

NASW/CT BALLOT 2009

The Nominating Committee thanks you for participating in the election of your chapter's leadership. Voting is open to all current Connecticut Chapter NASW members and we encourage you to vote.

Board of Directors

President Elect

Karen Bullock PH.D., LCSW, MSW
Practice Specialty: Mental Health and Aging
Current/Past NASW Activity: NASW/CT Member Since 1992, 2008 Delegate Assembly Representative, African American Social Workers Network Chair, 2007 NASW/CT Educator of The Year

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Karen Bullock, Ph.D.

President Elect

Llonia Gordon MSW
Practice Specialty: Advocacy for Children's Behavioral Health, Legislative/Public Policy' Program Development
Current/Past NASW Activity: Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Children's Comm., Specialty Conference Planning Comm. NASW/CT 07 Student Of the Year Award Recipient

My name is Llonia Gordon and when I thought of the possibility of serving as your president, I am humbled and elated. In light of current economic crisis and state budget deficit, I look forward to taking an active role in the development of social work public policy, and legislative work. As Social Workers, we know better than most that the range and severity of human need is expansive. We have the skills to be effective agents of change. We are ambassadors for those who feel they have no voice are vulnerable and hopeless. Let us be negotiators for change when the flaws of the system become obvious. Further, as social workers we are obligated to advocate for changes in policy and legislation to improve social conditions in order to meet basic human needs.

As your president, I will challenge you to immerse yourself in the role of advocate and to utilize our collective education and influence as social workers to become a force to be reckoned with.

Ask Yourself this question, What happens if I don't step forward for change?

As your president, I will work diligently to enhance the profession of social work through collaboration, cooperation and advocacy.

Llonia Gordon, MSW

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Vice President

Ellen Pfarr	MSW, BSW
Practice Specialty:	Children & Families
Current/Past NASW Activity:	PACE Trustee Since 1995
<p>It would mean a great deal to me to have the opportunity to serve as Vice President of NASW/CT. Having become a member of the chapter as a BSW Student more than 20 years ago, I feel that I have gotten so much from membership in terms of my professional growth and in the affirmation that others share the value of the profession. And on a macro level, I have seen the impact our chapter has had in the legislative and social arenas. I would be very proud to serve in the capacity.</p>	
<p>Ellen Pfarr, MSW, BSW</p>	

Vice President

Sarah L. Becker	MSW, LCSW
Practice Specialty:	Clinical, Child Welfare Systems
Current/Past NASW Activity:	Children's Mental Health Task Force, BOD
<p>Over the past 20 years, I have worked in many treatment settings including outpatient, therapeutic day schools, inpatient units, emergency departments and in residential treatment centers. In the past few years, I have served both as a clinical consultant for DCF and as a System manager for the Connecticut Behavioral Health partnership. In both of these positions, I have worked with numerous partners to address "system gridlock". Recently I assumed a senior leadership position in a non-profit agency serving the behavioral health needs of children, families and adults.</p>	
<p>Sarah L. Becker, MSW</p>	

MSW Student Representative

Elizabeth I. Jucevics	MSW Student
Practice Specialty:	Currently enrolled In MSW Program at UCONN School of Social Work
Current/Past NASW Activity:	NASW Member
<p>My name is Elizabeth Jucevics and I would be delighted to serve on the NASW/CT Board as a student representative. I seek to promote the values of NASW to my fellow students. My experience in human services and my participation in various committees have prepared me for this position.</p>	
<p>Elizabeth I. Jucevics, MSW Student</p>	

MSW Student Representative

Detra R. Varner	MSW Student
Practice Specialty:	
Current/Past NASW Specialty:	NASW/CT Member
<p>If elected I will dedicate my time, determination, and passion to the betterment of this superb organization. To become the voice of the student body is a commitment that I am prepared to embrace. I do not have all the answers, or all the facts, but I am willing to listen, learn, and act in the best interest of the students.</p>	
<p>Detra R. Varner, MSW Student</p>	

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BSW Student Representative

Vanessa Gonzalez BSW Student

Practice Specialty:

Current/Past NASW Activity: New Member, Guest Speaker on Youth Panel Fall/2008 NASW Conference

My inspiration to become a social worker has been my lifelong involvement in Connecticut's Department of Children and Families. I am also a mother and full time student at St. Joseph College, if elected to the board I would be able to share the perspective of the non-traditional BSW Student. I would be an excellent choice for a BSW Representative because I possess the experience and ability to bring several new and different perspectives to the field of social work and the board of directors. Thank you.

