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REPORT OF THE IASSW SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Data for this report is based on membership data as of March 13th, 2024.

According to the membership list kept by Rashmi Pandey, Executive Officer, as of March 13th, 2024, the IASSW had **277 Institutional** members, **130 Individual & Life** members, **8 Affiliate** members and **4 Student** members (**419 in total**).

As the IASSW election and World Congress is being held in early April 2024 instead of June/July 2024, it speculated that membership numbers for the first quarter have been impacted. We remain optimistic and anticipate an increase in membership numbers in the coming months.

The following graphs display membership data as of the end of February 2024 with a comparison to December 2022 and December 2023.

Type of Membership	Dec-22	Dec-23	Feb-24
School	334	350	277
Individual & Life	159	103	130
Affiliate	3	44	8
Student	-	4	4

Region	School	Individuals	Individual Life	Affiliate	Student
Africa	29	5	1	1	0
Asia and Pacific	164	17	34	3	0
Europe and Middle East	39	13	6	1	1
Latin American	3	5	0	1	0
North American and Caribbean	42	40	9	2	3
Total	277	80	50	8	4

Diagram 1: IASSW Membership. as of February 2024



Diagram 2: Comparison of IASSW members by School, Individual & Life, Affiliate and Student (December 2023; February 2024).

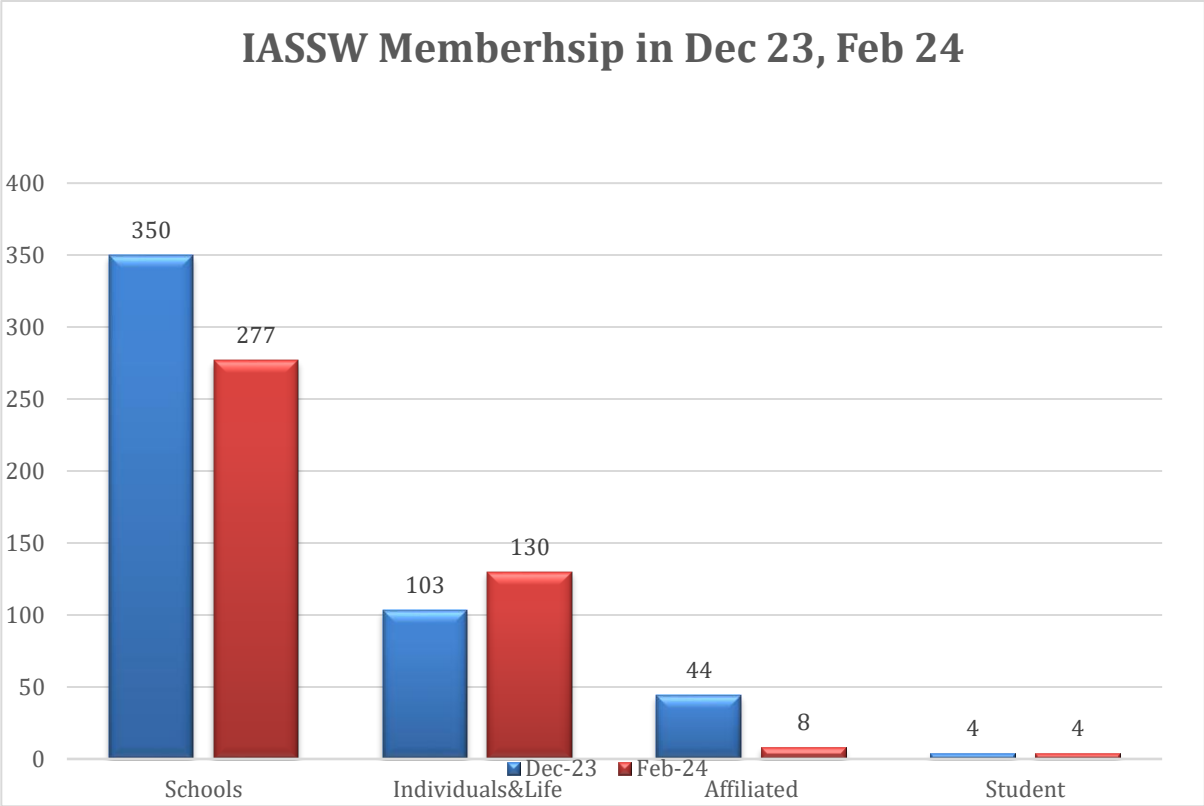


Diagram 3: Comparison of IASSW members by School, Individual & Life, Affiliate and Student (December 2022, December 2023 and February 2024).

