

From the Desk of the Executive Director

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It's licensure renewal time - look for a mailing later this month with our full Fall CEU calendar.

At the June 17, 2016 board meeting, the Iowa Chapter Board voted to change our Symposium from April until Fall. This means that there will not be a 2-day symposium again until Fall 2017. This will allow us to concentrate more on legislative advocacy during the spring while the legislature is in session and focus more on bringing you a high quality two-day CEU event in the Fall. We do plan to have a couple of CEU events in the Spring 2017 for those of you who prefer to get your CEUs in the spring.

As you may have read in the **NASW News** (the newsletter out of our National office) and in a variety of emails from both National and the Iowa Chapter, all Chapter level staff became employees of National as of July 1, 2016. This is one of our first steps towards Modernization. This should not affect services to NASW members in anything but a positive manner. We hope that this transition will free up my time allowing me to work on programming and advocacy, rather than on accounting and administrative tasks.

Iowa Political Action for Candidate Election (PACE) is working on endorsements. There are several social workers running for the state legislature, which we are very excited about. Stay tuned for further information about NASW members and other social workers and allies of social workers who Iowa PACE endorses.

I'm very excited about this edition of the NASW Iowa Chapter newsletter –Drake student, Clare VanEchaute, is doing a writing internship with us. She'll be here all summer and is excited about working with an organization that so clearly aligns with her social justice oriented values.