Vanessa Gonzalez, BSW Student

BSW Student Representative

Hortence H. Marsh BSW Student

Practice Specialty:

Current/Past NASW Activity: Swap Conference, Legislative Session, NASW Annual Fall Conference and other campus activities

As a current social work student who will be a future social work practitioner, I promise to be the voice of other social work students while upholding the NASW Code of Ethics. I am committed to carry out my duties as prescribed, knowing that being a member on the Board of Directors will be a great place to belong, to grow and to serve.

Hortence Henry-Marsh, BSW Student

Region 1 Representative

Susan Engel LCSW, MSW

Practice Specialty: General Practice serving children, adolescents and adults; mental health issues, substance abuse and family therapy; clinical supervision for MSW's

Current/Past NASW Activity: NASW Member

I would be honored to represent Region 1 on the Board of Directors. As an active mental health clinician serving clients through Intensive in Home Services, Foster Care, Crisis Stabilization for Adolescents and relapse Prevention, I would provide the Board with a wide range of expertise while promoting our rewarding profession.

Susan Engel, LCSW, MSW

Region 1 Representative

Rita Brzozowski LCSW, MSW

Practice Specialty: Adults with Mental Illness, Clinical

Current/Past NASW Activity: Board of Directors Executive Committee, CT PACE, Member At Large

Member of NASW since 1998, I have slowly eased into my involvement with Chapter activities. This involvement has given me a broader understanding of what is happening in the state of Connecticut outside of my own area of expertise, and most importantly, has given me the opportunity to participate in the change process. If elected, this will be my third term on the Board of Directors, a position I enjoy immensely.

Rita Brzozowski, LCSW, MSW

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Region 3 Representative

Dee Unterbach LCSW

Practice Specialty: Psychotherapy, social work educator (adjunct assistant professor, social work trainer)

Current/Past NASW Activity: NASW Member Since 1984

In many ways my 39 years in the field represents the span of our wonderful profession. I have worked in: in-patient and out-patient hospital departments, founded an agency as well as training programs, given over 25 presentations and been awarded a variety of grants. The dynamism and activism of our field continues, allowing values to be implemented into action that enhances the quality of life and circumstances of living. I am grateful for the opportunity.

Dee Unterbach, LCSW

At Large Member

Antonia Cordero LCSW, ACSW, DSW, MSW

Practice Specialty: Mental Health Services
Latino/Diversity Studies

Current/Past

NASW Activity: National Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification, NASW/CT Task Force on Children's Mental Health, CT & NYC NASW Chapter of Latino Network, Strategic Planning Committee of the CT Chapter, Executive Board of the NY City Chapter NASW

Member of NASW since 1979 and serve on the National Nomination Committee. Connecticut & New York City Chapter activities include membership on: NYC Executive Board, CT Strategic Planning Committee, Children's Mental Health Task Force and Latino Networks. It would be a great honor to serve as a Chapter Board member.

Antonia Cordero, LCSW, ACSW, DSW, MSW

At Large Member

Omar Rivera MSW

Practice Specialty: Case Work, Community Organization

Current/Past NASW Activity: NASW Latino Network Attended Conferences

I am honored to be nominated for the NASW/CT Board of Directors. I think that my experience as clinician and community organizer will be an asset to the Board. Also I bring the experience participating in the Board of Directors of Alumni Association at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work. I have been a member of the Alumni Association for three years. Through this work, I have participated in the planning and development of a Youth Mentoring Program, recruited new members, and conducted volunteer work in the Hartford Community. My participation on the NASW Board will give me the opportunity to support the growth of the social work profession on a statewide level.

Omar Rivera, MSW

At Large Member

Sarah Jane Dailey LCSW, MSW

Practice Specialty: Geriatrics and Adult Psychiatry

Current/Past

NASW Activity: NASW Member Since 2004

I am Sarah Jane Dailey, MSW currently employed at the VA Hospital in West Haven, CT. I am honored to be a candidate for the At Large Representative to the Board. If elected, I will fully commit to the responsibilities of the position and demonstrate my efforts with the utmost leadership.