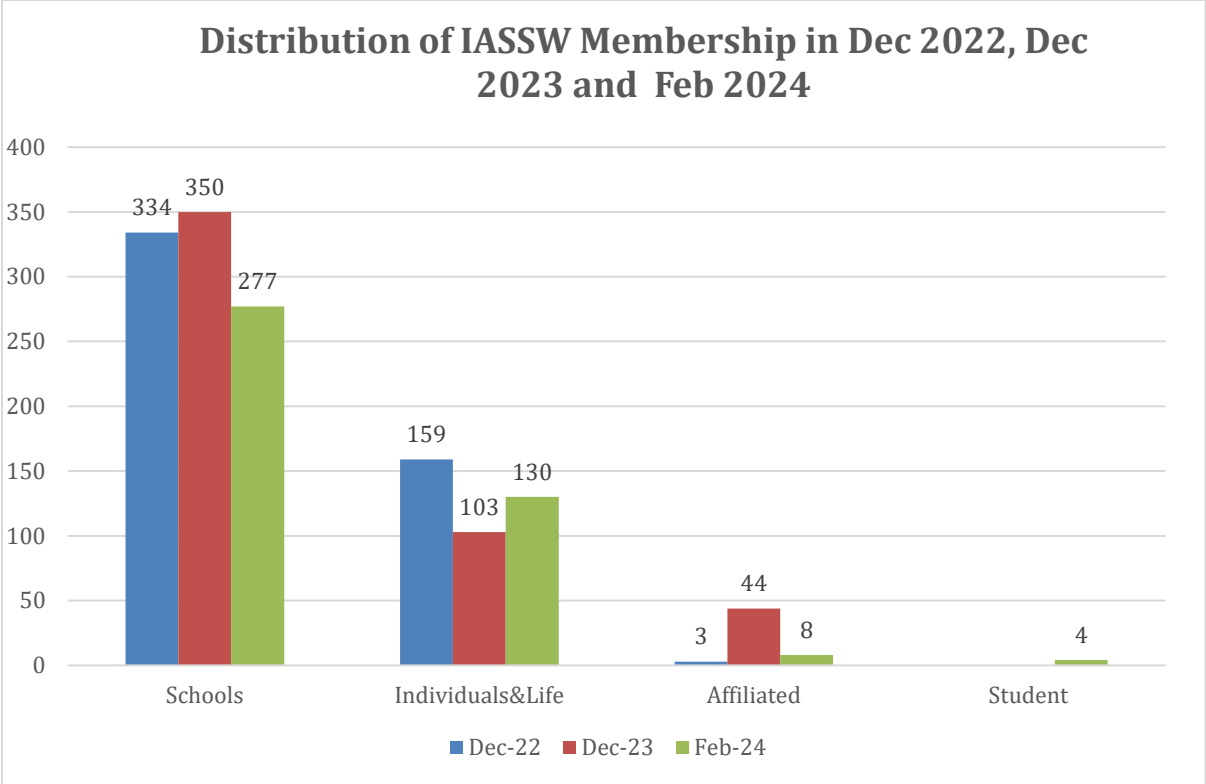


Diagram 4. Distribution of IASSW Individual and Life Members by Regions (February 2024)

