

NACASSW Report of Activities to IASSW Board

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The North American and Caribbean Association of Schools of Social Work (NACASSW) held two regional meetings since December, 2014. The first was held at the Canadian Association of Social Work Educators (CASWE) in Ottawa, Canada in June, 2015. The second was held at the Association of Caribbean Social Work Educators (ACSWE) Conference in True Blue, Grenada in July, 2015. An additional meeting is planned for the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in October, 2015 in Denver, Colorado.

The activities and discussions for 2015, to date, are as follows:

<u>Administration</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formal by-laws and/or an updated constitution is needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both regional meetings supported the concept of a new constitution. Drafts of a constitution have been discussed with Executive Committee members and should be ready for approval by the fall APM-CSWE meeting in Denver. Some consideration has been made to include a fee for annual membership.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need for NACASSW brand or logo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logo development has proceeded with six current logos under review. Canadian and Caribbean members included their input at the recent regional meetings. The USA membership will consider the logos at the NACASSW business meeting in October 2015.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importance of increasing membership of Caribbean Program so they can have full representation on the IASSW Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The need to increase IASSW membership among the Caribbean schools was discussed at length at the regional meeting in Grenada. The issue of the cost, UN country rating and the newly developing programs were factors. The President of ACSWE indicated that there were 40 programs in the Caribbean region but not all were even members of ACSWE. She also cited the difficulty some programs had in payment of IASSW annual dues.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NACASSW will again be giving a partnership presentation at the CSWE Denver 2015 Annual Program Meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous workshops were well attended and had presenters from Canada, the Caribbean and the USA.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional collaboration on the 2nd pillar of the Global Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSWE has been designed (in cooperation with NACASSW) as the point organization to gather the examples for the second publication in

- Session Planning
(given 4 year rotation of leadership)

Upcoming Events

- CSWE APM Denver, Colorado (USA), October, 2015
- IASSW/IFSW/ICSW Joint Congress, June 2016
- Election of new NACASSW President, June 2016-2020

implementing the Global Agenda (The Worth and Dignity of Individuals). Both regional meetings held discussions of how to collect appropriate examples of best practices in the areas of worth and dignity of people. CSWE staff (Andrea Bedinako) modified an existing ICSW form to begin gathering the examples by the October 31st deadline. A mailing has been sent to all NACSSW members to collect the information.

- Given the 4 year rotation of the Presidency, the next rotation will be in June 2016 at the Seoul, South Korean Joint Congress. Leaving the USA, the Presidency next moves to the Caribbean. Much discussion focused on this information at the recent regional meeting in Grenada. The Caribbean schools through ACSWE will be developing a ballot and putting forth a candidate by the June 2016 meeting.