Sarah Jane Dailey, LCSW, MSW

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At Large Member

Jack Lu LCSW, MSW

Practice Specialty: Individual, Group, Family And Couples Therapy

Current/Past NASW Activity: NASW Member Since 2005

As a Clinical Social Worker, I work with individuals, families, and groups to enhance my understanding of what people experience daily. As a Funding Panel member of Haymarket People's Fund, I collaborate with Grassroots Organizations throughout New England that combat systemic oppression. This experience directs my practice towards Social Justice.

Jack Lu, LCSW, MSW

Nominating Comm. Chairperson

Beth Sharkey MSW

Practice Specialty: Social Work Education Administration, Program Planning & Management

Current/Past NASW Activity: 2007-2009 Region 1 Rep. to the Nominations & Leadership Identification Committee, Member of NASW since 1999

I am honored to be nominated for Chairperson of the Nominations and Leadership Identification Committee. As Assistant Director of the STEP Program and Alumni Relations at the UCONN School of Social Work, I have extensive experience in finding the right person for the right job. I look forward to chairing the committee as we identify future leaders of NASW/CT

Beth Sharkey, MSW

Nominating Comm. Chairperson

Amy DiMauro LCSW, MSW

Practice Specialty: Adolescents, Residential Care, Substance Abuse, DBT

Current/Past NASW Activity: Current Member of the Nominating Committee

I think it would be a great experience to take on the responsibility of the chair of the nominating committee. My position as the Clinical Director requires facilitation skills and this is important to have as a chairperson. In addition, organization and leadership are essential qualities that I can bring to the committee. It would be an honor to oversee the identification of the NASW/CT Chapter's leadership and to work with Steve Karp to accomplish this.

Amy DiMauro, LCSW, MSW

Nominating Committee Region 1

Lorna Little MSW

Practice Specialty: Adolescent, Adolescent Mothers, Diversity Trainer

Current/Past NASW Activity: NASW Member, provided a workshop at a 06 Conf. Assisted in teleconference and supporting NASW endeavors

I believe in and support the work and goals of the CT Chapter of the NASW. I believe that the work towards continuous improvement of professional standards, practice advancement, social policy and action, and the organization of NASW membership is very critical to our profession and the communities we serve. My early background was in the field of cultural diversity training and that work led me to the field of Social Work. I am interested in assisting the CT Chapter of NASW in the capacity as a Nominating Committee member. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Southside Family Center and I am on the Executive Committee of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Lorna Little, MSW

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Nominating Committee Region 2

Michelle Sarofin MSW

Practice Specialty: Adolescents, Residential Care, DBT

Current/Past NASW Activity: Past member of the Nominating Committee

I have been on this committee before and think it is a great way to be involved with the NASW. I enjoy being a part of the organization and getting others excited about being a part as well. I have an understanding of the process and think I would be a great member of the committee.

Michelle Sarofin, MSW

Nominating Committee Region 3

Kathleen Gilbert LCSW, MSW

Practice Specialty: Clinical Social Work, School Social Work

Current/Past NASW Activity: Previously on Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is important as it recruits leaders from our membership to voice both policy and point of view. Having a diverse representation in our leaders is important to me, whether that be differences in practice, age, race or gender. Soliciting information on what is important to our membership is also critical to representing our region on this committee. I have served once before and found it to be an enlightening and worthwhile experience.

Kathleen Gilbert, LCSW, MSW

Delegate Assembly

Karen Bullock PH.D., LCSW, MSW

Practice Specialty: Mental Health and Aging

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Karen Bullock, Ph.D.

Delegate Assembly

Rosaline Brown LCSW, MSW

Practice Specialty: Home Care Social Work

Current/Past NASW Activity: Board of Directors, African American SW Network, Ethics Committee, CEC Review Committee, Aging Committee

I am honored to be nominated to service as a delegate assembly member. I believe it is an exciting time to be in the social work profession and being a delegate assembly member will bring new challenges that I'm looking for in the future. As a professional social worker for over 30 years, I have been and continue to be committed to servicing Connecticut Communities to improve the quality of life for everyone. I have spent the past three years as a Board of Director member which has allowed me the privilege to take on challenges that social workers face today and in the future. I welcome the opportunity to represent the NASW/CT Chapter.

