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Sustaining Health: The Saskatoon Branch Conference



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the workshops and
conference
on page 3*

By Tammy MacFarlane, MSW, RSW
Co-chair SASW Saskatoon Branch

On May 3, 2019, the Saskatoon Branch hosted the Sustaining Health Conference at the Saskatoon Inn.

Keynote speaker Dr. Michael Lysack is a full professor in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary and an adjunct assistant professor in Psychiatry at the University of Calgary. Dr. Lysack allowed for an engaging day focused on climate change, environmental protection, effective public

policy, sustainable economies, and social development. Conference participants who were registered Social Workers, Social Work students, and allied professionals spent the morning learning from Dr. Lysack and observing a narrative therapy session which included conference participants focused on environmental loss.

A panel discussion took place in the afternoon where Belma Podrug, Executive Director of Global Gathering Place, Erin Beckwell, A Knowledge Translation Specialist with the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and Cara Taylor, a Mental

Health Educator, discussed the connections between climate change, mental and physical health, the integration of climate trauma in social work practice, and environmentally displaced persons both provincially and internationally. The day concluded with conference participants engaging in dialogue around personal next steps as well as thoughts for how the Saskatoon Branch and the Provincial SASW can support environmental change.

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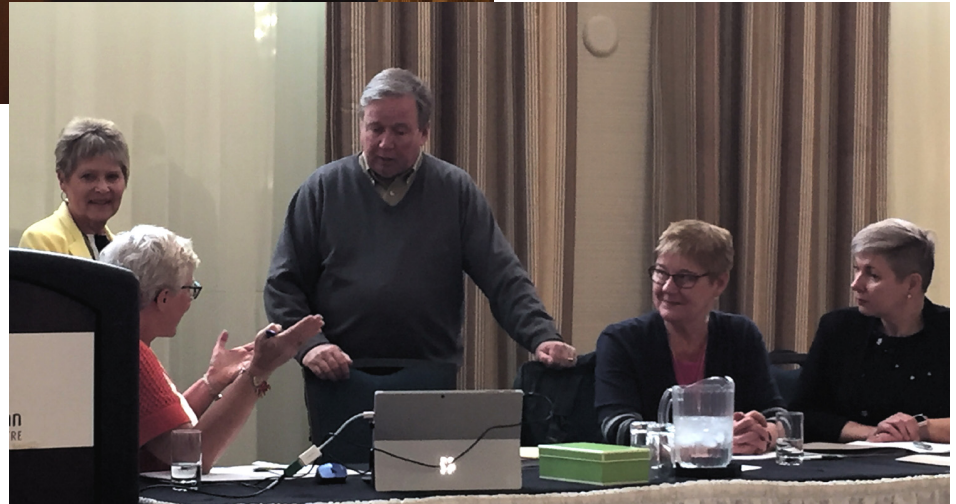
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Questions to Ask and Challenges to Consider!

By Wanda Miller, MSW, RSW

Have you ever been questioned as to why you registered with Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers and/or what does SASW do for me if I register?

“The purpose of regulating members of a profession is to protect the public from preventable harm. The privilege of self-regulation is granted to a profession by the provincial legislation. It is a social contract between a profession and the public. It is the property of the public the profession claims to serve.” This statement, although originally from “Closer to Home,” Report of the B.C Royal Commission on Health Care and Costs. 1991. Page D-29, is outlined in *The Standards of Practice for Registered Social Workers in Saskatchewan* preamble.

As I sat in on the AWSB Education conference in Arlington, Virginia the topic of jurisprudence exams was discussed. This is an exam which some jurisdictions have put in place to test a Social Worker's knowledge of regulations. This interesting concept made me question how well I would do on this entry level exam. How well would any of us do if we were tested on these important documents that guide us in regulation and licensure? How well do we know the documents that guide us in practice, regulation and licensure?

Three of the documents I am referring to are: *The SASW General Bylaws*; *The*

Standards of Practice for Registered Social Workers in Saskatchewan; and the *CASW Code of Ethics*. Our General Bylaws lay out the structure of our Association. The purpose of *The Standards of Practice for Registered Social Workers in Saskatchewan* is to set the minimum acceptable level of practice in the field of social work, and to provide guidelines for social workers to assess their own practice in order to develop high standards of professional practice. The Code of Ethics sets the values and principles to guide social worker's professional conduct.