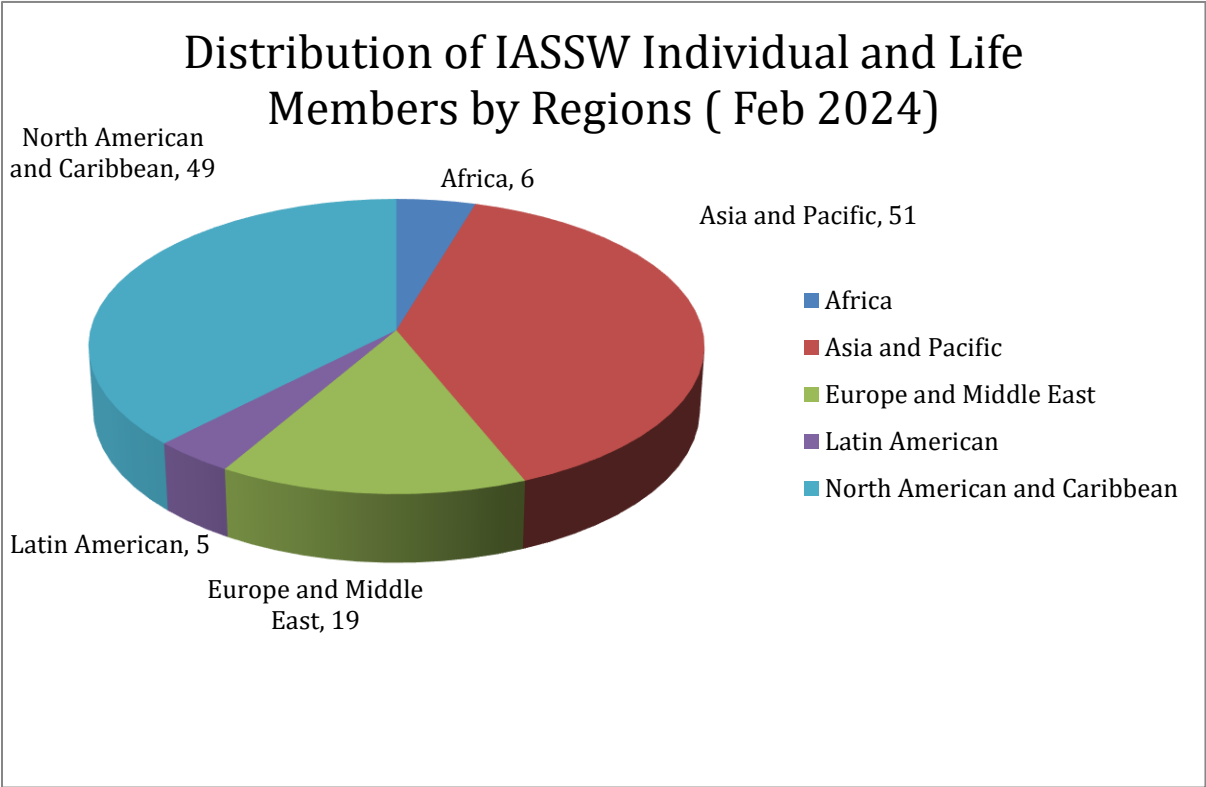


Diagram 5. Distribution of IASSW Members by Regions (February 2024)