Rosaline Brown, LCSW, MSW

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Delegate Assembly

Sherry Ostrout MSW, CMC

Practice Specialty: Aging, Case Management, Administration

Current/Past NASW Activity: Chapter President, Board Vice-President, Regional Representative to the Board, Committee on Aging, Personnel Committee, Executive Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, 2008 Delegate Assembly

Sherry Ostrout, MSW, CMC

Delegate Assembly

Nina R. Heller Ph.D., ACSW, MSW

Practice Specialty: Social Work Education, Mental Health

Current/Past NASW Activity: VT Chapter Member, recently changed to NASW/CT Chapter

I will bring to the Delegate Assembly 30+ years of clinical social work practice and 15 years as social work educator. As a profession, we face enormous challenges in this economic climate. As social service budgets are slashed, our most vulnerable citizens are negatively impacted by economic and social disparities. We must shape and implement policy statements that bring together the best of our profession's knowledge and skills, while honoring our commitment to our strong values base.

Nina R. Heller, LCSW, MSW

Delegate Assembly

Joanne M. Iurato Ph.D., MSW, LCSW

Practice Specialty: Child and Family Practitioner

Current/Past NASW Activities: NASW Member Since 93 Anthem Advisory Board Since 06; US Cambodia Joint Conference on Social Work Delegation To Cambodia w/NASW November 07.

Firm, clear and appropriate policies guide us in our decision making and professional conduct as social workers. The development of such professional policies is based on the integration of social work values with national and global initiatives and I have over 15 years of experience developing local initiatives and programs that are social work value based.

Joanne M. Iurato, Ph.D., MSW LCSW

Delegate Assembly

Sarah Chasse MSW, BSW

Practice Specialty: Child Welfare Policy

Current/Past NASW Activity: NASW/CT Intern—MSW 08-09, Established Children & Families Committee (Sub-committee) of ELAN)

As a recent graduate, I bring a fresh outlook and energy to the table, along with my passion for policy and the profession. I also possess the knowledge and skills to help determine priorities for the organization, and a unique perspective on the dynamics of NASW as a former intern.

Sarah Chasse, MSW, BSW

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Delegate Assembly

Deborah Ingalls LCSW, MSW

Practice Specialty: Forensic Social Work

Current/Past NASW Activities: NASW Member since 1994 Children's Committee, NASW Rep., Secretary, Currently Vice President, & Delegate Assembly. Also, I have been involved In numerous Chapter Activities.

I have been a delegate at the delegate assembly three times. Some of the policy statements I worked on was Juvenile Justice, Capitol Punishment, HIV/AIDS, and Correctional Social Work. I was a delegate at the last Assembly which for the first time was a virtual Assembly and therefore I have experience with the new process. I would be honored to serve as a delegate again. Thank you.