The Code of Ethics poster hangs on the wall in my office and I recall looking at these documents a few times. I like to think I am familiar with them; but in reality know I was not as familiar as I should be until I began really looking at them and reviewing them regularly. I challenge all of you to become familiar with these documents – not necessarily to be tested - but to understand the documents that guide our profession – the best practice tools to ensure we are well informed of what it means to be a member in good standing and a proud member of our licensing body. Perhaps this will also help all of us formulate better answers to the questions posed to us regarding regulation and licensure.

Another question to consider is how can I supervise/mentor others in this profession or recognize in myself when

I require supervision or mentorship?

As Social Workers, we know we have met some challenges in working within this profession. Do you remember being a new Social Worker? Are you working in an isolated communities or remote part of our province? Have you worked in a situation where you are not supervised by Social Workers? Have you moved out of traditional Social work positions? Are you aware of others in these types of situations or other situations that challenge us in this profession where supervision or mentorship would be beneficial?

This is a challenge for all of us of to consider! How do I stay connected with other social workers, how can I advocate for myself or others to continually consider mentorship and supervision as a strategy that benefits me on my path of learning and growth in this profession. A strategy that empowers each of us to be a social worker with integrity keeping true to the Standards of Practice and Ethical values. I challenge all of us to advocate for ourselves and others to seek out opportunity for supervision and mentorship as we learn and grow our skills and abilities as Social Workers.

Let's challenge ourselves to build and strengthen licensed Social Workers across Saskatchewan! Take care and be safe!

“The purpose of regulating members of a profession is to protect the public from preventable harm.”



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

New Faces on Council

By Karen Wasylenko, MSW, RSW

As I write this on May 7, summer seems a long way off. We are waiting for sunshine and warmer days. Hopefully when you read this newsletter we will have had both.

May and June are busy times for SASW. Our Annual General Meeting was held on May 2 in Saskatoon followed by the Saskatoon Branch conference "Sustaining Health" on May 3. Thanks to all who came out to the AGM and those who attended the well-organized and excellent Conference on May 3.

We have two new faces on Council – President Elect, Erin Beckwell, and Member at Large, Ruth Ann Thomas. We also welcome back Ryan Labatt from Past President to Member at Large. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Anthony Penner and Melissa Flowers-Evans for their service to Council in the past years.


The Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) and Canadian Council of Social Work Regulators (CCSWR) held their June meetings in Saskatoon June 7-9 this year. These meetings rotate from province to province and it was Saskatchewan's turn to host. We welcomed the opportunity to showcase Saskatoon to our colleagues across Canada.

You will see in this newsletter an additional three Registered Social Workers who have been granted the Authorized Practice Endorsement (APE). This brings a total of six with APE designation. The grandparenting provision has ended, so APE will now be available only to new applicants and those with equivalencies from other jurisdictions.

Our research practicum student, Whitney Fraser, has concluded the research portion of her MSW and will be writing her report and recommendations over the summer. We are hoping to have her

final presentation at the fall Advisory Board meeting.

Have a great summer everyone!!




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As a participant in this study, you would be asked to complete a brief 15-minute online survey (see link below). From the survey respondents, a few will be chosen to complete follow-up interviews lasting approximately 1 hour.



In appreciation for your time, all survey respondents will be entered into a draw for a \$25 gift card. Each interview participant will also be provided individual \$25 gift cards. The gift cards will be for either Starbucks or Tim Hortons (your choice).

The survey link is available at:

https://uregina.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ebnjDfchyRhCpO5

For more information about this study please contact:

Markus Beveridge, Master of Social Work Student

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This study has been reviewed and received approval through the Research Ethics Board, University of Regina.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE REGISTRAR

Questions About CPE and Use of Title

By Fay Schuster, MSW, RSW

Do you have a question about continuing professional education (CPE) activities?

SASW requires the completion of 40 hours of CPE annually for part-time and full-time members.

A couple of years ago I worked with the Education Committee to create scenario-based Q and A's to provide members with further clarification on our CPE policy and definitions. The Q and A's answer many of the questions that I receive from members. The Q and A's are located on the main page of our website under the "Become a Member" tab.

If you have not checked out the Q and A's, you are encouraged to do so. We recently added new Q and A's to answer the following questions:

Q30 I am orientating to a new practice area. Can I claim hours for CPE?

Q31 Why can a member orientating to a new practice area claim some hours for CPE when the member providing the orientation cannot?

Q32 I engage in self-care activities such as yoga and meditation. Can I claim these hours as CPE?