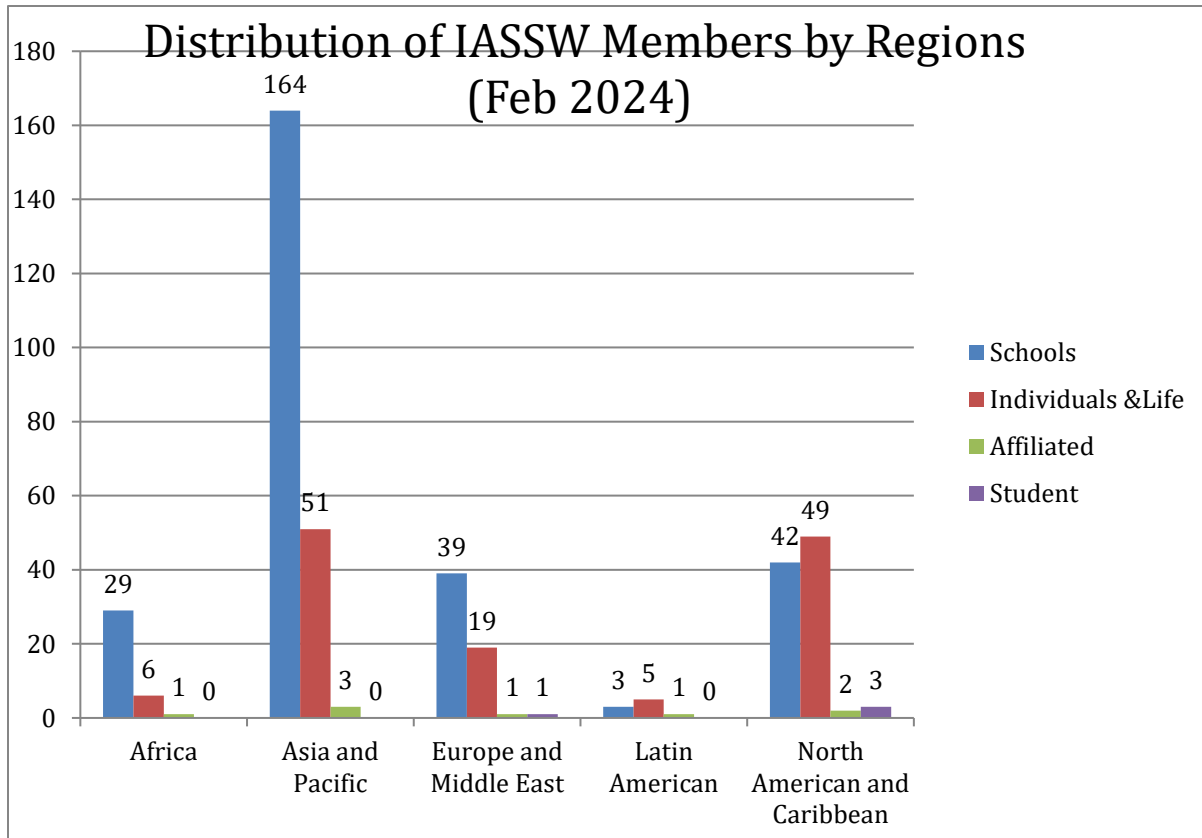
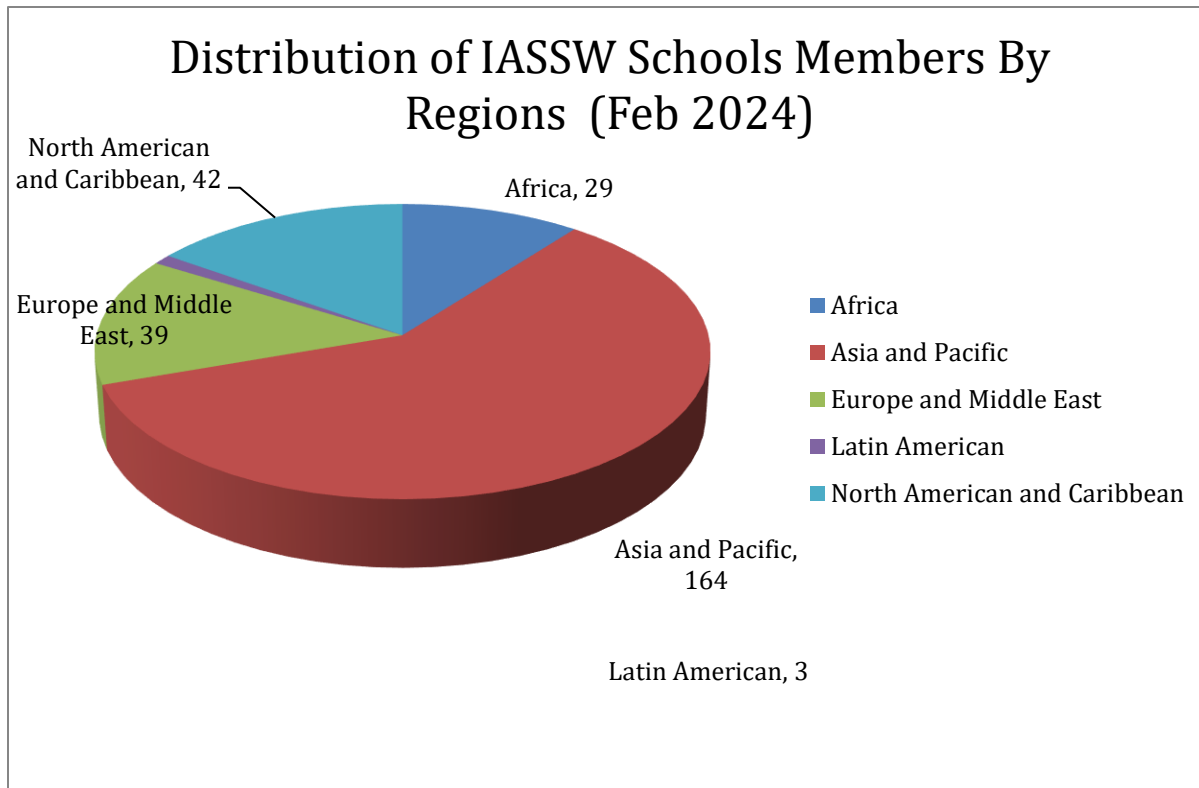


Diagram 6. Distribution of IASSW School Members by Regions (February 2024)



Administrative concerns

Administrative concerns remain the same since our January 2024 Board meeting. Membership invoices for 2024 were sent in December 2023. Often the invoice is incorrect or has not gone to the correct person. We need Board Members to check to make sure that they as individuals or their schools have received and paid the invoice for 2024. If you have not received the invoice or it is incorrect, please let Rashmi Pandey know to make sure that we have the correct contact person, address and email.