Deborah Ingalls, LCSW, MSW

Delegate Assembly

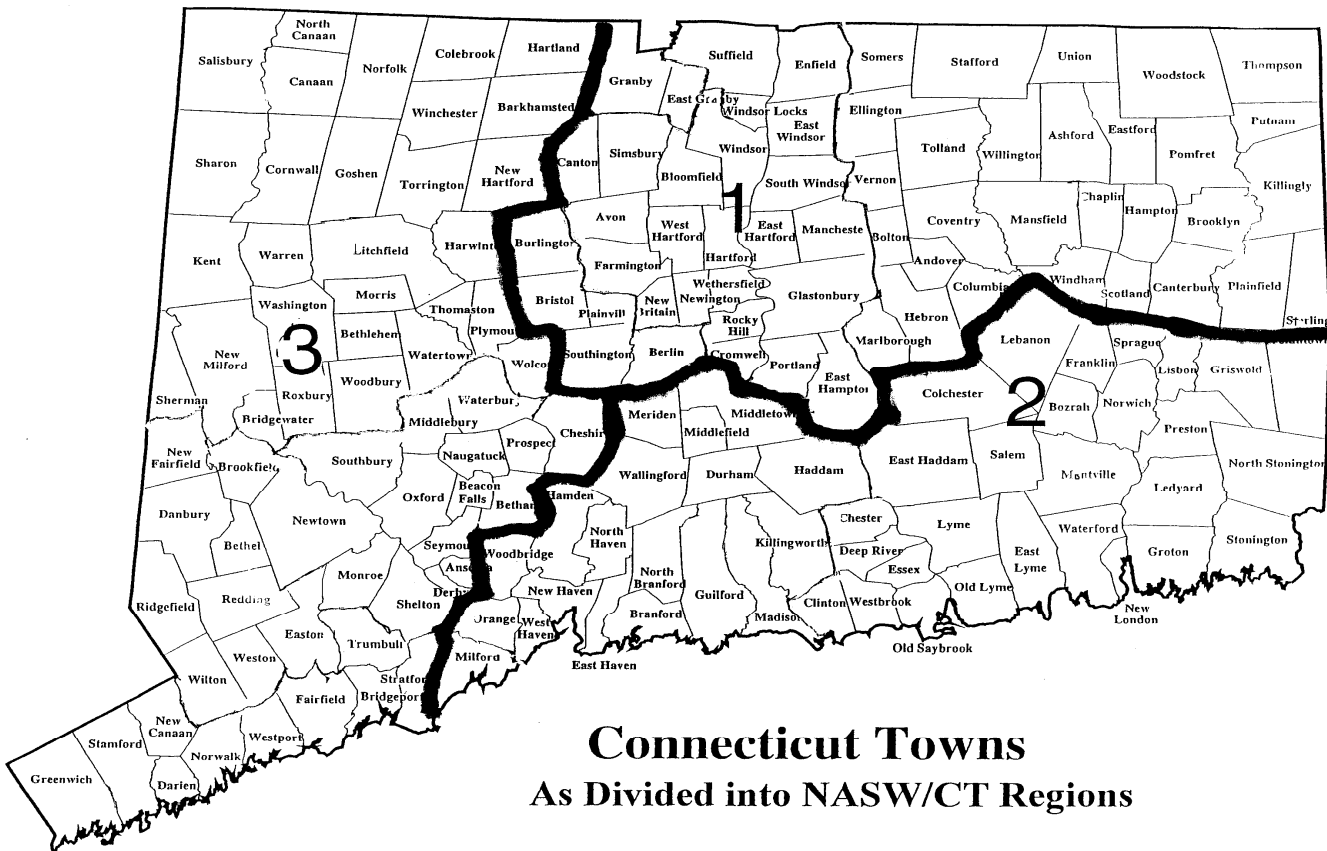
Nancy Rossi LCSW, ACSW, MSW

Practice Specialty: Mental Health Case Work & Administration

Current/Past NASW Activities: Chair, Continuing Education Committee; Treasurer; Board of Directors; Executive Committee.

Delegate Assembly is NASW-CT's opportunity to be represented in national policy development on a variety of public policy and social welfare issues. As a delegate for the last four Delegate Assemblies, it has been a privilege to be a part of the evolution of the process, from meeting in Washington to last summer's virtual assembly where we convened via the Web. DA gives us a voice in our profession and in our future.

Nancy Rossi, LCSW, ACSW, MSW



**Connecticut Towns
As Divided into NASW/CT Regions**

Ballot Instructions:

1. Please vote for one candidate in each Statewide Office: President Elect, Vice President, MSW Student Representative, BSW Student Representative, Region 1 Representative, Region 3 Representative, At Large Member, Nominating Chairperson, Nominating Committee, Delegate Assembly
2. Vote for one Regional Representative for the Board of Directors FROM YOUR REGION ONLY, SEE MAP
3. Vote for one Regional Representative for the Nominating Committee FROM YOUR REGION ONLY, SEE MAP

**MAIL BALLOT TO:
NASW/CT
2139 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 205
Rocky Hill, CT 06067**

BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JULY 15, 2009

If you have any questions about this Ballot, please call NASW/CT at (860) 257-8066.

The Nominating Committee urges you to vote and have a voice in the selection of our Chapter's leadership.

ONLY NASW/CT MEMBERS CAN VOTE!!

**Please Note:
Only 1 Vote Per Person Will be Accepted!**

**Please Vote Today!
Please Note: Photo copies of the ballot
will not be accepted.**