Q33 Alternative Therapies. Can I claim CPE hours if I have undertaken certification in an alternative therapy such as Yoga or Reiki?

Q34 Can a member claim CPE hours for acting as a "mentor" within the SWITCH and SEARCH programs?

Q35 Can I claim CPE hours for attending an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of a community based organization relevant to social work

practice? What about the SASW AGM?

Q36 I have agreed to be a shop steward for my union within my workplace and will be undergoing specific training for this role. Can I claim this training as CPE?

Q37 I sit on the Executive Council for the union within my workplace. Can I claim CPE hours?

The use of the title "social worker" is protected by the *Social Workers Act*.

Each year I follow-up on approximately 5-10 cases regarding use of title.

For the 2019 renewal year we provided all renewing members with a RSW lapel pin. These pins are also provided to all new members. We hope that members will wear these pins with great pride and take the opportunity to educate the public and other professions about what it means to be a registered social worker when they ask you about the pin.

Being a registered social worker means you are accountable to provide a standard of care and service. Being a registered social worker is intended to provide the public with confidence that they are receiving that standard of care.

SASW takes the misuse of title very seriously. Section 24 of the *Social*

Workers Act states:

"No person other than a member shall engage in the practice of social work by using the title "social worker"."

Section 42 of the *Social Workers Act* states, "Every person who contravenes section 24 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of:

a) In the case of a first offence, not more than \$2000.00;

b) In the case of a second offence, not more than \$4000.00; and

c) For each subsequent offence, not more than \$6000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or to both that fine and imprisonment."

If you know someone is using the title social worker and you are not sure if they are registered you can do a quick check on our website. Go to the main SASW web page, click on the tab "Public Information" and then click on "Find a Social Worker". If you have a concern but are not really sure what to do, please feel free to contact me directly as the Registrar at 306-545-6878 and I would be happy to have a conversation.

In case no one has said it or says it enough, the work you do is important and valuable! Thank you for your service and make sure you take care of yourself!

Call for Proposals!

The Education Committee welcomes proposals from Registered Social Workers who would like to share their knowledge/expertise in a SASW/CASW webinar. Webinars are 1 hour, done from the comfort of your home/office, the technical details are all taken care of, and its a great opportunity to share information and open dialogue across Canada on a topic of interest. **Your preparation time counts toward CPE hours.** Submit an outline of your topic to ed.sasw@accesscomm.ca

Is Private Practice for Me?



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By Karen Wasylenka, MSW, RSW
Executive Director

I receive a number of calls from Social Workers in Saskatchewan who are interested in private practice or are in private practice. There are many questions, such as “Can I be in private practice with a BSW?” or “How do I start?” all the way to “I have an ethical dilemma” or “I’m all on my own and not sure how to proceed.” In Saskatchewan, we do not have regulations regarding social workers engaged in private practice. Social Workers are guided by the CASW Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Ethical Practice and the Standards of Practice for Registered Social Workers in Saskatchewan.

Private practice can be appealing – there is flexibility in hours of work,

services provided, and clients served. However, private practice brings many considerations. Not only is this social work practice, it is also a business that requires planning – taxes, fees, accounting processes, record keeping, insurance, and clinical supervision to name only a few.

A social worker in private practice doesn’t have the benefit of employer supervision and support that social workers employed by agencies have. Therefore, social workers in private practice must seek out clinical supervision. When giving his report as Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee at the Annual General Meeting on May 2, Jim Walls summed it up well by advising anyone in private practice to find and use a supervisor.

The Canadian Association of Social Workers has an extensive portal on private practice that covers all areas of consideration. There is a link to the portal on the SASW website under the Member Support/Private Practice tab. I encourage you to check it out, whether already in private practice or if you are thinking about it.

In addition, in case you missed it, there is a CASW webinar “Strategic Tips to Start and Grow Your Ideal Social Work Private Practice” dated May 9, 2019. You can register to watch the recorded version.

Entering private practice requires sound reflection on one’s skills and abilities, along with extensive preparation and planning. It is not a decision to be taken lightly.

