trinidad and Tobago)
- Regional collaboration on the Global Agenda Observatory proposal

Upcoming events

- Canadian Social Work Conference May 2015
- Association of Caribbean Social Work Educators Biennial Conference (Grenada) Summer 2015
- CSWE APM Denver, Colorado (USA) October 2015

colleagues, as well as revealing activities aimed at promotion of social and economic qualities. The work was conducted within Canada alone through the International Affairs Committee of the CASWE. In the first year (2013-2014) there was peer response to the effort in the region. This year (2014-2015) a committee was made for the USA.

- Workshop was well attended. Many attendees went to the NACASSW general meeting scheduled after the workshop. After the general meeting, NACASSW members were invited to the CASWE Global Commission's Reception to increase networking opportunities.
- A late September conference call including CSWE officials, the CSWE Global Commission Chair, the CSWE Board Chair and NACASSW officials resulted in a plan for more USA involvement in the production of the second report on the Global Agenda for Social Work and the Social Development. Prior to the CSWE Annual Program Meeting in late October, 2014, officials from the CASWE and ACSWE were involved in the process and indicated their interest in joining the collaborative proposal which was submitted by the 30th October deadline to describe the regional Global Observatory response to the second principal of the Global Agenda— Promoting Dignity and Worth of Peoples.
- The NACASSW President and available Executive Committee members will meet at an open planning meeting at each conference