

National Association of Social Workers

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Dear NASW NYS Members,

After 10 years of service to this wonderful, professional association, I have decided to leave my position as Executive Director. At this time in my career, I plan to do more teaching and social work professional development. My experiences in the NYS Chapter have enriched my life. For this, I am grateful.

I have been a member of NASW since my student days at Columbia University. Throughout these years, the profession has evolved into a stronger and well respected profession. NASW has been an integral part of the leadership that has enabled the profession to be recognized in many sectors of our society. Social work is recognized in Congress and by every legislature in the country. NASW USA has also been instrumental in social work's development and recognition in a number of countries throughout the world. I am proud to have supported NASW for more than 42 years.

Closer to home, NASW NYS has been the leading force to get social work licensing passed in New York. We continue to work on maintaining professional standards that are often at risk of dilution from a number of other sectors. NASW NYS continues to strategically protect social work careers and develop quality professional learning opportunities. Chapter staff has been dedicated and creative in developing new and exciting programs in response to ever changing needs. Nothing of what we have done would have been possible without your membership.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all social workers who have maintained their NASW membership. Many of you have also supported the association through volunteer efforts via the ten Divisions of the NYS Chapter. We could not have maintained the level membership contact without our Divisions in various regions throughout New York State.

In light of our accomplishments over the past ten years and the current strength of the NYS Chapter, it is a good time to transfer to new leadership that will move this chapter forward into the next decade. I look forward to continuing my involvement with the professional association that I respect.

Sincerely,

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