SASW Discipline Decisions

RE: Ms. Jessica Pegg, Saskatoon, SK

On August 15, 2018, a hearing commenced with respect to a complaint against Ms. Jessica Pegg. Ms. Pegg was charged with practicing without a license along with misrepresentation and misappropriation of gift cards, valued at approximately \$1,500, from her place of employment for personal use. The hearing was adjourned to October 30, 2018 and proceeded with an Agreed Statement of Facts and Joint Penalty Submission. In light of the Agreed Statement of Facts and Ms. Pegg's admission of guilt, the penalty included:

- Ms. Pegg shall not be entitled to reapply for registration for a period of six months, with conditions to be met prior to application;
- Ms. Pegg will have conditions placed on her license for an additional 12 months after reinstatement;
- Ms. Pegg will pay a fine of \$1,000;
- Ms. Pegg will pay costs in the amount of \$4,000.

The full report and decision for this hearing is posted on the SASW website.

Link: <https://sasw.ca/site/public/decisions>

RE: Mr. Benjamin King, Saskatoon, SK

On April 9, 2019, a hearing was held with respect to a complaint made against Mr. Benjamin King. Mr. King was charged with crossing professional boundaries with a 14 year old former client and taking advantage of the former client for personal benefit and interest.

The matter proceeded with an Agreed Statement of Facts and Joint Penalty Submission. In light of the Agreed Statement of Facts and Mr. King's admission of guilt, the discipline committee ordered that:

- Mr. King not be entitled to reapply for admission as a member of SASW for a period of 12 months, with conditions;
- Mr. King will be subject to conditions on his license if reinstated;
- Mr. King shall pay costs of \$5,000.

The full report and decision for this hearing is posted on the SASW website.

Link: <https://sasw.ca/site/public/decisions>

Educational Opportunities

Healing Trauma Through the Body/Brain/Mind Using Somatic Experiencing to Understand and Treat Symptoms of Trauma

June 11, 6:30-9:00

Regina

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sesaskatoon@sasktel.net

Animal Hoarding Workshop

June 12, 2019

Regina

Contact: 306-382.7722 OR info@sspca.ca

Link: <http://sspca.ca/hoarding/>

Saskatoon Sexual Assault & Information Centre First Responder to Sexual Assault Training

June 13 & 14, 2019

August 15 & 16, 2019

September 12 & 13, 2019

November 14 & 15, 2019

January 23 & 24, 2020

March 19 & 20, 2020

More information: <https://ssaic.ca/learn/public-ed/first-responder-to-sexual-assault-training-program/>

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September 20, 2019

Regina, SK

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Conference 2019 for Health Care Providers

October 24 & 25, 2019

Host Site and Thursday Night Opportunity for Networking: Regina - Wascana Rehabilitation Centre at 2180 23 Ave

Connectivity and Participation by Distance:

Saskatoon - University of Saskatchewan Health Sciences Building B06

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Webex - Available for Saskatchewan Health Authority Employees

<http://saskhealthauthority.ca>

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From the Desk of the Dean of Social Work

By Judy White, PhD, RSW

I hope everyone is enjoying the lovely spring weather. For those of us who love to garden, this is a particularly special time.

Outgoing and new faculty and staff members: 2018 was an incredibly busy year and the early months of 2019 continued at the same pace. We welcomed two tenure track faculty members Dr. Fritz Pino and Dr. Lise Milne to the Faculty of Social Work in 2018. Four new tenure track faculty members will begin their employment with us in the upcoming academic year: Dr. Charles Gyan and Dr. Michele Sorensen will begin teaching at our Regina campus; Dr. Marlene McKay will be based at our Saskatoon campus; and Dr. Amanda Gebhard will be based at the Prince Albert campus. We are excited at these new hires who all come with a wealth of talent and experience. I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Randy Johner, Dr. Daniel Kikulwe, and Dr. Brigette Krieg for their outstanding contributions to our Faculty. Dr. Krieg has already moved on to new career opportunities, and Dr. Kikulwe will begin his new position in the summer of 2019. Congratulations to Dr. Johner who will be retiring at the end of June 2019. We wish them well in their future endeavours. I also want to thank Vivian Haskins, advisor at the Saskatoon campus, who will be retiring at the end of June 2019. Vivian has had a 25-year career with the Faculty of Social Work and has contributed significantly to the life of our Saskatoon campus.

Social Policy Research Centre: We continue to work on renewal of our Social Policy Research Centre. I want

to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Bonnie Jeffery, along with Dr. Kara Fletcher, who have worked hard on the renewal of the research centre. We had one brown bag lunch and hope to return to hosting more of these over the coming months.