The process of invoicing and reminders with limited renewal is challenging and problematic for the association. It is the responsibility of each Board members to know if their school is a current member or they hold individual membership. The Secretary and/or the Executive Officer are not responsible for reminding Board members to renew their membership.

Rashmi Pandey, Executive Officer, requests that each February, Board members check with her to confirm that their school has renewed their membership or that they are current individual members for that year.

Barbara, Secretary, encourages each Board members to renew as life members. This will ensure that their membership is current and they are not dependent on their school for renewal of membership to legitimize their position as Board members.

As noted in previous reports, and demonstrated through the above charts and graphs, the decline in both individual and school membership is a major concern for IASSW. As our operating budget is depended on the generation of dues, we must attract and retain members if we are going to continue to fund operations at a viable level. In addition to funding our association operations, we should be contributing between 3-6% of revenue to reserves. Each Board members must do their part in attracting new and retaining members from their regions. We all must personally reach out to colleagues to encourage their participation in and support of IASSW.

With a change in web services providers, we have experienced challenges related to invoicing. Rashmi Pandey and Jenny Joy have been working continuously with our new provider to work through the challenges and move the invoicing system forward. Members have let us know when they have not received their invoice for 2024 and Rashmi continues to be diligent in communicating with members and sending new invoices.

Secretary Activities - January 1, 2024 - April 1, 2024

Appointed to Chair the Nominations and Election Committee, Chair of the Capacity Building Committee, serve as member of the Budget and Finance Committee, and as a member of the Task Force on the Implementation of Global Standard for Social Work Education

Continue to serve in each of these capacities.

Prepared 40 minute video lecture on for the Global Standard for Social Work Education project. Lecture titled: The Global Standards for Social Work Education - Standards with Regard to Social Work Educators. Prepared Module 3 for the E-Learning Series of the Global Standards for Social Work Education - Standards with Regard to Social Work Educators

Call for nominations for the 2024 Elections was distributed with positive results. Nominations were received for the positions of President, Secretary and two Members at Large. Nominations were provided to the members of the Nomination Committee and nominations were ranked. Members of the Nominations Committee include Kgomotso Jongman, Rita Molina, David Rose, and Christos Panagiotopoulos.

For the position of President, one nominations was received, so that position will have a single slate. Two individuals were selected for the slate for the Secretary position and four individuals were selected for the two positions of Member at Large, a double slate for the three positions.

All candidate materials were translated and the electronic slate was distributed. Only members who have paid their membership for 2024 are eligible to vote. At the January 2024 Board meeting, the Board voted to extend the deadline for voting until March 15, 2024.

Results of the 2024 Election will be announced at the General Assembly on April 4th, 2024 during the World Congress in Panama.

Membership Invitations

Sent email membership invitations to all members of the CSWE Commission on Global Social Work Education and the Council on Global Social Work Issues and the Council on Global Learning & Practice. Engaged with Organizers of the World Congress regarding sending invitations to all schools of social work in Panama to join IA.

Tripartite Committee

Continue to serve on Tripartite Committee.

Represented IASSW 2024

As IASSW Secretary, served as Chief Guest for National Conference on Global Perspectives on Indigenous Social Work: Integrating Research and Practice for Sustainable Change sponsored by Sree Sabareesa College, India.

Prepared Partner Presentation abstract for the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting in Kansas City, Mo. in October 2024. Submitted registration for Exhibit Space for IASSW at the APM. Panelist for the Partner Presentation include Dr. Lynne Healy, Dr. Shirley Gatenio-Gable, and Incoming President Antoinette Lombard. The presentation is titled : IASSW: Mission, Major Activities and Benefits.

Congress Representation

Serving on the Organizing Committee for the World Congress 2024 - Panama, April 4-7, 2024. Theme of the Congress: Respecting Diversity Through Joint Social Action. Reviewed 56 abstracts. Asked to Chair sessions. Collaborating with Rashmi Pandey on organizing the IASSW Exhibit at the Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara W. Shank, IASSW Secretary and Membership Chair