As the warm weather approaches, I am reminded about a spring three years ago. I sat as I am doing now on my back porch and reflected about this great chapter. At that time, it was about what we had accomplished and what to look forward to. I find myself doing that again. However, now it is about what we have done over the last three years and how we are ready for the future.

There have been many of our usual stimulating and exciting events: the annual conference at the Kalahari,
LEAD, webinars, and symposiums to name a few. Beyond the norm, we have striven to take on the challenges that face us on the ever-changing landscape. As an organization, we mobilized for the passage of SB530 in order to have practice protection and legally diagnose. We stood up against hatred and bigotry. We spoke out after the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and other significant events. We formed coalitions to advance our agenda that support the populations we serve and our profession.

Going forward, we positioned ourselves to tackle the many social justice issues that face us and the legislative bills and policies that always are forthcoming in Harrisburg. Our committees are strong and getting stronger. More and more members are choosing to get involved and participate by being a committee or task force member or running for office. I believe they see, as I do, the value of NASW.

As I get ready to end my three-year term as President, I want to thank all those people who made this possible; Johanna Byrd, our ED, and the office staff, board members, committee and task force chairs, and all the volunteers. It does not happen without you and will not happen without you!

**REMEMBER TO VOTE!**

June 2nd is the primary election!

Use this image to show that you are a proud social worker and that you voted!

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**Ethics Online 1 CEU**

Are you looking for 1 CEU of ethics? We are now offering NASW-PA members and non-members this opportunity!

$10 for members and $20 for non-members

**Title:** The Person in a Warming Environment: Social Work Ethics and Global Warming

If you missed this lunch and learn here is your chance to participate and get CE credit!

Join NASW-PA for this recorded lunch & learn on global warming and social work ethics. The NASW Code of Ethics calls for social workers to engage in issues that affect the broader society. The NASW Code of Ethics encourages public participation, responding to emergencies and advocacy for the general welfare of society. Climate change poses a significant threat to people around the world. It poses a more significant threat to marginalized populations. Social workers uphold their ethical responsibilities by advocating for policies and practices that can create sustainable communities, limit damage to the environment by human activity and help people adapt to a changing climate. Consider joining us for this discussion on what we can be doing individually and as a profession to promote sustainable practices and promote ethical social work responsibility to the broader society.
Save The Date!

2020 Annual Conference

Save the date for NASW-PA's 2020 Annual Conference!

Sunday, September 13th - Wednesday, September 16th, 2020
Kalahari Resort - Pocono Manor, PA

We are proceeding with preparations for an “IN-PERSON” conference in September, with the potential to move to an online conference or a hybrid conference if needed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
As events unfold and time gets closer, this website will host the most up to date information as to any changes that need to be taken.
We are excited to hold this conference to educate, inform, and connect social workers from across the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and beyond.

The conference overview is now available. Click the button below!

More Information!

Sponsorship Opportunities at NASW-PA's 2020 Annual Conference

Sponsors, Advertisers, Exhibitors – Come and join social workers from across the state to share your products, specialties, and information. This is a wonderful opportunity to have social workers market your agency / college – by sponsoring a bag, padfolio, drinkware, etc. Contact Amy for more information.

Email Amy
Calling all STUDENTS

Student day at the annual conference is Sunday, September 13th. There will be workshops geared to students, a student poster presentation, and networking opportunities. Would you like to submit a poster for the poster presentation?

Submit Here

Posters can be submitted by students who are 2 years out of school and deadline is August 10, 2020.

Questions? Email Amy

Re-Opening Guidelines for Pennsylvania Social Work Practices

Now that most counties have moved to yellow status or will be soon, and others are transitioning to green, NASW-PA has received several questions regarding when and how to re-open practices safely. We’ve put together a list of helpful resources.

- Pennsylvania Guidelines for Businesses
- CDC Workplace Decision Tool
- CDC Guidelines for Small Businesses
- CDC Resuming Business Toolkit

NASW and NASW-PA’s Resource Pages for COVID-19
NASW-PA member Gerald Ressler discusses ways to manage COVID-19 anxiety and anger, and how we move forward

Anxiety ran rampant at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. We were reminded repeatedly how unprecedented the moment was. The unknown was a massive weight on the collective American psyche.

Eight weeks later, there are still a lot of unknowns. That anxiety is still hanging around, but is now compounded by grief, hopelessness and oftentimes anger.

As we progress toward a reopening, a new set of mental health challenges may emerge. Here, Lancaster County counselors and therapists share insight via email on how we can manage during this next chapter.

Read More

June's Webinar

Title: Ethics in a Time of Crisis

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (1 CEU)

Presenter: Claire L. Dente, Ph.D., MSW, LCSW

Learning Objectives:

• Participants will identify challenges to ethical practice in the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

• Participants will articulate principles from the NASW Code of Ethics (2017) that offer guidance for addressing challenges to ethical practice in the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.
• Participants will articulate resources and frameworks for addressing potential ethical dilemmas during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Are You Interested?

Are you interested in presenting a webinar? Webinars are on the last Wednesday of the month at 12 PM and are one hour long. We are currently scheduling webinars for the months of September, October and November of 2020.

Seeking Webinar Speakers on COVID-19 Topics

In an effort to provide training on essential topics impacting social workers during this pandemic, we’re seeking volunteers who can present to social workers on special topics. Please contact us if you can present on any of the following topics (or related topics) for 1-hour webinars:

- Domestic violence issues in COVID-19
- Preventing child abuse during COVID-19
- Increasing hate crimes/discrimination against people of Asian descent
- Dealing with food insecurity during economic recession
- What social workers need to know about unemployment
- Best practices for telehealth

Interested? Email Rachel

Prep Courses Now Online!

Friday, June 19th 9 AM - 4 PM
Saturday, August 8th 9 AM - 4 PM

Instructors:
John Weaver, ACSW, LCSW and Sue Dietrich, LCSW

Cost:
$ 75.00 NASW Member (includes a prep book manual mailed to you)

Licensure Prep Courses Online

Friday, June 19th 9 am - 4 pm
Saturday, August 8th 9 am - 4 pm

REGISTER NOW!

At this time, due to COVID-19, all in-person events have been canceled. Thank you for understanding.
terminology, with helpful practice test questions, study manual and discussion. The enrollment for each course is limited to allow for maximum participation and learning. The response to previous courses was very high, so if you are planning to take the intermediate or clinical licensure exam, be sure to register early!

Register Now!

Friday, June 19th

Saturday, August 8th

Monday, June 15th Symposium - Save The Date!

Schedule:

9:00am – 11:00am
**Presenters:** Troy Brindle and Marietta Scalise-Warnitsky  
**Topic:** “Entering the Second Storm: Compassion fatigue and suicide prevention for first responders and emergency personnel”

11:30am – 12:30pm
**Presenter:** Vic Compher  
**Topic:** “Secondary Trauma”

1:00pm – 3:00pm
**Presenters:** Stu Horowitz and Becky Suglia  
**Topic:** “Mindfulness and Self Care in the Age of COVID-19”

*More information and registration coming soon!*

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