Focus on the north and rural: We are particularly focused on strengthening our reach to the north. We have had conversations with colleagues at the Centre for Continuing Education (University of Regina) and Northlands College in La Ronge about exploring different strategies for enhancing access for students in northern communities. We hope that our attempts at renewal of our Prince Albert campus will have some impact. We will also continue to strengthen our capacity to provide flexible learning options to students in rural communities, so they can have a broad range of learning options.

Aurora College: Over the past 18 years, the Faculty of Social Work has had an agreement with Aurora College in Yellowknife to deliver a Certificate of Social Work (CSW). I attended the graduation ceremony for what should have been the last set of students graduating with a CSW (we still have a small group of students who have outstanding program requirements). I want to congratulate Aurora College on their 50th year anniversary. I also want to thank the College for their commitment to delivering a program of Social Work education over the past years. My hope is that the College will continue to explore moving towards a Bachelor of Social Work program in the future.



National work: Over the past several months I have had the privilege of sitting on the Education Policy Committee of the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE). One of the most exciting aspects of this involvement is recognizing how much we, as social work educators, continue to be committed to social justice and equity. I have been reminded over and over again about the diversity among us and about the need to listen to one another. More than anything else, I have been reminded about the importance of respectful and courageous conversations. We have to be open to change and to doing better. This social justice and equity work is tough, challenging but absolutely vital to our profession. We will be sharing the drafts of the proposed document at Congress 2019 in Vancouver and beyond.

Accreditation: We submitted our accreditation self-study report in May 2019. Self-studies provide great opportunities for us to reflect on what we are doing well, on gaps, and on ways of strengthening our processes, policies, and curricula. This was a learning experience for all of us. I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Raven Sinclair who was the lead in putting together this report and getting it submitted to CASWE's Commission on Accreditation. I also want to thank her assistant Hanah Molloy who also did a superb work on this huge undertaking. The site visits will take place in the fall 2019 and we will be getting in touch with our various community partners and stakeholders so that you will be able to participate in meetings with the accreditation site visitors.

Final thoughts: Colleagues continue to be busy with their research projects. Many of us find ourselves recognizing that we don't seem to catch up or finish unless we do some of the work during our vacation leaves. We are also still challenging ourselves to understand what it means to be "Indigenized"; or what "Indigenization" means. So the work of responding to the TRC Calls to Action continues. So, no, we don't have months of free time! But we do this work because we really enjoy what we do. Despite all the demands, I still want to encourage everyone to take time off from their paid employment, enjoy the end of spring and the summer months. Life is too short, we don't want to miss out on the fun.

Newly Approved for Authorized Practice Endorsement

Emily Coates

Emily has spent the last 5 years working in community mental health with youth and their families in Saskatoon. She is excited for the opportunity to integrate diagnostics into social work practice in Saskatchewan following the CASW Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Ethical Practice.

Joanne Brothwell

Joanne has been practicing clinical social work for twenty-two years and has worked in the area of mental health for the past twelve years. The ability use diagnostic privileges in her practice will help Joanne understand client's needs, guide interventions from an evidence-based perspective, and aid in determining a client's prognosis within the guidelines of the CASW Code of Ethics.

Jane Chukwujekwu

Jane states, "Firstly, I would like to use this medium to congratulate the SASW for making the Authorized Practice Endorsement (APE) achievable for social workers in Saskatchewan. Though the APE endorsement is a challenging process, it is achievable with hard work and dedication, dedication to our chosen profession.

"I am pleased to have achieved this milestone. I remain optimistic, and I look forward to what the future holds."

Jane is a Social Worker in Regina with the Youth Team, Child and Youth Services, Saskatchewan Health Authority.



Humboldt Branch Happenings!

Erin Plamondon-Braun
Co-Chair Humboldt SASW Branch

We have had a wonderful year of activities within the SASW-Humboldt Branch. On December 17, 2018 we had a “Celebrate Winter” campfire and wiener roast at the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce Campground. With the warm evening, we had families from around Humboldt and area come to roast a hot dog, have cookies, drink hot chocolate and tour the Christmas light display in the campground. We were pleased to raise \$327 which we donated to the Humboldt Soup Kitchen.

We also had two events for Social Work Week. On March 25, 2019 we had a free parent night workshop at the Humboldt Public School. This workshop was provided by the Mehrit Centre, presented by Constance Herman. This amazing workshop focused on Self-Regulation and was very well attended.

We had approximately 50 people in attendance! On March 26 we had a professional development workshop for our area. This was another fantastic day led by Constance Herman again teaching us about Self-Regulation.

On April 15, 2019 we had a guest speaker from the Humboldt RCMP detachment come to our AGM to talk to our group about the Marijuana Legisla-

tion and impact to our communities. This was an excellent and interactive presentation.

We continue to have monthly SASW meetings in Humboldt. Our meetings continue to be an excellent connection point for rural Social Workers to meet, share ideas and work together. We look forward to another great year!

IN MEMORY – MELANIE GRACE



We are saddened by the loss of Melanie Grace, RSW, who passed away on March 3, 2019. Melanie was most recently Practice Leader, Social Work, with the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Our condolences to Melanie’s family, friends, and colleagues.

Notice of Fee Increase

At the SASW Annual General Meeting held on May 2, 2019, a proposed three-year fee increase was presented to members. The proposed fee increase was voted on and accepted at the meeting.

Effective January 1, 2020, the SASW registrations fees will be:

Full Time:	\$380.00
Part Time:	\$245.00
Non Practising:	\$ 92.00
Student	\$ 58.00

Note: NP and Student fees were not increased.

Congratulations to Award Winners!



The CASW National Distinguished Award was presented by Wanda Miller (left) to Natalie Bieberdorf from Weyburn (right) at her workplace in March 2019.



The SASW Distinguished Service Award was presented to Patti Petrucka of Regina at her place of work in late May.



Sherry Ouellette of Prince Albert (right) was presented with the SASW Student Award at the SASW Annual General Meeting held on May 2 in Saskatoon. This student award is funded through the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation.

From the Recipient of the SASW Student Award: Sherry Ouellette

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for being chosen to receive the 2019 Student Award which is funded through the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation. I feel deeply honoured to receive an award that not only acknowledges the hard work I put into earning a degree in social work at 51 years old, but which also recognizes the dedication I have for serving others in my community.

I put my life completely on hold to go back to university in January, 2017. I sold my house and moved in with my parents, to help ease my financial strain. The catchy phrase of “starving student” aptly applies in my case! Being awarded a cheque from the Fund in the amount of \$996.20 brought me such enormous relief, because I had been continually pushing through with almost no income. This timely windfall enabled me to buy a few new clothes for my new position with the Ministry

of Social Services, cover the expense of my cell phone, and allowed me to book a haircut for my two tiny toy poodles – they are looking a little fluffy!

When I received the email from Karen Wasylenka announcing me as the recipient of this award, I cried. I was overwhelmed with emotion because for once in my life I felt validated for not only who I am, but also for what I do. And for those reasons, I will remain forever grateful, so thank you, thank you, thank you.

My humble thanks to the donors who made this scholarship available. I promise to pay it forward by continuing to serve the members of my community who are dealing with crisis.



News Briefs

Interested in Volunteering?

A number of committees are recruiting for new members:

The Volunteer Development Committee is recruiting for volunteers. The primary function of this committee is to put forward nominations for Council positions. The committee also assists when needed in recruitment for other committees. We are seeking RSW's from across the province who have experience and are involved in the social work community.

Do you like writing or seeking out topics of interest? The Newsletter Committee is also recruiting members. Committee members may write articles, review articles, or locate articles that might be reproduced in our newsletter.

Is Social Justice a passion for you? The Social Justice Committee has been inactive in the last year. This is an opportunity to put forth your ideas on actions and issues that SASW, both provincially and locally, might focus on.

We are also seeking a chair and members for the provincial mentorship committee. This committee supports local mentorship programs and activities.

For more information on these opportunities, please contact ed.sasw@accesscomm.ca

Contributions Welcome

Contributions to our newsletter are welcome anytime. Please feel free to share information from books you've recently read, interesting project you are working on, or any other item you think the membership might be interested in. Please send your articles and ideas to sasw@accesscomm.ca Deadline for the next newsletter is **September 15, 2019**, for the November issue.

Practice Ethics Committee Support Service

The Practice Ethics Committee is a confidential support service for SASW members that offers guidance on ethical decision-making. The committee will make every effort to respond in a timely fashion, and will provide alternate ways of viewing and acting on ethical issues.

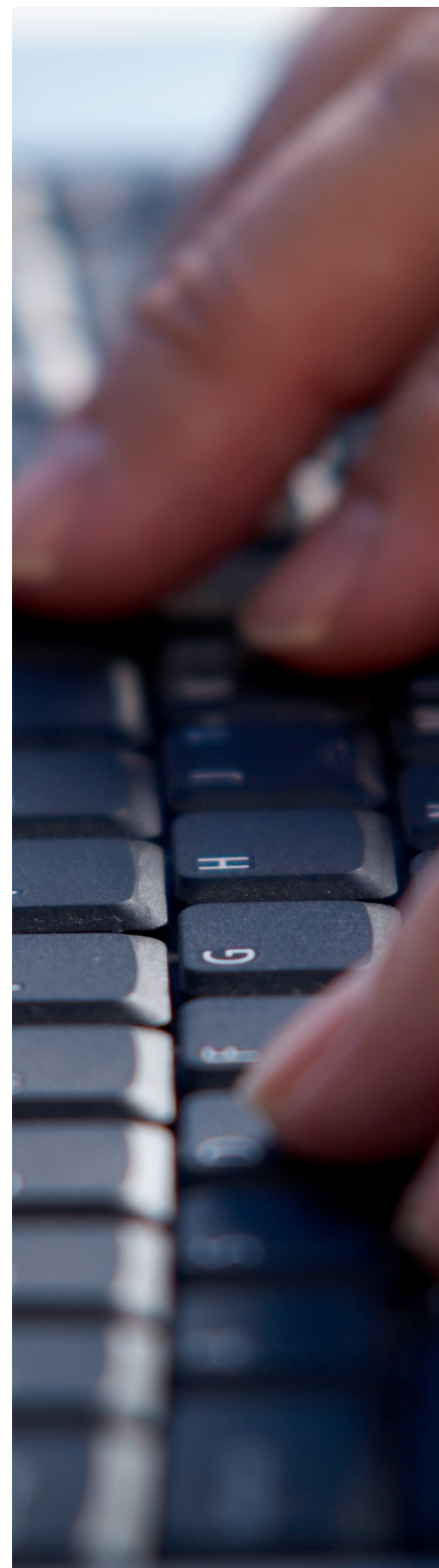
To contact the Practice Ethics Committee with your questions or dilemmas, please complete the form that has been developed and placed under each member's Profile home page. This form is received in the SASW office and forwarded to the Chair of Practice Ethics.

SASW Is on Facebook

If you have a Facebook account, visit the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers page at <https://www.facebook.com/Saskatchewan-Association-of-Social-Workers-1507915522864962/?fref=ts> We chose a page instead of a group to be more visible to the public, in accordance to our mandate to promote the profession to our members and the public. This page is managed by two Public Relations Committee members and the Executive Director who post relevant information and articles (following the media guidelines), communicate SASW updates when requested by the SASW Office/Council and police potential spam (controls will be set to minimize this risk).

Roadmap to Excellence: Navigating Boundaries

Is your branch looking for professional development opportunities? The Navigating Boundaries Workshop (advanced ethics) is an opportunity to talk about boundaries, get some continuing education hours and network with colleagues. Workshops are approximately half a day in length but can be tailored to meet your needs (even a lunch and learn session). The workshop is free to members and led by a group of enthusiastic volunteer facilitators. To request a workshop in your area, please e-mail to ed.sasw@accesscomm.ca.



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Highlights from Social Work Week!

“Real People. Real Impact.”

- Minister Merriman declared March 24-30 as Social Work Week and a joint press release was issued by Ministry of Social Services and SASW.
- Lloydminster Mental Health and Addictions collected food for the local food bank
- Interview with Estevan Now Radio for Social Work Week
- Public Relations Committee sponsored “Pin it to Win it” contest on Facebook page – winner was Erin Lea
- TRC Calls to Action workshops in Saskatoon
- Surprise Presentation of CASW Award to Natalie Bieberdorf at her work place in Weyburn
- U of R Student Panel with 4 social workers, ED, and Past President attending
- Coffee break with SASW members and information at Child and Family Services, Saskatoon and North Battleford
- Many boxes of promotional items sent out – what was that plastic thing? (a cell phone holder)
- Social Worker from Prince Albert won \$500 gift certificate to Chapters Indigo from CASW contest draw
- Draws for gifts of new SWAG at many events
- Humboldt Branch hosted Parent Information Night “Keep Calm and Parent On” and a professional development day
- Swift Current Branch organized a lunch and learn on Authorized Practice Endorsement



Courtney Gilmour led one of the Social Work Week informal sessions.



RSW's presented at U of R Student Panel during Social Work Week.